

Clemons Pond Association Meeting May 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:25 am at Bill and Sandy Tate's house. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Stansky. A moment of silence followed for members who have passed and all those who have given their lives in service to our country.

Secretary's report: Sandy Tate read the report and Harold Gillman made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Walter Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$703.30 in the account. The State of Maine Annual Report has been filed. Walter Novak made a motion to accept the report as read. Louise Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Road Fund report: No report was read. President Richard Hunt stated that this would be stricken from future agendas as it is only considered informational.

Water Quality report: Report given by Victor Lerish. He said that "no news is good news". There have been no negative trends and there is good visibility in the pond. The phosphorus level reading last year was 6. The pond is considered "nonproductive" meaning it is clear. Raw data can be found on the web site. The (VLMP) Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program can also be found on the web. To date we have no data feedback from the University on the monitoring of light and temperature levels of the pond. Walter Novak made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Harold Gillman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Loon Rangers Report: Walter Novak will talk to Jo Smith and Christine Shields about the loon count to be done this year. There is a new floating loon nest that has been built and launched by Nancy Serrell near the Sheppard's property near the mouth of the river. The sign (stored at the Zelman's) warning of the nesting loons will need to be posted.

Old Business:

The Clemons Pond web site: President Richard Hunt congratulated Bill Stansky and Rich Colicchio on the fine job they did creating the www.clemonspond.com website. All who have gone on line to view the site are very pleased with their creation. Bill has been designated by the Association to be the Webmaster and to be reimbursed for the purchase of the website and any annual fees incurred. Walter Novak made a motion to accept the new position of Webmaster and to have the expenses paid. Harold Gillman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Annual Dues: President Richard Hunt brought to the attention of the members that there are a few members who have not kept current with payment of their annual dues to the Association. While it is understood that if a member is unable to attend the Spring Meeting (where dues are usually paid) it is easy to forget that the payment is due. A discussion among the membership followed with many suggestions to recoup payment, It was acknowledged by all that the fees are needed for the many ongoing programs (water quality monitoring, mosquito control with the dragon fly larva, support of VLMP and COLA programs, postage fees, etc.) in order to keep the pond at its very best level for all to enjoy. Walter Novak and Normie Limbert will compose a letter to be sent to those members in arrears. Harold Gillman made a motion to send a letter to those members and Walter Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Association History: Normie Limbert will call Judy Comer and Carol Hill for an update on compiling information on the Association History.

Review of By Laws: The next meeting notice will state that amendments to the By-Laws will be voted upon.

The beaver problem: Joanna Lerish had contacted the wild life people and EPA concerning our questions about the beaver problem. The members agreed that we would like a speaker and she will again try to see if one is available.

New Business: President Richard Hunt acknowledged the passing of three of our members. Discussion followed and it was felt our contribution for bereavement gifts needs to be increased to \$35.00. All members were in agreement.

Dragonflies: Normie and David Limbert traveled to Wells to get the dragonfly lava and then planted them around the pond. It may be possible in the future to have them shipped from Wells and volunteers for planting will be needed. This procedure will be continued yearly since we now know that it is not illegal to do so.

Nominating Committee: A discussion was held concerning the length of time a member holds an office. It was agreed upon that an officer (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) will be elected for 2 years and at the end of that period could be reelected for additional 2 year periods without limit. This will eliminate the necessity of having a yearly meeting of the nominating committee. Ava Saurman made a motion to accept the suggestion. Louise Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. This is a change to the by-laws and a formal change will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Bill Stansky has been named Web Master and submitted his resignation as Vice President. The Nominating Committee nominated Harold Gillman to finish out his term. Harold accepted the nomination and was voted in as Vice President.

COLA Conference & Workshop: Pat Clifford and David Limbert would like to attend and will look into the cost and report back to the president.

Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP): A discussion to annually contribute \$100.00 to VLMP was proposed and approved. A motion was made by Victor Zelman to send the contribution. Bill Stansky seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Pig Roast: Harold Gilman updated the members on the pig roast for our July 18th picnic. Charlie and Ava Saurman have agreed to have it at their camp. Harold has taken care of the details and will be selecting his crew to assist on the roast. Pam Mullens will do the shopping (paper goods etc.), Sandy Tate will do the calls. Sign-up sheets for other responsibilities will be available after the meeting and on our web site.

Web presentation: Bill Stansky demonstrated and took questions and comments on the new web site for Clemons Pond. All agreed he and Rich Colicchio did a great job.

Fall Meeting: The fall meeting will be at Pam Morse's camp. Harold Gillman volunteered to host the Spring 2010 meeting.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter Novak made a motion to adjourn. All seconded the motion and President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary

