

## **Clemons Pond Association Meeting May 25, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:20 am at the Limbert's home. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Stansky. A moment of silence followed for all who have given their lives in service to our country as well as members of the Association that have recently passed away.

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

**Treasurer's report:** David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$747.90 in the account. Walter Novak made a motion to accept the report as read. Harold Gilman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Road Fund report:** No report was read.

**Water Quality report:** Report given by Victor Lerish. It has been a good year on the pond with no adverse trends. It is above average in measurements with a 6 in clarity compared to the state average of 4.8. The oxygen level has not degenerated but, there is less O<sub>2</sub> at the deeper levels. The phosphorus test is still stable in the 5 - 7 range with the state average being 12. The higher the level of phosphorus the greater the chance for algae. Bottom line.....things are stable on the pond.

Victor discussed the programs offered by the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). There are two sessions for volunteers for the monitoring program being held in Fryburg and Poland in July. If anyone is interested he has the information. They are also looking for information about ice out on the ponds and lakes in Maine. He asked if the Association would be willing to contribute \$100 to support the cost of training and supporting volunteers in the program. Louise Novak made a motion to contribute \$100 to the VLMP. Bill Stansky seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Victor also discussed another program led by a professor at the University of Maine Farmington concerning "global warming". The professor's project would require a data monitoring device being placed on the pond to record air and water temperatures. It would not require any special maintenance by Association members. There did not appear to be of any specific value to the pond and a discussion ensued.

There was a dissenting view on the program because of the new data emerging challenging some of the theories on global warming. After further discussion of other various issues, Harold Gilman made a motion to contribute \$98 to the professor's program. Joyce Stansky seconded the motion and the voted was passed with the majority in favor.

**Old Business:** President Richard Hunt thanked the Limberts for hosting the meeting on short notice.

**The beaver dam:** In the past three beavers were trapped and relocated. The beavers are now here and have built a dam that is diverting the stream. The level of the pond is high and questions were asked about the best resolution to the issue. According to state regulators a dam may be dismantled in early June after the fish have spawned and hatched. A discussion followed both pro & con on the "beaver situation". Since the beaver had no say, it was suggested that a speaker on the beaver's behalf be invited to the next meeting. The level of the pond will be watched for the next weeks and if it is decided to dismantle the dam, Harold Gilman will coordinate a volunteer group to take care of it.

**The Picnic:** The picnic will be Saturday, July 19, 2008 and the Lerishs have volunteered the site.

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| • Calls - Carol Hill and Sandy Tate       | Food - Pat Clifford                        |
| • Set up - Harold Gilman and Bill Stansky | Clean up - Jack Macomber and David Limbert |
| • Cooks - Walter Novak and David Limbert  |  |

**The Picnic (cont.):**

Harold Gilman made a motion that \$125 be allotted for food expense and Betty Zelman seconded the motion and the vote unanimous in favor.

**Loon Rangers:** Walter Novak will check with Chris Shields and Jo Smith as to their availability for the loon survey.

**Nominating Committee:** Betty Zelman and Louise Novak agreed to be on the committee.

**Yard Sale:** There is no interest in having a yard sale this year.

**COLA membership and newsletters:** We are continuing our membership in the Maine Congress of Lake Association (COLA). Six members receive their free newsletter. Dues are now due.

**New Business:** The president indicated that the Limberts and Zelmans have hosted the majority of meetings these past years. Although it is understood that other members may be willing to host, they do not always have the necessary room since our attendance can sometimes reach 30+ members. The Hazens, Gilmans, Stanskys, and Tates volunteered to host future meetings and the Limberts and Zelmans agreed to be back up hosts. Ken and Diane Hazen will host the Fall '08 meeting. Bill and Sandy Tate will host the Spring '09 meeting.

Discussion continued about refreshments at these meeting. It was suggested that members could call the host member and offer to bring something. Walter Novak made a motion for the association to give \$25 for supplies for the meeting to the host member. Victor Zelman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Directory:** The president requested that the directory be checked and updated if necessary. David Limbert stated that he had been keeping it current and the secretary had the most recent changes. Bill Stansky volunteered to redo the directory with a possible web application. Sandy Tate will assist with the current information on the list of members.

**New Members:** Dave Howard and Rich Colicchio were welcomed to the group. They recently purchased Michael and Margaret Curran's house.

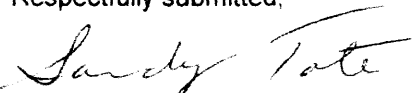
**Memorial Service:** Ava Saurman said she received a note from Carolyn Rousseau's son inviting us to the Rousseau Memorial Service at Riverside Methodist Church Saturday June 28, 2008 at 10am.

**Beaver Patrol:** Victor and Joanna Lerish volunteered to find a knowledgeable representative to discuss possible solutions to our ongoing beaver situation.

**Winter of '07 & '08:** The Saurmans, Gilmans, and Lerishs wished to thank those members that helped with snow removal on their property. It was very much appreciated.

The President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sandy Tate, Secretary