

Clemons Pond Association Meeting August 31, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:12 am at the Zelman=s lodge. 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.

Secretary's report: Sandy Tate read the report and David Limbert made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$840.58 in the account. David read a letter of appreciation for our contribution of \$100 to the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). Walter Novak made a motion to accept the report as read. Carol Hill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Road Fund report: No report was read. President Richard Hunt questioned if there would be any need for future reports as it is only considered informational.

Water Quality report: Report given by Victor Lerish. It has been an above average year on the pond with measurements of 5.6 in clarity. The oxygen level has been comparable to previous years. No declining trends. It has been another good year on the pond. The data loggers have been in stalled and will begin to monitor light and temperature levels of the pond.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee of Louise Novak and Betty Zelman stated that since the existing officers were willing to continue in their positions for another year they had completed their job. Harold Gilman made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Tony Materna seconded the motion. The members voted unanimously for the slate of officers for 2009.

Loon Rangers Report: Three loons were sighted on the pond. A loon nest was sighted but did not appear to be successful. The nest was very close to the edge of the pond and was probably subject to predators. A discussion followed about the feasibility of once again building a floating nest. Richard Hunt suggested a more formal group be responsible for looking into the matter of acquiring a new floating nest. Since they require cedar logs it may present a problem but, the new "Floating Loon Nest Group" Nancy Serrell, group leader, David Limbert, Carol Hill, and Bill Tate are up to the task. Walter Novak made a motion to allot \$100 toward the acquisition. Louise Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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

The beaver dam: Harold Gilman thanked the volunteers who helped with the removal of the beaver dam. Joanna Lerish has contacted the wild life people and EPA concerning our questions about the beaver problem. One wild life officer had suggested "lethal" trapping as an alternative. Also information can be found on line as well as being sent to us. If we still would like a speaker she suggested questions and concerns be sent to her by December 31, 2008 to be the forwarded to the speaker in order for him/her to have an opportunity to see what our concerns involve. David Limbert made a motion to have a speaker. Louise Novak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Picnic: - President Richard Hunt thanked the Lerishes for the site and all who volunteered.

Calls - Carol Hill

Food - Pat Clifford

Set up - Harold Gilman and Bill Stansky

Clean up - David Limbert

Cooks - Walter Novak and Tony Materna

And update was given on the the "Clemons Pond Hat". The hat was passed from Victor Zelman to Victor Lerish. The secretary had the list of all past owners dating back to 1984. A discussion followed about the possibility of collecting and putting together a history of the Clemons Pond Association membership. Stories, pictures, etc. would be greatly enjoyed by all. Normie Limbert said the she thought that May

Hazen may have the books and pictures from the past events. Judy Comer said she would call May to see if she had any information. Bill Stansky shared the pictures he took of the members from the July picnic. He is also making them available to all that wished a copy.

New Business: Bill and Sandy Tate will host the Spring >09meeting. Pam Morse will host the Fall "09 meeting.

Directory: Bill Stansky proposed a web site for the association. His web address is astarik@yahoo.com. Members can send information (current addresses, e-mail sites, phone numbers, etc.) to him. Sandy Tate will assist him with compiling current information on the membership for a new directory.

State of Maine Report: President Richard Hunt stated that we need to continue filing this report. It will be part of the responsibilities of the presiding treasurer.

Pig Roast: Harold Gilman suggested that we have a pig roast for our next July picnic. The last time this event was held was in 1990. It was enjoyed by all and it was agreed that it should be repeated. Harold will take care of the details and report back at the Spring"09 meeting. Jack Macomber made a motion to accept the plan for the roast. Judy Comer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter Novak made a motion to adjourn. Tony Materna seconded the motion and President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:23am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary