

Clemons Pond Association Meeting September 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:17am at Maryagnes & Harold Gillman's barn. President Richard Hunt called for a moment of silence for our Clemons Pond neighbors who are no longer with us and all who have given their lives in service to our country and those who are presently serving. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harold Gillman.

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 \$807.44 in the account. Tony Materna made a motion to accept the report as read. Celia Hunt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Water Quality report: It has been a good summer on the pond with good water clarity. The water temperature heated up early with temps of 70-82 degrees in July. The O2 and clarity remained average. We are still participating with the University of Maine Farmington lakes monitoring program for temperature and light. The invasive plant metaphyton levels are effected by temperature levels. Since the phosphorus levels have remained stable, it will be done only one time a summer. If the levels begin to rise it will be done more frequently.

Invasive Aquatic Plant report: Pat Clifford's report that stated six of our members attended the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring training program. Both Big and Little Clemons Ponds showed no sign of invasive plants and had a decrease in algae. It was also mentioned that dragon fly seeding can be a source of contamination to a pond. A request for a donation to be made to VLMP was suggested and Treasurer David Limbert stated that the Association previously approved a yearly contribution.

Web Master's report: Web statistics from David Howard as conveyed at the Clemons Pond Association Fall Meeting on 9/1/2013.

Since the last meeting on 5/26/2013:

- 629 visits to the website
- 2,262 page views
- Top 5 page visits: 1) Landing page (www.clemonspond.com); 2) Meetings; 3) News; 4) Index (same as the Landing page, but via a present bookmark to the page; 5) Neighbors
- Average # pages per visit: 3.6 page/visit
- 97% of visitors were from the US, with the top 5 states being: 1) ME; 2) MA; 3) NH; 4) TX; 5) RI
- New vs. returning visitors; 51% new / 49% returning
- 13% of the total visits were via mobile devices (e.g. smart phones, iPads, etc.)
- Year-to-date visits (since 1/1/2013): 1,119
- Year-to-date page views (since 1/1/2013): 3,543

Loon report: Chris Shields reported the loon count was 2 loons. A new chick was seen but was gone a week later. It was thought that either the eagle or turtle got the chick. The eagles have been seen harassing the loons. Other wildlife has been seen on the pond cormorants and egrets.

Old Business:

Annual Dues: President Richard Hunt reminded members that the annual dues were now payable for the 2013 year.

Day Site Development/ Sheppard's Property Development: Day offered to sell waterfront lots 250 ft back from the shore. He has no specific plans at this point, possible timber harvest. The Day property was discussed as far as a possibility for private purchase by members, but it was felt that it was not part of the association's agenda.

Historical Committee report: No report.

Power boats on the pond: The Association petition to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to limit the speed of boats on the pond was denied.

Picnic Thank you's President Richard Hunt thanked all those who helped to make the July Picnic a success.

New Business:

Dragonfly Planting: It was agreed upon since there was some question of the efficacy and possible contamination effects of planting dragonfly larvae, that we would suspend planting for 2 years.

Meetings: Dot and Volker Tolls will host the Spring 2014 meeting. Harold Gillman volunteered his barn for any future meetings.

July Picnic: The picnic will be held the 3rd Saturday in July, 7/19/2014 at 1 pm at Ava & Charlie Saurman's cottage.

Nomination and Election of Officers: The following members were nominated and elected for the next 2 year term:

President – Douglas Bradley
Vice President – Harold Gillman
Treasure – David Limbert
Sandra Tate - Secretary

Other Business:

- Elsie Synder informed the membership that there is now available T shirts, polo shirts, etc. that can be purchased with the Clemond Pond logo (loon) from "Day by Day Embroidery" located at 28 Wild Turkey Lane, Porter. Sandy Tate will send the membership notices of the availability of shirts.
- David Howard & Sandy Tate will update the membership list on the website.
- The "Hat List" will be put on the website
- The president will no longer have to keep duplicate record since they will be put on the website and the secretary has the hard copies.
- Mike Smith said he found a dock (submerged) by his property and needs to be claimed by the owner.
- Harold Gillman gave the members a heads up about a future re-evaluation of all waterfront property in Maine.
- Tony Materna asked that the membership recognize and thank Richard Hunt for the great job he has done as President these past 6 years. All agreed and thanked him.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Limbert made a motion to adjourn. Harold Gillman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary