

Parker Pond Association Annual Meeting
July 1, 2017
Draft minutes

President Gerry Tinguely called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Gerry thanked Millie Whittier for leading up the organization and clean-up of the annual meeting and Gerry Slavet for organizing the pops concert. Gerry noted that a new board secretary was needed and to contact him if interested.

There was a **motion** (Waine/George) to accept the 2016 minutes which passed unanimously.

Membership information on PPA website

There was a discussion about putting PPA member names on the PPA website. There was a general consensus that it would be a good idea to get to know other people around the lake and beyond but that some people may be concerned with privacy. There was a **motion** to include a membership list on the PPA website and that notice of this will appear in the next newsletter with the ability to opt out by contacting Bill (Dan/Bob); passed unanimously.

Water quality—Bob Weimont

Bob reported that water quality tests (Secchi disk for water quality, dissolved oxygen, temperature) for this summer have been the typical very good values for Parker Pond. This data can be viewed on the 30-mile Watershed website.

Communications—Susan Onion

Susan reported that the newsletter is out. Susan is leaving this position and Gerry thanked her for doing a great job that put PPA in a very good light.

Membership—Marty Arnold

Marty reported strong membership numbers (about 135) and being on track for a little higher than last year. Marty is moving on after many years of service to PPA and Gerry thanked him for all his incredible work over the years.

Dam—Steve Linder

Steve reported that the dam is still there and has thus successfully completed another year. Steve Cowperthwaite has played an important role in maintaining the dam over the years. There was an exercise with first responders and planners related to the emergency action plan for the dam, for unlikely case of a dam break. The spillway is to be reinforced with some rip rap (angular stone) where needed, in cooperation with 30-mile Watershed. The State dam inspector pointed out a few minor things to improve on the dam, such as additional loam on top of the dam. A draft operation and maintenance plan is currently being worked on. The Kings Cove inlet culvert will be fixed this fall (September 11th) and will allow better fish passage which should benefit the smelt run. Sandy River Road will be closed.

Lidie Robbins—Invasive plants

Lidie reported that invasive-plant boat inspectors started on Memorial Day weekend and they are out weekends and holidays. More volunteers are needed, see Lidie for details. The invasive plant patrol around the lake will start soon and more volunteers are also needed for this.

Currently 47 lakes in the State have invasive aquatic plants. The 1st 30-Mile cleanup day will be Saturday, August 5th; organized groups will help clean up lake shore, streams and watershed lands. PPA is offering a \$50 discount for the (reasonable) cost of planting lakeshore native vegetation by 30-Mile Watershed; please see Lidie for details. 30-Mile is also starting a camp road inventory and assistance program; some Parker Pond roads were looked at in April. 30-Mile is partnering with UMaine Farmington and Kennebec County Soil and Water for this. The project will continue for a year and a half.

Dan Onion—Lake Usage

Dan discussed the launches on Quimby Lane that can be made for a charge by PPA members. Invasive plants are also looked for at the launches. PPA helps the State with stewardship on the Parker islands. Birch, Spruce, Loon, and Bills Islands have fire pits and toilets. All camping is first come first serve. People typically stay for a weekend or a little longer. The cabin on Loon Island is in need of repairs which must be approved by the State. They provide supplies and sometimes help with labor. One wall, the sill, and the porch currently need attention. Karen Swan is leading efforts on cabin updating. She has contacted the National Guard about helping with repairs and they think this project would be a good project for this fall.

This is Dan's last year in charge of lake usage. Gerry thanked him on behalf of PPA for all his years of great service.

Gerry Tinguely—Secretary

Gerry thanked Glenn Hodgkins for his work as Secretary. The position is now vacant and any interested people are encouraged to contact Gerry.

Waine Whittier—Treasurer

Waine summarized PPA finances. Last year incoming funds were about \$9500 and outgoing funds were about \$7000. Please contact Waine for a detailed report. This year there will be increased support for work combatting invasive plants and for lake water quality.

Marty Arnold—Annual Loon Count

Marty reported that the annual loon count will be on July 15th this year. This is Maine Audubon's 35th year of loon counts. A photographer would like to meet and photograph long-time and new loon counters for a video; see Marty if you're interested.

Waine—Honoring Marty

Marty Arnold was honored for his 40+ years of dedicated work for Parker and PPA. Among his many contributions have been researching the Parker islands which helped preserve them, the first computer-based membership, president multiple times, promoting the Parker fishery including advocating in Augusta, the loon count, and doing invasive-plant patrols. There was a **motion** (Waine/Maggie) to honor Marty with a lifetime membership in PPA for all of his amazing efforts. The motion passed unanimously.

Gerry—Slate of officers

Gerry presented a proposed slate of officers for this year:

President - Gerry Tinguely

Vice President - David Markovchick

Treasurer - Waine Whittier

Water Quality - Deborah Cayer

Membership/Communications - Bill Rosenberg
Dam - Stephen Linder
Invasive Plants/Courtesy Boat Inspections - Lidie Robbins
30 Mile River Watershed Area Representative - Dan Onion
Lake Usage - Bob Weimont
Stewardship - Amanda Smith
Ad Hoc Committee/Loon Island - Karen Swan
Past President - Marty Arnold
Secretary - open

A **motion** was made (Waine/Dan) to approve nominations for the year ending at next annual meeting; motion passed unanimously.