

Parker Pond Association Annual Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2015

Following a delightful pot luck dinner and an hour of socializing, the annual meeting of the Parker Pond Association opened at 6:30 pm at Mill Stream Grange, Vienna, Maine with Gerry Tinguely presiding. Approximately 45 people were in attendance.

Gerry welcomed all to the meeting and thanked past president, Karen Swan for her leadership, past secretary, Libby Harville for her work and Jerry Slavet for bringing his accomplished musicians for a "From the Top" fund raiser. Funds raised at the concert benefit both PPA and 30 Mile River.

Minutes of the 2014 annual meeting were unanimously accepted by show of hands.

The slate of officers for the coming year were elected with no changes. Officers are:

Marty Arnold - President	Stephen Linder - Dam
Gerry Tinguely - VP	Lidie Robbins - Invasive Plants
Glenn Hodgkins - Secretary	Susan Onion - Communication
Waine Whittier - Treasurer	Dan Onion - Lake Usage and 30 Mile Rep
Water Quality - Deb Cayer	Maggie Chadwick - Stewardship
Marty Arnold - Membership	Karen Swan - Past President

Proposed change to bylaws. The membership agreed that a secret ballot was not needed and show of hands would suffice for this vote. A brief discussion of proposed changes to the PPA By-Laws regarding membership pointed out that Friends of the Pond can become voting members when they are sponsored by a voting member. They continue to be voting members until their membership lapses. Membership was expanded to include anyone 18 years or older who owns land within 1000 feet of the pond or holds a deeded right of way or leases property on the waterfront. Three proxy votes were received that voted against the proposed change. Those in the hall unanimously approved the change.

Game Warden Monitoring of Boating Law Compliance – A proposal to hire an off duty game warden to monitor the pond with a boat for \$840 was returned to the executive committee for further consideration. During the discussion some brought up that paying game wardens for what they should be doing as part of their normal duties set a bad precedent. Others pointed out that with a small number of hours, the intervention was unlikely to have the desired result and might have unintended consequences. There seemed to be general agreement that when a water craft is being used in an unlawful manner, it is best to document via photography then inform game wardens. Getting a photo of the registration number will help.

Steve Cowperthwaite spoke of our loss when Margaret and David Barrow moved to Oregon to be with their daughter. He then read his poem, *The Winter of '98* to the great appreciation of the membership.

Respectfully submitted
Maggie Chadwick