

**Parker Pond Association  
Annual Meeting  
June 27, 2020**

The PPA Annual Meeting was held on June 27, 2020. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held over ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President, Gerry Tinguely who made two quick announcements:

Gerry reported that the loan for the purchase of the “Spillway Property” which started out at \$45,000, has been retired, thanks to the generous donations of the PPA members.

Gerry also announced that the town of Chesterville has approved monies for the culvert project on Sandy River Road, thus helping to control run-off water entering the pond.

Dave Markovchick made a motion, to approve the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting. It was seconded by Murray Campbell. The motion passed.

Gerry then acknowledged the passing of two people long associated with Parker Pond and the association: Reg Grower – one of the founding members of the PPA and owner/operator of Bearstow Arts Camp; and Bev Shawn, past president of the PPA.

### **New Business**

#### **Membership Dues**

The board has unanimously voted to raise the annual membership dues from \$20 to \$30 per voting member.

A motion was made by Bill Rogers and seconded by Waine Whittier to raise the funds. After discussion as to the reason for this move, the motion passed.

#### **Special Recognition**

Waine Whittier reported that the board moved to present Dan Onion with honorary Lifetime membership to the PPA due to his outstanding record of selfless service to the lake and the association. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Treasury Report**

Waine Whittier reported that the treasury balance is \$21,832. For a detailed listing of income and expenditures, Waine suggested contacting him by email and he would be glad to copy that information forward.

Gerry added that our major expenditure of \$9,000 is to the 30 Mile River Association because they pursue science-based monitoring and analysis of water quality, invasive plants, erosion and run-off studies and much more to ensure lake health. He proposed that the PPA raise that annual contribution to \$15,000 and said that this would be discussed at the board level in the coming months.

## **Lake Usage**

Bob Weimont reported that the Island sites are in good shape. Trees blown down on Loon Island must be cut up.

There were three launch dates at the Quimby Lane boat launch in the spring.

Dan Onion reported on the progress of campsite care on Loon Island. Maine Department of Conservation contributed \$1000 toward the renovation of the cabin. He recognized all the people who worked on the project.

Several questions arose as to signage on the island campsites. Dan assured that the campsites are furnished with signs stating the Conservation Department rules as to camping duration, fire usage, etc.

## **Membership**

Bill Rosenberg reported that membership has grown over 50% to 143 individuals.

All but 4 member families have email connectivity to the PPA saving printing and postage costs on periodic newsletters. As well this aids in the quick dissemination of information when boats, kayaks, or rafts get away and need their homes identified.

## **Water Quality**

Deb Cayer reported that the 30 Mile River Association has been doing the testing for the last four years.

Water Clarity – 8.02 meters (2019) Approximately five years ago the clarity depth was 8.5 or better. The decrease is due to algae growth.

Dissolved Oxygen – Late season readings show lower oxygen levels. This is a concern as lower oxygen levels lead to the release of phosphorus into the water endangering the health of the lake.

Stronger storms cause more significant run-off adding to pollution.

Overall, our water quality is above average, but all of these factors put it at risk.

Deb added that the cost of testing for these factors is about \$3,500 per season and is vital to the health of the lake.

The Lake Smart Program presented four properties with the Lake Smart Award: Vicky and Joe Kozak on the Fellows Farm Road; Jennie Knust and Leonid on the Grants Point Road; Pam and Scott Harvey on the Diller Line Road; and Susan and Jerry Kingly on the Beal Road.

## **Invasive Plants**

Lidie reported the inspections began Memorial Day weekend. Boat launches have been busy this season. Boat inspections are very important in keeping invasive plants out of the lake. She called for volunteers for boat inspectors or invasive plant surveys.

Training will be available. Contact: lidie@30mileriver.org

A meeting was scheduled at Dubord's camp on Fellows Farm Road for July 14 to discuss invasive plant control.

## **Land Stewardship**

Gary Dubord reported that the various trails are in good condition.

The State has put up signs concerning dog waste, so anyone taking their pets with them on a hike are encouraged to clean up after them.

An email was sent to the Kelley family about the Kelley Easement property to meet to mark the boundaries to facilitate access down to the lake and to establish a parking area. No reply was received as of the date of this meeting. Gary will contact them by telephone and go from there.

### **Dam Report**

Amanda Smith reported that the dam is in good shape. Weed whacking will be scheduled to keep vegetation down.

A question arose from the floor as to the Japanese Knotweed.

Another comment from the floor suggested holding off weed whacking until the loons are done nesting in the cove. Amanda agreed, and the whacking was postponed temporarily.

### **30 Mile River**

Susan Tinguely thanked Gerry for reporting about the Sandy River Road culvert project and Lidie for her work as director of the 30 Mile River Association for all they have done for Parker Pond.

She invited people to consider making a donation to the 30 Mile River Association because this year, due to the pandemic, the River Trek and the From The Top Concert will not be held. Each of these activities brings in funds that will be sorely missed this year.

She also reiterated the call for volunteers as lake health depends on it.

A question from Jerry Slavet brought a discussion about the raising of the PPA donation to the 30 Mile River Association up to \$15,000 per year. He suggested that we contact other lake associations to suggest they do likewise possibly as a “match” or a “challenge”.

### **Election of Officers**

Last year the bylaws were amended to waive restriction of the term limit of the office of President of the PPA. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. At this meeting, Wayne Whittier mad a motion to retain Gerry Tinguely for another year as president of the PPA. The motion was seconded, and voted in the affirmative.

Gerry moved that the slate of board officers as stands be voted in for another year's term. The only change from last year is that Dan Onion retired from the board last October and was replaced by Susan Tinguely. The motion was seconded, and approved.

A call was presented that anyone wishing to get more involved with the PPA or serve in any capacity on the board, let them come forward either now or by email.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.