

Parker Pond Association Annual Meeting July 6, 2013

Attending Board Members: Karen Swan, Dan Onion, Maggie Chadwick, Steve Cowperthwaite, Waine Whittier, Lidie Robbins, Marty Arnold, Bill Rogers, Susan Onion, Gerry Tinguely, Libby Harville. Plus 33 adults

Welcome + agenda review: Karen Swan, President

Marty recognized 3 members who passed in the past year:

Kingsley Kelley, Jean Henika, + Dan Rominstein.

Committee Chair Reports:

Treasurer: Waine reported a loss of \$815 for 2012, the first loss he can remember since being treasurer. Revenues were \$3602 with expenditures of \$4417. 2013 revenues thus far are \$6480: \$2500 from dues and \$3965 additional contributions.

Membership: Marty – We have more than 100 members for 2013. There are a few more Friends of the Pond and an increase in renewing members, but few new members. A suggestion was made to list all current members in the next newsletter. Change of address + other info forms were available at the meeting.

Communications: Susan – Joined the board recently and sent out the last newsletter; a mailing of 242 newsletters (6 returned). Another newsletter will go out in the fall. She is trying to collect email addresses for all; 86 emails were sent (7 undeliverable). She will keep track of when your dues was paid so members won't be asked to join repeatedly. An * by name was used in the past. Susan is working w/ Lidie to update the PPA page on the 30MRWA web site.

Dam: Steve thanked Rob Juris for mowing and Margaret Barrows for helping to keep an eye on the dam. The dam is in good shape other than a few logs and rocks that need to be moved and some bushes cut. Intruders on the access road have left some deep ruts suggesting it might be time to improve the gate.

Loons: Steve + Marty – 2013 is the 33rd year of providing a loon nest platform. Two chicks were spotted by the dam but 1 is gone. The 2012 loon count was 24 loons and 1 chick. The 2013 count is on July 20. Two people reported seeing 15 loons together recently.

Water Quality: Marty read Deb Cayer's report – Bob Weimont was welcomed as a new member to the Water Quality team. He has taken several training courses in Secci Disk measuring. Based on recent testing, the water quality is above average. The water is clear and high for this time of year due to high rainfall. The tapioca-like bloom, *Gleotrichia echinulata*, floating in the water is a cyanobacterium which breaks off from algae in the lake sediments. These blooms are common in eutrophic lakes and less frequent, but increasing in oligotrophic, or clear lakes. This bacteria contains a microcystin MC-LR which is a liver toxin. Research is ongoing about what may release the microcystin from the *Gleotrichia* and in what concentrations it may be detrimental to human health. One action that every shore owner can take to reduce this threat is to stop runoff from your property or road into the pond. Sign up for a site visit with 30 MRWA YCC Project. You supply the materials and the labor is free. Another action is to financially support your lake and watershed associations which need the funds to run the programs.

30MRWA: Lidie – because, in part, to PPA support, staff has been added to increase boat launch inspection of invasive plants. These inspections do work to prevent invasive plants from getting into our lakes. Lidie is giving 2 free workshops: July 16 "Plant Paddle" in Wayne and Aug 1 "Invasive Plants" in Belgrade.

Lake Usage: Dan – Island Steward Program: the state of Maine owns the islands on PP but PP maintains them w/ DOC ranger, Kim Lynch. Quimby lane boat launch: there were 10 boats launched in 2012 and 5 or 6 in 2013. There will be take-out dates in the fall. This will be organized 1 more year than reassessed.

As **30MRWA rep**: YCC is available to help landowners w/ erosion problems. The landowner pays materials, YCC does the labor. They are working with 3 road associations: Fellows Cove Rd, Fellows Cove Farm Rd + Quimby Lane to develop road management plans + recommendations for improvement. The annual paddle trek starts at Minnehonk on July 27.

Stewardship: Maggie – Maggie + Bob take care of the Headlands Trail. A new trail has been cut. There are now the white + blue trails.

Family Fun Day: Maggie – This was initiated to encourage young families to become members. It will be July 20 from 1 – 3pm on Loon Island with many activities. Email at parkerpondme@yahoo.com to sign up.

By-Laws: The proposed change was printed on the back side of the agenda for discussion. Basically it gives voting rites to Friends of the Pond, people who don't own property directly on PP. It was suggested to check the policies of other pond associations. If you have any comments on the proposed change, or want the committee to look at other by-law issues, email them to parkerpondme@yahoo.com. A straw poll showed most in favor of the change. It is a formal process to make a change to the by laws + takes time.

Other issues: The problem of jet skis was brought up as there is 1 on the lake now that is runs fast w/ little respect for swimming areas + baby loons. As they are allowed, proper channels need to be followed to contain them: report it to the lake warden. To prohibit jet skis, all 4 towns that abut the lake would have to pass the same ordinance.

Election of Officers: The proposed slate was passed.

President – Karen Swan
V. President – Gerry Tingeley
Secretary – Libby Harville
Treasurer – Waine Whittier
Water Quality – Deborah Cayer
Membership – Marty Arnold
Dam – Steve Cowperthwaite
Invasive Plants –Lidie Robbins
Communications – Susan Onion
Lake Usage + 30 Mile Rep – Dan Onion
Stewardship – Maggie Chadwick
Past President – Bill Rogers

2014 Annual Meeting date: After several straw polls, it was voted to meet Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 7pm.

Meeting over at 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Harville