

**2024 Annual Meeting
Of the Parker Pond Association
June 29, 2024**

The meeting was called into order at 6:21 by President Tinguely. Introductions were made around the room. Welcome all.

Old Business:

Secretary's Report - Request for approval of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting – So moved, seconded, and passed.

President's Report – Gerry Tinguely

Alarming observation noted with flight over Tilton Pond. Swollen Bladderwort has been spotted in Tilton Pond. DEP has put a filter screen on the outlet of Tilton Pond. This is why a lot of work is being done on Invasive Plants.

Island camping – The PPA is the steward for island camps. The storms this year have brought down many trees. Tim Post of the Maine State has not been able to get manpower to get the trees cut up. If somebody knows somebody to cut these trees up. Gerry and a neighbor have worked on Birch Island, but there is much more work to be done. As a result advise anyone you know who wants to camp on the islands of the danger.

Lake conference meeting 2024 held at UMF. The keynote speech was about a three year study about lakes in Maine. They value the lake value and \$14 billion plus \$3 billion additional ancillary income to surrounding businesses. Clean water is our resource. The cleaner the water the bigger the return. This will help us handle the invasive plant issue in Parker.

Fireworks education – Dave Markovchick explained that fireworks while being legal now in Maine, fireworks around the lake contribute to deterioration of water quality. The EPA provides test kits, and Gerry will take samples before and after the 4th of July to monitor the impact (if any) of fireworks on Parker. Be mindful of neighbors and pets. Mount Vernon has an ordinance to prohibit fireworks over the lakes, but it is not enforced.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Waine Whittier

Revenues \$ 81,00 Expenses \$ No expenses reported at this time. For further details on PPA accounts, contact Waine Whittier.

Invasive Plants Report – Lidie Robbins reported that yesterday Gov. Mills made a proclamation that July is Water Quality Month. Tilton Pond has Swollen Bladderwort. The whole pond is now blossoming with it. There is no known way to eradicate it. 30MRWA is working with landowners on Tilton to gather plants near them. A fragment filter is on the pond outlet. Landowners on David Pond are being educated to spot any outbreaks.

Androscoggin Lake is still being monitored for invasives. Areas with plants are restricted from use. Plants are being removed by scuba divers and the plants are hopefully under control.

Drones and AI are being used to survey and spot possible outbreaks. The treat is growing every year, so more volunteers for surveys and boat inspections are most welcome. Training courses are available soon. Karen Rogers will be taking over the Invasive Plant Chair.

Water Quality – Lidie thanked Bob Weimont and Ken Tillman for their work in monitoring water quality. Last year we had the lowest water clarity reading since 2009. Parker’s water quality is good, but if we are not really careful it could decline. Road and shoreline maintenance are important to control runoff.

30MRWA works on bringing in grant monies to work on culvert maintenance. People should bring any road runoff issues to their local governments to prompt them to address the issues.

Lake Smart Report – Deb Cayer reported that the Lake Smart program is a free educational program concerned with runoff into the lake. This spring 2 neighbors were evaluated and were Lake Smart. They will be awarded Lake Smart signs. A letter will be sent out to educate landowners about the program.

Land Stewardship – Trisha Cheney reported about the Kelly Easement and the Headlands Preserve. Fallen trees from storm damage this year has been cleaned up by the Kennebec Land Trust. A new parking lot for the trail systems on the headlands has been put on Sandy River Road. The parking Lot on Fellows Cove Road has been upgraded, and dog waste notices have been put up.

The Kelly easement has a marked trail. There is not a big parking area, but it is open to public hiking. The trail is flagged with blue marking tape.

Lake Usage Report – Bob Weimont reported that the islands have been discussed. The camps on the islands mostly are just a fire ring and a wet willie toilet. Camping is by first come, first served, free and available.

The boat launch on Quimby Lane is \$30 per launch or pull out. Boats are inspected. There are three times when these services are available.

The price of \$30 might go up to alleviate the maintenance of the ramp. This will be brought up at the Lakeshores association meeting.

Communications Report – Brynne Robins has updated her software, so any problems with receiving emails or newsletters, see her. Suggestions for newsletter items are welcome. Photos of Parker are welcome as well for inclusion in the newsletter. Signup sheets are available for newsletter and 30MRWA.

Dam Report – Nona Boyink reported that the dam is in great shape.

This year was our 3-year emergency inspection. The dam was inspected on May 30th – outsourced by the state – they educated about the removal of trees on or near the dam. They suggested the trees be trimmed to avoid blowdown. Our dam is in very good shape. The rainstorms did not harm the dam. The spillway is in good condition.

No loons were on the loon platforms. The annual loon count is July 3.

Membership Report – Bill Rosenberg

Membership to date:

Family Memberships - 2023 - 101 / 2024 - 78 (-23%)

Individual Members - 2023 - 170 / 2024 - 135 (-21%)

30 Mile River Watershed Assn. Report – Susan Tinguely

The 30MRWA building is being worked on and hopefully will be ready for some occupation this fall.

Susan thanked Lidie and the entire 30MRWA for their forward-looking efforts to maintain the water quality of Parker Pond. Also she thanked the members of the PPA for their involvement and support. More volunteers are always welcome.

New Business:

Divide Water Quality and Lake Smart into two board positions.

Proposed: That the board divide the duties of Water Quality Chair and Lake Smart Chair be two different offices on the board.

So moved, seconded, and passed.

Election of Officers:

**Nominating Committee Report – Susan Tinguely, Lidie Robbins,
Waine Whittier**

Current Officers:

President - Gerry Tinguely

Vice President - Dave Markovchick

Treasurer - Waine Whittier

Dam Committee Chair - Nona Boyink

30 Mile River Representative - Susan Tinguely

Invasive Plants - Lidie Robbins

Water Quality / Lake Smart- Deb Cayer

Members - at - Large - Karen Rogers, Karen Nadeau

Secretary - Dan Huettner

Land Stewardship - Trisha Chenny

Membership - Bill Rosenberg

Communication / Newsletter - Brynne Robbins

Lake Usage - Bob Weimont

Proposed Officers:

President - Gerry Tinguely

Vice President - Dave Markovchick (also Past President)

Treasurer - Waine Whittier

Dam Committee Chair - Nona Boyink

30 Mile River Representative - Susan Tinguely

Invasive Plants - Lidie Robbins

Water Quality - Ken Tillman

Lake Smart - Deb Cayer
Secretary - Dan Huettner
Land Stewardship - Trisha Chenny
Membership - Bill Rosenberg
Communication / Newsletter - Brynne Robbins
Lake Usage, Fish and Wildlife - Bob Weimont
Members - at - Large - Karen Rogers, Karen Nadeau

The proposed slate of officers was voted on and approved.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:01.