

WOPWA Board Meeting
MINUTES
Final (*approved August 24, 2012*)

June 30th, 2012 at the Hunt-Maloney Home

Attending: Ted Vansant, Corinne Hirsch, Blake Ireland, Will Stratton, Lois Stratton, Kathy Weymouth, Anne Levin, Roger Uhler, Mimzie Uhler, Galen Beach, Kevin Frank, Bob Maloney. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Minutes from August 26th 2011 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report for the period 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012 was presented by Will Stratton and was unanimously approved.

WOPWA Treasury

Beginning Balance	\$2084.17
Income	\$1347.99
Expenses	\$1253.68
Income over expense	\$ 94.31
Current Balance	\$2178.48

Mary Perry Fund

Opening Balance	\$16,086.74
Grants awarded	\$ 5,272.92
Contributions/earnings	\$ 658.18
Closing Balance	\$ 11,472.00

Will reported that we have 43 Members who have contributed \$1337.50 in dues.

Membership and Website Issues - Lois Stratton reported that our membership total is the same as last year, and that the objective of personally contacting prospects will be continued and expanded this year. Several members have agreed to contact others. Lois would like to see brochures placed at various events in the area, and it was suggested that some be put in the brochure display at Town Hall. Lois would like a volunteer to help with the membership tasks.

Nancy Voorhis was not present but the website is being kept up and it has pictures of our loon chicks. A volunteer is needed to help Nancy update or add to the prospect list. A goal is to have someone who will keep the database current. The Website is www.wopwa.org.

Letters advocating membership in WOPWA will be sent to prospects without email. Information on WOPWA could be posted at the dam for people who come here often. It is fine to be on the email list without being a member. Will Stratton will look into the idea of a kiosk at the dam.

Water Quality Update- Galen Beach reported that one sampling has been done so far this year. We are in White Mt region of the state for purposes of the water monitoring. The Algae count is variable, but the remaining elements of the testing are stable, so we are in the stable pond category, having no issues or problems. The state has had cutbacks, so not as many reports are being given.

WOP is a spring fed pond, but we don't know the proportion of springs to surface water. It is also a filter pond, which means lots of streams are filtered by WOP before flowing into Squam Lake. Kevin noted that after a major drawdown for work on the dam, the pond filled again in 2 weeks without much rain, indicating that the pond has good spring water sources.

Mary H Perry Conservation Fund – Bob Maloney

Kevin reported that there was no mailing for the fund this spring. The board will be asked to authorize a fall mailing at the next meeting.

Rob Haskell has been reimbursed from the fund.

There has been a request from Herb Brown which raises a new issue for the fund rules. Herb paid all the expenses of putting his land into conservation, but asked that the Mary Perry Fund contribute to the Squam Lakes Conservation Society Stewardship Fund on his behalf. This contribution is part of the normal negotiations between a land owner and SLCS. The fund supports the monitoring of conserved property over time to protect it from encroachment in perpetuity. Bob Maloney recommended that the Mary Perry Fund rules be amended to include contributions to the stewardship fund as a legitimate use of the funds as long as such contribution does not exceed the 20% rule. The board agreed and Bob & Kevin will work out the wording so it can be presented at the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee – Roger Uhler agreed to Chair the nominating committee and Ted and Bob will serve with him. Board Member suggestions include Sara Rothschild, Marty Hirsch, Beth DeCluitt, Galen Beach.

New Business:

Requests for funds have been received from New Hampshire Lakes Association and the Loon Preservation Committee. An additional contribution to the Holderness Historical Society was discussed. These will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

The Loon Preservation Committee has requested that they be allowed to tag the loon chicks. They report that banding has not affected the long term health of the loon population. It is done at night with a flashlight and takes very little time. Our permission is not strictly speaking, necessary, but they will not do it if WOPWA objects. They will need permission to bring in a larger horsepower boat than is allowed on the lake. Our loons are more shy of people than those on Squam. We will ask John Cooley or Harry Vogel to explain the process at the Annual Meeting so we understand the difference between their interference and just normal boaters getting close. Perhaps the tagging could be done when the chicks are larger and the adults have left in the Fall.

Bob Maloney reported the latest information on lead fishing jigs. All lead jigs under one inch are illegal. The issue before the NH legislature was to prohibit all lead jigs. This was voted down, largely because of the cost of alternative jigs. No matter what the law is, it can't be enforced. A sign could be posted at the Dam to raise awareness. It was suggested that SLA might consider selling no-lead jigs.

Annual Meeting & Social

- Date: July 28th, 2012
- Location: Holderness Historical Society - Rental Agreement has been signed
- Times: 8:30 am setup

9:00 am Meeting start

10:30 – noon Pot luck

It was decided to do a mailing, hopefully by July 15. A mailing with an envelope provides an incentive to send in dues. Nancy V will be asked to print the labels. Bob will help with the mailing and Lois & Mimzie will stuff envelopes. We will use the same format as last year with a label sticker on each letter so people can review their information and make corrections.

Corinne will coordinate the food for the pot luck after consulting with Nancy MacDonald, the previous coordinator. Anne Levin will help. Kathy Weymouth volunteered, along with Corinne, to be in charge of the pot luck in 2013.

Harry Vogel (LPC), Roger LaRochelle (SLCS) and Jake (Holderness Police) will be asked to speak at the annual meeting.

The Final 2012 Board Meeting will be held on August 24th, 2012 at 9:30 am at the home of Bob Maloney.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimzie Uhler, Secretary