

WOPWA Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
August 24th, 2012
Home of Bob Maloney and Bonnie Hunt
Final Version (approved on 6/29/13 at Board Meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by President Bob Maloney. New officer Blake Ireland and board members Jude Ruhm, Michael Bogdanow, Galen Beach, & Will Brown were welcomed, however Jude and Will were unable to attend. Board members present were Bob Maloney, Blake Ireland, Galen Beach, Michael Bogdanow, Mimzie Uhler, Will Stratton, Lois Stratton, Anne Levin & Corinne Hirsch.

Minutes of the Board meeting of June 22 were approved unanimously. There were no comments or changes to the minutes of the Annual meeting which remains a Draft until the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Website Issues & Membership

Information on the Mary H Perry Conservation Fund will be added to the website. Possible ways of getting more people to look at the website were discussed. Will Stratton has installed a box for WOPWA information at the Dam.

Lois Stratton is willing to continue as chair of Membership if someone else can be found to help her. Bob will work on that. She reported that currently there are 34 member families this year. Some people send in their memberships later so the number may grow. Last year there were 44.

Kathy Weymouth will chair the food committee for the Annual Meeting next year with Corinne & Anne as helpers

Mary H. Perry Conservation Fund

Investments in the fund are handled by Roger LaRochelle's office at SLCS.

Bob Maloney reported that the fund total was \$11,472.00 on 6/30/12.

Wording which will include the "Stewardship Fund" as qualifying for reimbursement will be added to the Fund policy. Kevin Frank will work on this with Bob. There currently no investment issues. During the past fiscal year a payment was made to the Brown Family.

Roger LaRochelle reported that more than 20% of the Squam Watershed is now under Conservation Easement and 24% of the entire Squam Lakes Watershed is so designated, which is phenomenal in relation to other watersheds in the country. We need to remind people that Mary Perry was the founding mother of WOPWA.

Fall Drawdown of Pond

There will be a substantial drawdown of the pond this year because work needs to be done on the dam. It is important that the timing be such that it won't disturb our loon family.

Pictures should be taken when the lake is down as a means of documenting changes. There were once two sawmills on the lake. An email will be sent reporting when the drawdown will occur and approximately how long the work will take and how long the lake will take to recover. The last time a big drawdown was done the work took two weeks. Barry Eastman makes the determination and Janet is our only contact with him.

Other open issues:

Loon Banding by the Loon Preservation Committee was approved at the Annual Meeting for future years if there are chicks. The Loon Preservation Society should be notified as soon as possible that there are chicks, and they will notify us before the banding occurs.

Committees

Nominating Committee: Bob Maloney & Blake Ireland

Mary H. Perry Fund: Kevin Frank, Rich Cocchiaro and Bob Maloney

Annual Meeting Food committee: Kathy Maloney, Corinne Hirsch, Anne Levin

Weed Watchers: Margie Bogdanow, Jude Ruhm and Mike Bogdanow

There is a brochure on invasive plants and trees available from Conservation. The committee is charged with learning about the weeds, both good & bad, on the pond and to keep track of those which are increasing & decreasing.

Water Quality: Galen Beach & Nancy Voorhis. Galen noted that Roger Uhler was helpful this year and that a biologist visited in August and we will be scheduled to have another visit in 2014.

Membership: Lois will continue if someone else will work with her.

Upcoming meeting dates (Tentative)

1st Board meeting: June 28th, 2013 Sat, 10:00

Annual Meeting: July 20th, 2013 Saturday 8:30 – 9:00 (assuming no other major groups in the area have their meetings on that date)

2nd Board Meeting: Aug 24th, 2013 10:00 Sat

Announcements:

There has been no further sighting of the mountain lion.

Sid Lovett is running for State Representative.

The Rothschilds retrieved an antique boat from the lake near their house.

There is an effort to create an entire historic district of the Squam Watershed area.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimzie Uhler, Secretary