

WOPWA Board Meeting Minutes
June 29th, 2013 @ 10:00 AM (Saturday)

Hunt-Maloney Home

(last revision 6/29/13)

Final Version - approved 8/25/13 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order and board members and guests were welcomed by President Bob Maloney at 10:10 am. Board members present were Bob Maloney, Jude Ruhm, Anne Levin, Galen Beach, Will Stratton, Blake Ireland, Kevin Frank, Lois Stratton, Mimzie Uhler. Visitors included Joan Vicinus and Anne Knight.

Information about events around the town and the pond were exchanged. The winter was brutal, the two eagle eggs on Squam froze, our loons are nesting, the Irelands had a large bear on their property. Lead sinkers have been banned in the state but there is a three year moratorium before compliance will be mandatory.

The Minutes from the board meeting of August 24th, 2012 were approved unanimously.

Will Stratton gave the Treasurer's Report which is attached. There were 42 dues paying members for the year 2012/2013. (Nancy Voorhis has 56 names of those who have paid dues sometime in the last three years).

Will read a resolution into the record to reinstate the acceptance of checks at the bank with the President and Treasurer as signers.

Bob will check with Nancy Voorhis to ask if she will continue managing and updating our website at www.wopwa.org.

We have permission to put our brochures at the Squam Lake Market. Lois will also try to put them at the library, the Golden Pond Market and at the boat put-in spot next to the dam. Bob reported that 11 people on our address list do not have email addresses. Mimzie will ask Nancy about progress on the database and who, if anyone, is working on that now. Jude Ruhm is willing to help.

Lois Stratton needs an assistant to help in recruiting new members *and Jude Ruhm stated she would help*

The water quality update has been deferred until July as the weather has prevented a June testing.

There was no report on the Weed Watcher program as the Bogdanows were not present.

Raising and lowering of the dam is at the discretion of Barry Eastman.

John Murphy of Squam Docks: Innovative Contractors came to ask permission to put his 90 HP boat in the lake two days each year – to put docks in and take them out of the water. Our 71/2 HP limit prevents him from working by boat and he must work from land which is more time consuming. A couple of questions arose: (1) Do we have the authority to grant the exception because this is a state law or must it go to the state legislature. (2) Can a 71/2 HP motor be put on his boat for use on White Oak Pond? (It was also noted that the sign at the put-in location and on the fishing maps states that the limit is 10 HP. They need to be corrected. Kevin suggested that the exact wording of the RSA be put on the website, so we can refer to it.

There have been no requests yet this year for funds from the Mary H Perry Conservation Fund. It is working well with the SLCS in charge. The balance on 4/30/13 was \$13, 382. Will will have a status report at the annual meeting. Anne Levin suggested that when donations to the fund are solicited, there should be some information on who Mary Perry was. This should also be on the website. [Kevin agreed to do a write-up on his mother.](#)

Galen Beach and Anne Knight reported that all relevant WOPWA documents have been filed in the designated cabinet at the Holderness Historical Society.

The Nominating Committee suggested the names of Sara Rothschild, Lisa Lovett and Marty Hirsch for the board of Directors. Brendan Frank was added to the list. They will be asked if they are willing to serve. Mimzie asked to be replaced as Secretary. None of the current officers or board members rotates off of the board this year.

New Business for Members Meeting

<u>Requests for Funds:</u>	<u>New Hampshire Lakes</u>	\$300 last year*
	<u>Loon Preservation Committee</u>	\$100
	Holderness Historical Society	\$100

*This is dues, not a contribution, so does not fall under the \$100 rule which was adopted at the annual meeting in 2012.

It was suggested that we donate more to LPC, perhaps to reimburse them for the nest they contributed to the pond. Others felt it would be better to give extra money to the Mary H Perry Fund.

There will be no request by the Loon Preservation Society to tag the WOP loons this year because of the controversy last year. They may make the request again next year, and in order to do it within the first two weeks of the chick(s) lives, we need to vote on the measure at this year's annual meeting. Galen noted her continuing opposition; Anne Levin has changed her mind and now feels banding is OK.

Annual Meeting and Social July 20, 2013, 8 am to Noon.

The rental agreement for the Historical Society room has been signed.

The schedule will be: 8 am setup

8:30 am social time with coffee and muffins only.

9:00 am meeting

11:00 noon pot luck

11 - 12 social time.

12 – 12:30 cleanup

The Food Committee for the annual meeting is Kathy Weymouth, who had agreed to be In charge this year, Corrine Hirsch & Anne Levin. Bob will confirm with Corinne and Kathy and have them contact Anne to make plans.

There will be an art show at the Annual Meeting again this year and Lois will be in charge .

There will be no guest speaker this year. Instead attendees will be encourage to share anything they have learned in the past year about environmental issues related to WOP or any other subject that may come up from the general membership.

The next WOPWA board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 24, at 10 am at the Hunt- Maloney home.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimzie Uhler
Secretary

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