

**WOPWA Annual Meeting**  
**MINUTES Draft**  
**July 20, 2013**  
**Holderness Historical Society**

Present: Ann Knight, Will & Lois Stratton, Corinne & Marty Hirsch, Janet & Rich Cocchiaro, Bonnie Hunt, Bob Maloney, Herb Brown, Anne Levin, Betsy Falk, Blake and Anne Ireland, Galen Beach, Mimzie Uhler.

*(Bob – I thought I counted 18 people – do you know who I am missing?)*

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by President Bob Maloney.

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Will Stratton reported that the treasury is about the same as last year. Expenses were low this year because one of the bills for water testing was lost at Plymouth State and was forgiven. No testing for the current year was done in time to be billed yet, so there will be two bills next year. The treasury is in the black by \$455.69. The Mary H. Perry Fund grew by \$1505 and there were no distributions this year. We have 43 members this year, the same as last year. The Treasurer's report is attached. Will brought up a problem with the bank regarding our signature cards. A resolution was passed that the board update the signature cards, with Bob & Will being the authorized signers.

Bob Maloney moved that we transfer \$500 to the Mary H Perry Fund because of an excess of cash. The motion was amended to \$300 and was approved.

Nancy Voorhis reports that **website** is up to date and she welcomes pictures which can be used.

**Water Quality** report was deferred because it hasn't been received.

**Membership:** Lois Stratton reported that Membership brochures have or will be placed at the White Oak Motel, boat put-in to WOP, SLA, Science Center, Squam Lake Market Place, Golden Pond Market (Citgo), Walters Basin, Holderness library, Post office, Squam Boat Livery, Conservation society. We will continue to promote WOPWA by talking to our neighbors.

**Mary H. Perry Fund:** Two families are prospects for the fund in the near future. The original objective was to reach a fund balance of \$25,000 in 5 years, and we have raised over \$18,000 so far. The Mary Perry background information provided by Kevin will be added to website and will be mailed with membership brochures.

Bob Maloney commented that he sends out a quarterly announcement to the membership about things going on around the pond.

**Request from Squam Docks:** John Murphy made a request to the board that he be allowed to put his barge on the pond for two days a year to put in and take out the docks of his customers on White Oak. After discussion, it was decided that, because his motor is larger than our maximum 7 and a half horsepower, the decision should come from the state. John will follow up with the state. Janet raised a

question about the possibility of milfoil on the boat or trailer because he uses the boat on Squam where there is milfoil.

**Water report:** Galen reported that there has been one test so far this year, at the end of June. The Biologist may visit later in the summer. All the tests of the pond have been stable for some time. Because there is always high conductivity in the dump area, some chlorine testing may be done there. The presence of chlorine is usually septic system related. Our testers will be more careful about labeling of our samples so we will be sure where the chlorine is coming from. The Transfer station says they have water quality testing and we need to know their findings. Our test data is on the website. Nancy has included some FAQs about water quality on the website. We should all be aware of the provisions of the Shoreline Protection Act.

**Dam Issues:** The dam was not able to be drained for repairs last year because of the persistent rainfall. The only alternative to draining the pond is building a coffer dam which is very expensive. The subject will be put on the agenda for the August board meeting. We were reminded that the town owns the dam but we own the riparian rights to regulate the level.

The board is looking for a secretary to replace Mimzie. The job requires the taking of three sets of minutes each year. Volunteers are also needed to serve on the board in future years.

The meeting was **opened for discussion** on any subject of interest to those present. Ann Knight asked about a policy on Canada geese. Bob will inquire about whether they can be eliminated. Geese don't like dogs so that is one deterrent. A loon can kill a goose. Lily pads support bass. Three bears have been seen on a driveway on Coxboro Road., and someone saw a bear with four cubs. Loon family spends a lot of time between the Cocchiaro and Frank properties. Bob reminded the attendees that there is art work on display.

### **Election of Officers and Board Members**

The following officers and board members were elected by unanimous vote

President -- Bob Maloney – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2<sup>nd</sup> term  
Vice President -- Kevin Frank – can serve until 2016  
Secretary Mimzie Uhler - will serve until a volunteer is recruited  
Treasurer Will Stratton – serving 13<sup>th</sup> 1 year term  
Board Members – all current board members continue

Anne Levin	Kathy Weymouth
Blake Ireland	Galen Beach
Bob Rothschild	Margie & Mike Bogdanow
Jude Ruhm	Will Brown
Marty Hirsch - serving 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term	Corrine Hirsch
Lois Stratton	

### **Other business**

**Weed Watching Program** Margie Bogdanow has requested that shoreline owners check their own property for invasive weeds. She will help identify them from photos or the SLA will identify them if

they are taken to their office in a Ziploc bag. Lily pads, while sometimes annoying, help to control algae blooms.

Bob read an email from SLA about their annual meeting where there will be exhibitors. WOPWA declined the invitation to exhibit.

The traditional **annual contributions** were approved; \$100 each to the Holderness Historical Society, the Loon Preservation Society and the Squam Lakes Association. The \$300 Lakes association dues was also approved.

Blake saw a scuba diver on the pond who worked for about an hour. Galen thought he might be a PSU student.

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Kathy Weymouth was thanked for arranging for the food for the meeting.

The bill outlawing **lead jigs** has been signed but doesn't take effect for three years. Bass fishermen object because of the cost of non-lead but they will comply with the law.

**Loon Tagging** After some discussion permission was granted to the Loon Preservation Committee to tag newborn loons next year and only next year.

Everyone should check their WOPWA membership form and indicate any changes.  
Corinne noted that her email is not on the board email list. It will be added. Corinneh525@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimzie Uhler  
Secretary