

White Oak Pond Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
June 23, 2018
Margie and Michael Bogdanow Home – 194 Coxboro Road

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APPROVED - 9/14/18 Board Meeting

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and expressed condolences to the families of 2 members that recently passed away – Anne Blake and Lois Stratton.

Margie reminded the board members of WOPWA's mission as stated in articles of incorporation: "We promote for the benefit of ourselves, the conservation, maintenance and protection of the natural resources of the land, water, and the plant and animal life therein."

Meeting Attendees: Marge Bogdanow, Michael Bogdanow, Steven Cohen, Bruce Falby, Kevin Frank, Debby Freedberg, Dee Hopper, Nancy Isikoff, Walter Johnson, Anne Knight, Roger Uhler and Joan Vicinus

Board Members Not Present: Galen Beach and Janet Cocchiaro

Board Meeting Minutes – 9/2/2017

The September 2, 2017 Minutes of Board Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Walter Johnson

Walter reported that as of 6/23/2018; revenues from dues, interest, and t-shirt sales totaled \$2525.03 and expenses totaled \$1336.10 leaving a balance of \$4402.47. The Treasurer's report was approved with one correction – Joan Vicros should be Joan Vicinus.

Dam – Kevin Frank

Kevin reported that Kevin Coburn has been diligent about the control of the dam. Kevin Frank's one concern is that there seems to be competing goals between those who want quick release of water for sucker spawning and WOPWA members because stable water levels are important especially for the loons' nest. Kevin and Bruce will meet with SLA leadership to discuss this issue. Margie also mentioned that we should be aware that the lack of rain so far this season could cause a lower lake level. She also mentioned that we need a person to be liaison with SLA. This will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Mary H. Perry Conservation Fund Update – Kevin Frank

Kevin reported that as of 5/31/18 the balance in the fund is \$18,752.00. The goal is \$25,000 as decided by the committee of Bob Maloney, Rich Cocchiaro and Kevin Frank. They determined that there has to be large enough funds so that it regenerates itself. When you make a donation of land to the Squam Lakes Conservation, you get personal benefits but in addition you are able to apply for funds from the Perry Foundation to cover costs of the establishment of the trust.

Kevin asked what the best way is to appeal for donations for this fund. After discussion of various options, it was decided that Kevin will write an appeal letter to go out with dues reminder and will provide the letter to Anne or Margie before the annual meeting.

Water and Weed Watchers Update – Nancy Voorhis, Issikoff and Margie Bogdanow

Margie reported that there has not been much changed so will wait until the Annual Meeting to provide a full report. As a point of information, the Hoppers are selling their boat that has been utilized for the water testing, therefore the Water Committee is not sure how they will test in the future. Kevin reported that his boat is now working albeit not always dependable. Dee stated that the committee is welcome to use their boat until it sells and is hopeful that someone on the pond will purchase it and continue its use for testing. Margie will put this issue on the annual meeting agenda.

Membership – Anne Knight

Anne reported that she will send out an email prior to the Annual Meeting reminding everyone to renew their membership and will have paper forms available at the meeting. She will then mail by postal service to all those she has not heard from. Both forms of mail will include the letter about the Perry Fund.

Anne will also reach out directly to the 5 newcomers in the area to invite them to the meeting.

New brochures have been printed and Anne asked the board members where they should be distributed other than directly to new members. After discussion, it was determined to distribute them at places to reach local people, not necessarily for tourists. The Membership Committee will place them at the dam, library, post office, the Marketplace, SLA, and SLCC.

T-shirts – Margie Bogdanow

Margie asked if more shirts should be ordered. They were sold at cost and most of them did sell so there was no loss associated with the sale of the t-shirts. It was suggested that we have samples at the meeting and then take orders but it was explained that trying to distribute them is very onerous so it was

decided to order more and have them available at the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the new ones be in green. Margie will discuss this with Susan as well as what she might suggest for a quantity.

Nominations and Annual Meeting – Margie Bogdanow and Roger Uhler

The Annual Meeting will take place at the Community Room at the Holderness Library on July 28th. The question was raised as to why the change from the Historical Museum since they store our records and it seemed like a good way to connect with them. Margie explained that the Annual Meeting in the past has been held in different places and she wanted to support the library. There will be no charge for its use. At the Meeting, Margie will acknowledge the Historical Museum.

In the afternoon of the Annual Meeting, there will be the annual weed identification education program sponsored by SLA. Those interested will meet with watercraft at the White Oak Pond dam at a time later to be determined.

Refreshments – Squam Lake Marketplace (now members) wanted to support WOPWA and offered to bring the coffee. Joan Vicinus will organize the rest of the refreshments.

Roger Uhler reported on the status of the number of years board members have served:

- Kevin Frank has served 3 – 2-year terms as VP so that position is open.
- Secretary and Treasurer are nominated annually but there are no term limits. Both Treasurer Walter Johnson and Secretary Dee Hopper agreed to continue in those positions.
- Bruce and Roger have each served 3 – 2-year terms so their positions are available.
- Anne, Joan and Janet have each served 2 years and have the option of remaining for 2 more years. Both Joan and Anne agreed to continue serving and Margie will talk to Janet.
- Galen Beach and Steve Cohen are at the end of the first year of their first term.
- Bruce Falby will run as Vice President.
- Kevin Frank and Nancy Isikoff are willing to be board members.
- It was suggested that Bert and Maryann Saul, Peter Brown and Gus Fish be approached to see if they are interested in being board members. Margie and Steve will reach out to them.
- It will be important to recruit new board members in the future so at the Annual Meeting all were encouraged to reach out to the newcomers to WOPWA.

Donations that are to be made by WOPWA are proposed at the Annual Meeting and voted on. It was suggested that the board propose to donate \$100 to the

Holderness Historical Society, the Loon Preservation Committee and the Library.

Handbook and Other Written Communication – Margie Bogdanow

The handbook has not happened. It will take a lot of time and energy so it was decided to put it on hold for now and communicate the important items through the web site and at the Annual Meeting.

The Chemistry of Fireworks Pollution flyer that was distributed to board members will be made available to everyone at the Annual Meeting. It seems there is one WOPWA member who continues to have fireworks. Kevin Frank will discuss our concerns with this individual.

Other Issues

Anne and Lois discussed the idea of having a fundraiser in memory of Lois Stratton who passed away this past year. There was a concern expressed about setting a precedent and starting something that could not be continued. Margie reported that Bob Maloney is thinking of having a cocktail party for SCLS and WOPWA members so it was suggested that Anne and Joan reach out to him about potentially working together.

Dee reported that Janet Cocchiaro had spotted a fire across the pond and called 911. It was discovered that there was a large barn fire on Pine Island and that the people starting it did not have a permit so the fire department pursued. It was suggested that at the Annual Meeting, everyone be educated about the need for a fire permit.

Dee reported seeing hornpout/bullhead fish in the lake and wondered if this was new. Kevin said they have been here for as long as he can remember.

As a point of information, on July 11th, Anne and Joan will be leading “a paddle” on the pond going out to Pine Island. This is a yearly event sponsored by SLCS for a picnic for the conservation monitors.

Two loons were spotted on the pond earlier in the season but only one has been seen recently – hopefully the other is nest sitting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted

Dolores (Dee) C. Hopper
Secretary

