

WHITE OAK POND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2018
Home of Margie and Michael Bogdanow

FINAL
Approved at 9/2/18 Board Meeting

President Margie Bogdanow called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 10 am. All present introduced themselves.

Meeting Attendees:

Galen Beach, Margie Bogdanow, Steve Bogdanow, Bruce Falby, Kevin Frank, Kim Godfrey, Dee Hopper, Nancy Isikoff, Anne Knight, Anne Levin, Peter Lovett, Joan Vicinus and Celia Woolverton

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2018 were approved with one correction – under **Other Issues** it state “Anne and Joan discussed” instead of “Anne and Lois.”

Annual Meeting Minutes

Margie asked all to review the July 29, 2018 Annual Meeting minutes and to please get changes to Dee so she can make any corrections prior to next year’s annual meeting. It was suggested that Brandon Stafford be added as an attendee even though he only stayed for a short time and did not sign the Attendance Sheet. Also under Margie’s opening statement “Anne Blake” should be “Anne Ireland.” Anne Knight reported that she did not offer to be the liaison to Science Center. That should be changed to Anne Levin.

Membership and Treasurer’s Report – Anne Knight

Anne reported that so far this year 48 people have registered. Fifty people registered last year but she has not yet heard from everyone.

Anne reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. The opening balance was \$4,177.09, revenues were \$1710.29, expenses \$1331.85 leaving a balance of \$4555.53. See attached report. The report was approved as submitted.

Public Access to the Pond

Margie spoke with Bob Rothchild who owns the property where the dam is located. She said he explained the history of access to the pond and that the chain was installed as a means of trying to balance access and safety on the pond while trying to prevent trailers with boats. There is also concern of

boats bringing in Milfoil. It was explained that there is a sign at the dam that includes the Rothchild's telephone number if access is wanted but there are also 3 other keys at different locations – Celia Woolverton, the White Oak Motel in case they have guests that might want access for a sailboat and the Holderness Fire Department. The question was raised as to whether the Rothchilds are around very often if there are requests to unlock the chain. Celia explained that there is a dog sitter at the Rothchild's house who does have access to the key. The question was also raised whether Celia's number also be posted since they are full time residents. Margie will check with Bob Rothchild. The general feeling of the members present is that the chain should be up and taken down when for specific request. The Rothchilds own the land so any change would need to go through them.

The question was raised as to whether the box asking for donations is ever checked. Anne Knight reported that she checks the box when she puts up WOPWA brochures.

Ways to Promote healthy Water Quality within the Watershed

Margie will put together a more user-friendly list of the suggestions from the state about promoting healthy water quality. Kim mentioned that she is a board member of the NH Lakes Association and suggested that she send Margie their link that already has a variety of useful information. Margie would distribute the do's and don't's by email and have some printed up for the next meeting for members to post in their homes as a reminder to visitors.

She then reminded everyone that if people are interested in hearing about WOPWA but don't want to join, she will put them on her email distribution list promising to treat those emails with respect. It was suggested that we use caution about allowing people to "unsubscribe" from WOPWA.

Margie requested that Kim be the NH Lakes liaison to WOPWA and Kim agreed.

Other Issues/New Business

The question was raised as to the sale of the White Oak Motel. Evidently the sale fell through at the last minute but no one seems to know exactly why.

It was asked as to whether anyone knows what happened to our loon chicks this year. It seems no one knows for sure but mentioned their predators being more visible this year including eagles, snapping turtles, rogue loons, big bass. The question was raised as to whether it would be beneficial to rehabilitate and set up the loon raft next spring. After some discussion it was decided to ask our LPC liaison to check with LPC on whether or not they

think it would be helpful since the loons never used it when it was last installed.

The question was raised as to whether or not the logs in the pond could be removed since they can be a hazard or a nuisance. Some residents around the pond have taken them out for personal benefits. It was also mentioned that at one time the state denied the removal of them by someone interested in utilizing them. No other information is known.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores (Dee) Hopper
Secretary