

White Oak Pond Watershed Association

Incorporated

Holderness, New Hampshire 03245

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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 1983

AT SQUAM LAKES SCIENCE CENTER

President Paul Whitman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Over twenty-five persons were on hand.

Secretary Bill Perry briefly reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting which had been circulated by mail. These minutes were accepted.

President Whitman reported that the Wetlands Inventory authorized by the Town in 1978 had been accepted by ballot vote at Town Meeting March 1982. Though the inventory had been accepted by voiced vote in 1981, there were procedural errors requiring that the vote be taken again in 1982. In adherence to the required procedure, public hearings were held by the Holderness Planning Board; the Board voted unanimously to put the question before the voters for ballot vote; the Inventory was accepted in the Town Meeting.

Bill Perry then presented the Secretary's report: On November 30, 1982 he had mailed to all members the Minutes of the Board, Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, copy of a letter from President Whitman to Congressman Judd Gregg in Washington, D.C. written in behalf of WOPWA's Board of Directors and members sharing with Mr. Gregg our serious concern about the Yankee II-MOA operation (training flights on weekends over the lakes region) and their possible adverse effects on the natural and human environment of the Squam Lakes district. Copies of this letter were sent to the N.H. Congressional delegation in Concord.

In reference to this matter, Vice President Harold Taylor asked if there was a report on the present status of the Yankee-MOA. The Secretary assured Mr. Taylor that this report would be given by Tink Taylor with the report from the Conservation Committee. (Unfortunately, it turned out that Tink Taylor was unable to attend, being becalmed on Squam Lake.) Tink did report on MOA at the Board meeting on October 8, a summary of which is included in this mailing.

Continuing his report, the Secretary noted that there were four new members: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Erbe, Patricia Woodward, and Mimi Bloom; this brings the WOPWA membership to fifty-three.

Mr. Perry reported that, at the instruction of the Board, in 1982 he had also mailed the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the

Board, including the letter regarding MOA to thirty-seven neighbors inviting them to join the organization. These included residents in the watershed, particularly neighbors on East Holderness Road and also various Town officials. The intent was to acquaint them with our interests and efforts in behalf of the community.

Mr. Perry reported that the Board of Directors had met on Wednesday, August 31, 1983, and reviewed reports of committees, such reports to be presented at the Annual Meeting. At this meeting of the Board, Dick Blair had reported on his experience in the legislature this past year and on legislation proposed or pending that might relate to our interests. One such matter concerned limitations of rights of health inspectors to inspect converted residences re: the adequacy of their septic systems. The resulting legislation did not, in Mr. Blair's opinion, allow inspectors sufficient access.

The Secretary's Report being accepted, the President called for the Report of the Treasurer. Treasurer Reardon presented her report showing that members' generous contributions had kept the Association in good health (see attached report). The Treasurer's Report was gratefully accepted. Blake Ireland agreed to complete the tax returns as he has in the past.

The President then called for reports of Committees.

Conservation

For Roger Wicksman, it was reported that flocks of loons have been seen on the Pond, some appearing to be visitors. It is reported that "bachelor loons" visit, resulting in displays of "loon water skiing". Ellie Buie, companion to Miss Alice Main, noted that she had watched three baby loons with parents this summer.

Water Level

Paul Whitman noted that, after seventeen weekends of rain, the dam had handled the overflow. Only once last fall was the spillway opened.

He observed that much water flows into the Pond from the area around, remarking especially on the water flowing from the hill above Lois Murphy's land, and that of John Hanlon. The latter concurred, attesting that much of this water flows through his cellar. The source of this water is not clear, since it comes from high levels even in dry periods.

Water Quality

Bill Perry reported for Roger Wicksman: Roger and Bill separately have gathered parts of an underwater weed-spreading profusely like a thick carpet between the Perrys' Island and Camilla Kemple's land-near the spot where the ground fire occurred a year ago. The Science Center Staff had determined that the plant was not milfoil. Roger and the Perrys thought it seemed to be a form of bladderwort or relative of same.

Dr. Friedberg reported finding tiny jellyfish-like creatures all along the shore. Others thought these were probably tadpoles in an early state of development.

In the naturalistic spirit of the meeting, President Whitman interpolated a delightful account of bringing to the Science Center two toads from his farm who had appeared for weeks to be physically inseparable, even by force. The biologists had adjudged them to be indeed "Siamese" until, when accidentally dropped on the floor, they did separate momentarily. Love had been dismissed as a cause for the union in view of its duration; however, subsequent research has revealed that love it was. In any case, the happy pair were again restored to the President's farm united.

The report of the Water Quality Committee was thereby accepted, the quality being adjudged good.

Nominating Committee

Sidney Lovett reported to the Board of Directors that nominees for a first term of two years are listed below. These members are proposed for election in an "odd" year to insure rotation as required in the By-laws.

Woolsey Conover
John Hanlon
George Levin
Edward Stevenson

It was moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the four nominees.

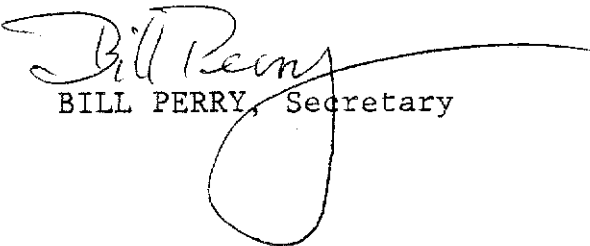
The motion was seconded and VOTED.

The meeting now turned to a motion picture made by member Andy Young in the forest region of eastern Brazil for the World Wildlife Fund. In Andy's absence his sister Sara presented. The film, The Cry of the Muriqui, documented the impact of the Muriqui, a seriously endangered species of monkey. In its excellence and dramatic power, the film demonstrated the force of such a medium in communicating awareness and concern for conservation. In Brazil the film has assisted in the initiation of public and private action aimed at preservation of the remaining habitat.

Members expressed appreciation to the Youngs for the loan of so valuable a film and to the Science Center for the use of the sound projector and the room. (Note: the Association currently contributes \$50.00 annually to the Science Center and has received a warm letter of thanks from its Director, Richard Ashley--see attached.)

The formal meeting was then adjourned in favor of wine, cheese, and greetings.

Respectfully submitted,


BILL PERRY, Secretary