

## **Clemons Pond Association Meeting May 27, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Hunt at 10:20am at Normie and David Limbert's house. President Richard Hunt called for a moment of silence for all who have given their lives in service to our country and those who are presently serving. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Harold Gillman.

**Secretary's report:** Sandy Tate read the report and Walter Novak made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Betty Zelman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's report:** David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$420.47 in the account. Walter Novak made a motion to accept the report as read. Ava Saurman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**Water Quality report:** This has been another good year for the pond. The first readings were above average with 3-16 feet clarity, water quality- all chemical tests were within average for lakes. Because of our period of warmer weather we may see an increase in algae on the pond. There is a new micro-organism that has been reported in some areas. It is bright yellow and looks like tufts of hair. We need to be on the look out for any on the pond. VLMP suggests we form a team (made up of members who have had the training course and volunteers) to survey the pond for the state.

**Web Master's report:** President Richard Hunt read a report from Web Master David Howard as he was away with his family for the holiday. A summary is as follows:

Rich implemented a new code that automatically changes, with each visit, the picture on the Home page. The photos are organized for seasons so only summer pictures will randomly show during the summer season, etc.

The hosting service that we use accumulates statistics. When our Home page is accessed, it in turn makes a request to the hosting server. If for example the Home page contains 4 pictures, it will count each images as an additional separate request resulting in a collection of eye-popping statistics. Since the transfer from Bill Stansky's hosting service to Rich's hosting service from 8/9/2011 through 5/15/2012 there were 7,119 requests. This means that someone could come on the site and click around from page to page 25 times during a single visit. Therefore, it would be useful to know how many actual visits are made to the site. So a new code to the website will be added to provide this information as well as other useful statistics. This will be a free service provided by Google Analytics, requiring additional setup and coding. Once it is in place it will provide more helpful information about how the site is being accessed and used.

**Loon report:** Johanne Smith was unable to attend but passed on the information that the loon has been sitting on the nest for quite a while. At the last meeting it was mentioned that the nesting platform was in need of repair. It was decided that since the loon seems to be satisfied with it we will delay repairs. A discussion followed as to whether or not to put up the "Loon sign". It was decided that it should be in place.

### **Old Business:**

**Annual Dues:** President Richard Hunt reminded members that the annual dues were due at the Spring Meeting.

**Dragonflies:** Normie and David Limbert planted the dragonfly lava.

**The Day Site Development:** No further developments.

**Sheppard's Property Development:** A pole line has been installed and some of the land has been cleared. Apparently this has been done without permission if the pole line crosses Zelman's property. Betty Zelman could not elaborate.

**Historical Committee report:** Carol Hill reported that the information can be found in the minutes of the Association meetings. She said she had received a few photos and would like more. Sally Williams spoke about the upcoming bicentennial celebration in Hiram. There was a need for someone to write the story of Clemons Pond history. Walter Novak has done some work on that as well as Jo Smith. The next meeting for the bicentennial committee is June 7, 2012 at 5pm at the library.

**Power boats on the pond:** Bill Tate reported that he contacted the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and received a petition to request restricting or limiting power boats on the pond. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Association would pursue a 10 HP limit. Harold Gillman made a motion to that effect and Charlie Saurman seconded the motion. An addendum was made to the motion to include that the Game Warden will be notified. It was unanimously passed.

**Camp Hat:** Secretary Sandy Tate said that there was no new information.

**New Business:**

President Richard Hunt asked for information for our web site, news, celebrations, special days etc. to submit to David Howard.

**July Picnic:** The picnic will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July, 7/21/2012 at 1 pm at Louise and Walter Novak's cottage.

Phone – Carol Hill and David Limbert  
Set up – Paul Sweeney  
Trash – Bill Tate

Shopping – Pat Clifford  
Clean up – Sandy & Bill Tate  
Cooks – Tony Materna & Pat Clifford

**Meetings:** David Howard and Rich Colicchio will host the Fall 2012 meeting. Sandy and Bill Tate will host the Spring 2013 meeting.

**Workshop meetings:** The next workshops on invasive plants will be on 7/3/12 and 7/28/12 check online for more information.

**Boat for sale:** Walter Novak has a 12 foot boat for sale.

**Beaver population:** Harold Gillman stated as a note of interest, "The beaver population is on the rise!" We need to keep an eye on the situation and any future solutions.

President Richard Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Limbert made a motion to adjourn. Harold Gillman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Richard Hunt adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary