

Clemons Pond Association Meeting September 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Bradley at 10:10am at Doug and Judy Bradley's house. President Doug Bradley called for a moment of silence for our Clemons Pond neighbors who are no longer with us and all who have given their lives in service to our country and those who are presently serving. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joanne Smith.

Secretary's report: Sandy Tate read the report. Harold Gillman made a motion to accept the minutes and Betty Zelman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: David Limbert read the report. There is an ending balance of \$610.66 in the account. Chris Shields made a motion to accept the report as read. Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Water Quality report: Victor Lerish reported that Maine VLMP and DEP have not given us the numbers yet but, he could say that there were no alarming trends or significant variances. Water clarity was 6.0 meters. There has been more metaphyton this year as it has been in the state and an increase in Little Clemons.

Invasive Aquatic Plant report: There has been an increase in the algae bloom but no invasive plants.

Web Master's report:

Web stats – Fall 2015 CPA meeting

- Visits to website: 829 (+15%)
- # page views: 1,733 (-6%)
- # users: 585 (+29%)

Trend: Continuation of general trend mentioned at last Spring's meeting--more people visited the site but fewer pages are being looked at.

Top 5 pages visited, in descending order:

1. Home
2. Pond Life
3. Neighbors
4. News
5. Gallery

Top 5 states from which visitors originated, in descending order:

1. ME
2. MA
3. NH
4. TX
5. RI

Loon report: Chris Shields reported that the nesting platform is in need of repair. The loon count this year was 4 loons sited.

She also reported that she received a report from the Maine Audubon concerning the dead loon that was sent for autopsy. It was performed at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. The results were that it appeared that the female loon had been in a fight two days prior to death. No external wounds were detected, but there were a few older wounds on each of the feet. Internally, the bird had a serious fungal infection on the external walls of the thoracic and abdominal airs sacs. Fungus was also found on the base of the heart. Other organs were also contaminated with the fungus. The cause of

death was ruled to be fungal respiratory disease. This is common in loons that are stressed and have low immune system function.

Old Business:

Annual Dues: President Doug Bradley reminded members that the annual dues were now payable for the 2015 year.

Dragonfly Planting: The subject of planting dragonfly larvae will be taken up every other year.

Welcome New Officers of 2016: President Doug Bradley welcomed the new officers for 2016: Walter Novak, Vice President and Joanna Lerish, Secretary. He thanked Harold Gillman and Sandy Tate for their years of service. The Association Camp Hat was passed to Sandy Tate.

Day/Shepard Property: Twenty five acres are now part of a Land Trust.

July Picnic: President Doug Bradley thanked all those who helped with the July picnic.

Meetings: Victor & Joanne Lerish will host the Spring 2016 meeting. Bill & Sandy Tate for the Fall 2016 meeting.

New Business:

LakeSmartProgram: Maggie Shannon spoke about a program in which the membership can participate it is sponsored by Maine Lakes Society. LakeSmart is the flagship of the Society's lake conservation efforts. Focusing on lakefront property owners, LakeSmart educates, assists, and recognizes property owners who maintain their shorefront land to adopt or improve measures that manage stormwater on site and prevent groundwater flows of septic effluent to lakes. LakeSmart awards are presented in its distinctive blue and white signs to homeowners that demonstrate that they have taken action to protect Maine Lakes. Their website is <http://mainelakessociety.org/lakesmart-learning/>

Other Business:

- David Howard reported that they were in the process of moving the website to a new platform. The basic structure and functionality of the current website will largely carry over, but there will be some changes to streamline navigation and provide more logical page structure. The roll out will hopefully be this fall.
- A message from Sally Williams about a program at the library about Margaret Chase Smith and bulb sale at the library.
- Congratulations to Ava and Charlie Saurman on celebrating their 66 wedding anniversary.

President Doug Bradley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Walter Novak made a motion to adjourn. Normie Limbert seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. President Doug Bradley adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Tate, Secretary