

Clemons Pond Association Meeting May 29, 2011

President Richard Hunt called the meeting, held at Dave's & Rich's cottage, to order at 10:18 AM. There was a moment of silence for all service men past, present, and future. We all were thankful we lost none of our members over the past winter. Joe Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance in Vice President Harold Gillman's absence.

Secretary's Report: Normie Limbert read the report, in Sandy Tate's absence. There were two (2) corrections: 1) Harold Gillman's last name, on page 2 was misspelled and 2) the meeting adjournment was changed to AM rather than the stated PM. David Limbert made a motion to accept the minutes with the two corrections. Betty Zelman seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: David Limbert, Treasurer, read the report giving the balance to date as \$566.74. Normie Limbert made a motion to accept the report as read. Charlie Saurman seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept.

Water Quality Report: Victor Lerish reported above average water quality with good clarity, dissolved O₂, and phosphorous content for another year. There may be some concerns, due to "run-off" because of all the heavy rains this spring and all the snow we saw here this past winter. Victor Lerish also talked briefly about a workshop this August 17th, 2:30-8:00 PM, being held at the Sacopee Valley Middle School, by the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP). Victor Lerish and David Limbert did a good job to bring this to our area. It is a "hands-on" introductory workshop concerning invasive water plant species and attendees will be given two booklets to help them identify plants and remember what they have learned. While the workshop is free for those who sign up, it costs the VLMP Program about \$400 to provide the booklets, advertising, etc. They have asked our association, as sponsors, to provide \$100 and hope that other lake associations in the area will also donate funds. David Limbert made a motion, seconded by Chris Shields to provide \$100 to the VLMP; the vote was unanimous.

Web- master: David Howard addressed the association in Bill Stansky's absence. Since Bill and Joyce Stansky are selling their place here and relocating full time to their place in Florida, the Web-master question came up. Bill had said that he'd be willing to stay on for a while as long as folks here would be his eyes and ears, send him material, and have the Association continue to pay for the Domain Name. Richard Hunt said that he felt it should be handled by someone local to the pond. David Howard volunteered to assume the role of Web-master with Rich Colicchio as backup. David Limbert made a motion to have Dave Howard serve as web-master with Rich Colicchio as back-up and to have the association continue to fund the approximately \$10 Domain Name fee each year. Charlie Saurman seconded, and the vote was unanimous for acceptance.

Loon Report: Jo Smith, our "Loon Ranger" said she really did not want the title since it encompassed the whole of Oxford County all the way to Canada, and this would be exhausting, not to mention impossible, so she is demoting her self down to "Loon Counter" along with assistant loon counters Chris Shields and Judy Bradley. Chris Shields reported that the loon nest got repaired and properly re-anchored. She said we probably wouldn't see "Clem", our 2010 baby back because our pond can't support 2 pairs of loons. Currently, several members have seen three loons on the pond. Chris Shields also reminded us to be careful with our fishing tackle and not to use lead. We thank Jo and Chris for their reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- Richard Hunt reminded us that dues are due
- Dragon Fly Larvae: David Limbert and Carol Hill did the distribution
- Day property update: Victor Zelman lost in court and now it's back to what the Porter Planning Board said they could do: "Storage Container Facility" (i.e. no garbage, waste, etc.)

- Sheppard's property update: Betty Zelman said there was a "deal on paper" concerning the right-of-way broadening for some land and other development conditions, but added "that's as far as we have gotten. It just on paper."
- Historical Committee: Jo Smith asked just what the members expected of her and this committee. The reports from officers as well as all founding documents since the creation of the Clemons Pond Association are filed in chronological order. These documents are in two (2) identical books, one held by the current Association President and the other held by the current Association Secretary. The Historical Committee gets to keep the fun stuff such as poems, picnic pictures, and other fun or unique stuff created by a member or group. These can also be placed on our website. Charlie Saurman gave Normie Limbert a picture scrap book of some "good ole times". Jo Smith now has that book. Anyone with anything of historical value to get it to Jo Smith. Carol Hill and Harold Gillman are two (2) other committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Web Site: this was covered earlier under the "Web-master" discussion. Thanks again Dave Howard and Rich Colicchio.
- Picnic:
 - To be held July 16th - third Saturday in July at 1PM
 - Where: Charlie & Ava Saurman's
 - Callers: Louise Novak & Normie Limbert
 - Setter uppers: David Limbert & Walt Novak, Jack Macomber
Kathy Macomber thought it would be nice if we could use Gillman's tent. After the meeting, Normie called Harold and use of the tent is OK with him.
 - Gas Grill: - to be provided by the Limberts
 - Shopper: Pat Clifford
 - Cleaner uppers: Kathy Macomber and Normie Limbert with assistance by their husbands.
- Meetings Sites:
Fall 2011 - Tates'
Spring 2012 - Limberts'

OTHER BUSSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DSL (Broadband Internet Access) is now available and so much better than dial-up and satellite. David Limbert reported that Time Warner should complete cable (for TV, digital telephone, and Broadband Internet) by the end of the year - and yes side roads off of Notch Road were included in the grant request including Neighbors Way, Clemons Cove, Loon Lane, etc.
- Richard Hunt said he was contacted by a University of Maine student and asked to respond to a questionnaire regarding pond related environmental issues. After conferring with the officers he responded and received a "Thank you".
- Camp Hat listing: Needs to be, and agreed to be, brought up to date.
- Richard asked regarding minutes: do we 1) continue to have them read or 2) pass them out and just vote on them? All agreed to let the Secretary continue to read them.
- Maine Lakes Association Conference is to be held June 25 (all day) at Colby College in Waterville. More info will be posted on our web site or can be seen at the COLA website. Charlie Saurman made a motion to provide up to \$100 for anyone wishing to attend. Ava Saurman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Nominating Committee volunteers/appointed: Normie Limbert, Louise Novak, & Jo Smith.

ADJOURMENT: Jan Williams made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Delores Levesque and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at ??? AM - some short time before Noon: acting secretary Normie forgot to look at her watch...

Respectfully submitted,

Normie Limbert, , Acting Secretary