

Clemons Pond Association Spring Meeting
May 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by President Doug Bradley through the use of the Zoom platform. The Pledge of Allegiance was led and a moment of silence was offered for our Clemons Pond neighbors who are no longer with us, for all who have given their lives in service to our country, and for all of the first responders and caregivers who have helped others during this pandemic.

Secretary's Report: Joanna Lerish read the minutes from the Fall 2019 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Tate reported that our balance at the start of the Fall meeting was \$1,519.07. Since that time, expenses totaled \$250.25 while income totaled \$40.00. The current balance at the start of the Spring 2020 meeting is \$1,308.82. A motion was made to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Water Quality Report: Victor Lerish reported that the number crunching by the State for the 2019 season has not yet occurred. By looking at his data from last summer (water clarity, oxygen levels, and phosphorus), he felt that the overall water quality last summer was good. This year, the state has asked that surface water temperature be added to the data collected. He thanked the association for the purchase of the Aqua Scope. To access data about the pond from the Clemons Pond Association website, click pond conservation, scroll down to Maine VLMP near real-time lake data, and then hit Click Here.

Webmaster's Report: Chip Arrison is the new webmaster; Elicia Carmichael has volunteered to be backup. Chip reported that the website appears to be working well. The "manual" put together by Rich and Dave has been helpful. Chip has been searching the platform for a bulletin board feature where association members can post notices but hasn't yet found one. Volker noted that he was unable to access the website through his phone and asked if there are links to the website that need correcting. Chip will investigate. He asked about the importance of continuing to compile statistics regarding outside website usage. In discussion, it was agreed that while statistics were interesting Chip did not need to compile them. There was further discussion regarding the potential helpfulness of push notifications when content is added to the website.

Loon Report: Walter Novak reported that he has seen three loons on the pond this spring. Chris Shields and Nancy Serrell reported that they have logs for the loon landing repair thanks to Paul, and will use Lou Falabella's trailer as a construction platform. They will also use it for launching. Due to the pandemic, Chris and Nancy have not been able to work on the loon nest for this current season but anticipate having it ready for next season. Elicia asked about the best time of year to make the switch from old to new platform. Nancy suggested that they aim for

this coming fall. Chris asked if anyone has seen loon activity near the nest this spring, and Elicia stated that she has observed interest. Jo Smith mentioned a very informative book about loons, Loon Magic.

Old Business

1. Annual dues are due for 2020. Checks can be mailed to Sandy or given to her at the fall meeting.
2. LakeSmart Program: Jo Smith and Walter and Louise Novak had LakeSmart evaluations completed and will be awarded LakeSmart Certifications.
3. Beaver Dam update: Doug reported that Sam Simonson tried to contact Fred Iler but learned that Fred became very ill this winter and was no longer trapping. Doug called the animal control officer who referred him to the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. No one has yet returned his calls. Carol Hill reported that she has information regarding trappers and will pass that information to Doug.
4. Zelman Property signs: Doug completed the message for the signs but could not get signs made due to closings as a result of the pandemic. He will have the signs made as soon as the companies that make signs reopen.
5. Historical Committee update: Sally Williams reported that the museum, library, and community center have been closed due to the pandemic. They may reopen in June. All programs have been rescheduled.
6. Things seen in the water last summer: Sandy reported that she found an article by Maine Lakes Society describing what was seen titled Freshwater Jellyfish. They are not harmful to the environment and appear once every few years. The article can be found in: The Maine Lakes Society's "Lakesmart Update 2019" Fall 2019 Volume 46.

New Business

1. Annual Picnic: A motion was made that the association picnic for summer 2020 be cancelled due to the pandemic. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Fall Association Meeting: Joanna made a motion that the decision to have the fall meeting be deferred until the beginning of August, at which time the board will meet to discuss the safety of meeting and to obtain additional opinions from association members. The motion was seconded and passed. Walter offered their camp as a location for the meeting if an in-person meeting is held.

Other Business

1. Chip reported that they are putting on a bedroom addition to their house this summer, and to let him know if construction noise is a problem for anyone.
2. Elicia noted that a black No Trespassing Sign washed up on their property. Rich thought it may be their sign and will check when they arrive.
3. Rich asked about putting information about the LakeSmart program on the website as well as a list of homes that have been awarded the LakeSmart certificate. Doug will forward that information to Chip. Requests for evaluations were referred to Judy Bradley.

4. Ann Frizell reported that she will have a dock put in this season and asked if someone from the association is responsible for oversight. Doug stated that the association does not do oversight but that the town has regulations and offered to send her information from the LakeSmart program. Town regulations will address access to the dock as well as the dock itself. Jo recommended a good local company: Chris Canfield, 207-831-6216.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:08. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Lerish, recording secretary