

LIPPC Minutes of 25 August 2011

Tom Hughes opened the meeting at the Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:00 PM.

Wes Huntress was introduced as the newest member of the committee. Wes is a long time lake summer resident, beginning his visits to Kezar in 1945. He is a recent retiree from NASA. Welcome Wes!

Attending were: Wes Huntress, Gene Spender, Diane Caracciolo, Ed Poliquin, Ed Nista, Marty Prox, Sue Hamlin, Tom Hughes, Ray Senecal (via SKYPE), and Lou Olmsted.

Minutes of Last Meeting - Minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Nista reported income year to date of \$42,836.39, expenses of \$19,776.66 and balance on hand of \$23,069.73. (Expense pending for the Watershed Survey \$11,830.00) Uncommitted Balance \$11,239.73. Ed assessed our financial situation as good. He emphasized the importance of the money raised this year through grants and contributions, \$12,570.00. Approved as presented.

Old Business –

LIPPC Revenue and Expense Mgmt. Model – Delayed to next meeting.

Committee Reports

CBI - Marty Prox estimated 1500 inspections for the year and that we are presently on budget. 204 volunteer hours YTD contributed greatly to our success. Major inspection activity was at the Narrows launch site, but included in the total was 65 days coverage at the North End, averaging 3 – 11 boats daily.

We will not staff Sunday and Monday, 28, 29 August due to the projected storm. We will continue to staff fully to the weekend after Labor Day.

Marty also stressed that the objectives in the inspections are finding plants and also, importantly, educating boaters on the need for self inspections when Courtesy Boat Inspectors are not present. Raising awareness and teaching techniques for proper inspection are a major part of the CBI mission.

Communications & Liaison – No report.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication – Tom Hughes discussed Gerry Nelson's reports for the July and August dives. (Copies attached) Tom pointed out that the finding of 2 plants in the July dives illustrated just how difficult eradication is

once milfoil is introduced to a water body. Good concentrated work has been going on by the Cushman Pond group since discovery of milfoil in 1996.

Education & Awareness – Sue Hamlin reported thanks have been sent to the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for their generous support and an explanation of how the money was spent. The committee will collect unused material after Labor Day and will plan the focus of next year's activity. They do not expect to apply for a grant next year.

The Eyes on the Water training sessions have been a success. The many people attending discovered just how difficult it is spotting plants through the bucket scopes but also learned how to conduct a search on their own in their own parts of the lake.

Volunteer Coordinator – Diane Caracciolo reported. Diane, Ed, and Marty had a very successful meeting with the Boulder Brook association, handing out the "Eyes on the Water" booklets and explaining the LIPPC mission. They were very supportive, making a \$1000 contribution.

In contrast, Tom Hughes said the approach to the Bradley Pond Association was not successful. They felt the pond was used almost entirely by residents and that CBI activity was unnecessary. Marty mentioned that on the day he inspected at Bradley, two kayakers from New Jersey launched.

Diane, Ed, and Marty also met with a group from Timber Bay Shores / Farrington's Pond. Ed emphasized that they have done a lot of inspection time and have donated a lot of money this season. Due to budgetary restraints they were unable to make an association contribution. Individual donations will still be made and the association will still donate time. Timber Bay has put in more time and money than most associations.

It was stressed that it is extremely important that all volunteer hours are counted. This is a necessity in meeting grant requirements. 1115 hrs. have been reported to date. Estimated value of volunteer time is \$16.32. Again, please get your time sheets to Ed or Diane.

Stewardship Program – Vacant. Hope to have new chairman by next meeting.

Grants and Fundraising – Ray Senecal indicated that Peter Lowell was pleased with the manpower reporting regarding the grant received this year.

Local Rapid Response – Diane said no meeting was held this month. Procedures have been prepared regarding handling of plants found.

Boat Launch Access – Ed Poloquin, Diane Caracciolo, and Tom Hughes met with the selectmen to update them on LIPPC to date, particularly on Boat Launch Access and on Rapid Response. The Selectmen were receptive to the idea of a non locking barrier at the public launch sites during hours CBI inspectors are not present and suggested a swing gate at the Narrows and the North End launch sites.

Following Ed Poloquin's presentation, Steve goldsmith offered to accompany him on some of his visits to private launch sites and road associations to show the Selectmen's support. This was very effective and helped add weight to the importance of the work being done and the need for cooperation of the lake landowners.

Diane explained the work to date on the Rapid Response project and again the response was positive. As a town committee we are very fortunate to have the active support of the Selectmen and the continued financial support of the Lovell voters.

New Business: - Tom Hughes talked about the year ahead for LIPPC and the need to plan for 2012. He suggested committees needed to make a critical assessment of 2011 activity to determine what worked and what was not effective, to set the committee's focus for the next year and to build on the success of 2011. The October meeting will be devoted to planning for next year.

Tom also reported that he had been approached twice by Charlie Dattelbaum, KLWA president, with the suggestion that LIPPC be transferred to the KLWA instead of functioning as a town committee answering to the selectmen. KLWA would exercise LIPPC oversight. Members attending the LIPPC meeting expressed strong opposition to this suggestion, feeling it was important to remain a town committee responding directly to the selectmen and voters with the support of KLWA and GLLT. Motion to this effect was passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for 22 September at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted
Secretary

