

LIPPC Minutes of 26 May 2011

Gene Spender opened the meeting at the Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:00 PM.

Attending were: Lucy LaCasse, Gene Spender, Ann Williams, Diane Caracciolo, Ed Poliquin, Bob Drew, Ed Nista, Ralph Tedesco, Marty Prox, Sue Hamlin, and Lou Olmsted.

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

Treasurer's Report – Ed Nista reported a balance of \$34,246.49, including a \$5,000 grant and donations from Rosie's and the Mud Cove road association.

Old Business –

By-Laws - The by-laws prepared by Bob Drew were approved. A great job by Bob. They will be reviewed annually at the time of our annual meeting.

Survey of public and private launch sites – Ed Poloquin and Diane Caracciolo identified launch sites on much of the lakeshore, recording longitude and latitude of each for future reference. Ed hopes to have the entire Kezar shoreline completed by our next meeting. It was suggested the owners of private sites be contacted and alerted to LIPPC's invasive plants programs to raise awareness of owners and their guests using the launch site.

Self Inspection Kiosk requested for Mill Pond – This was tabled until Tom Hughes has returned. It was also reported there is a need for a kiosk at Bradley Pond.

Lake Survey – This work will be performed by Lake & Watershed Management Associates in August / September.

Committee Reports

CBI - Marty Prox reported 14 days of inspections have been performed to date, with 56 boats checked, mostly fishermen. Boaters have been receptive and cooperative. Marty inquired as to their feelings on removal of trolling motor props and received generally negative response. A number said they would do it if part of a statewide program. Some said they would refuse and protest to the State if this was included in the inspection.

Marty will contact the fishing club presidents as tournaments come up to encourage participants to arrive with trolling motor props removed to facilitate the inspection process.

Communications & Liaison – Ann Williams requested we look at the website and send suggestions to her of our ideas to make the site more effective and easier to access. Contributors will be acknowledged in the local newspapers but we would also like give them visibility on line. Please remember to submit ideas to Ann.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication – No report.

Education & Awareness – Lucy LaCasse reported there will be a presentation on the work being done by LIPPC on June 20th as a part of the regular library series.

Lucy will attend a training program at Colby College on June 25. On July 9 a training session for volunteers in kayaks & canoes will be held at the north end of Kezar emphasizing “Eyes on the Water”

“Kezar Lake Watershed: Eyes on the Water” will have a page on the Vital Signs website <http://vitalsignsme.org/kezar> .

The “Eyes on the Water” booklet, prepared by Lucy, has been enthusiastically received and an additional printing of 1000 copies will soon be underway thanks to a generous grant.

Volunteer Coordinator – Ed Poloquin reported work is continuing with local businesses. While it has proved difficult for businesses to provide manpower, in many cases they are willing to help with dollar support for paid inspectors. Rosie’s is covering the 3 days of Memorial Day weekend. This will be acknowledged by a sign posted by Marty at the Narrows boat launch. More businesses have expressed interest in doing this. All contributions received should be sent to Diane Caracchiolo, 231 Old Stage Road, Lovell, ME, 04051.

Work is ongoing with road associations. Mud Cove has agreed to purchase 2 weekends. (The rate is calculated at \$110 per day). Timber Bay Shores will contribute 22 hours of volunteer time. Stearns Road will cover Aug 27 and Vinton Road Aug 28. Other associations are just coming up to their annual meetings. Quisisana, a great source of volunteers in the past, will meet on June 6. Ladies Delight Road will meet will meet July 2.

It is extremely important all volunteer hours are counted. This is a necessity in meeting grant requirements. Please get your time sheets to Ed or Diane for April and May.

Stewardship Program – No report.

Grants and Fundraising – A \$5000 grant was received from the Ram Island Conservation Fund to support LIPPC Courtesy Boat Inspections. (See attached Letter and Memo).

Local Rapid Response – No report.

New Business: - none

The date of our next meeting will be Thursday, June 23 at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted
Secretary