

LIPPC Minutes of 23 June 2011

Tom Hughes 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, Tom Hughes, Ray Senecal (via SKYPE), Anna Römer, and Lou Olmsted.

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

Treasurer's Report – Ed Nista reported income year to date of \$40,196.39, expenses of \$4,435.42 and balance on hand of \$35,760.97. Approved as presented.

Old Business –

Survey of public and private launch sites – The results of the survey on Kezar by Ed Poliquin and Diane Caracciolo were discussed. Concerns were raised regarding use by renters and others without any inspection and little awareness of potential threats to the lake. A lengthy discussion of possible approaches to the problem ensued. It was decided to form an ad hoc committee to consider a range of actions of varying degrees of severity and to report their recommendations at the next meeting.

Self Inspection Kiosk requested for Mill Pond – A motion was made, seconded and approved for purchase of two self inspection kiosks for installation at Mill Pond and at Bradley Pond.

Committee Reports

CBI - Marty Prox reported 136 inspections were done in May with one plant found and 222 in June to date with one plant (Eurasian water milfoil) discovered. Volunteer hours in this period totaled 63 (41 volunteer man hours and 22 equivalent hours purchased.)

We have had coverage at the Narrows every day this month up to 23 June. It was decided not to cover the 23rd and 24th due to very poor weather conditions. We have had 28 hours of coverage at the North End. Paid inspectors have totaled 220 hours in June to date (125 by boys and 95 by Marty). 308 hours are required to cover a full month at one ramp, so the need for volunteer help is critical.

Gene is looking for additional paid inspectors and invites any interested to apply.

Marty installed a box at the North End ramp to hold clipboards, pencils and other material for inspection.

Communications & Liaison – Ed Nista reported that he and Ann met with Carla Schneider, the website designer, to make the LIPPC piece of the Town website more accessible and user friendly. This will also make it easier to acknowledge contributors. They ask everyone to look at the new layout and to make suggestions.

Ann has written an article for LEA, at their request, about what LIPPC is doing.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication – Tom Hughes reported five surveys with divers are being run over the course of the summer, in June, July 4, August, and September. He was also told use of steel roofing is ineffective as it will not conform to the pond bottom, allowing light. He was also told that there are some unused Benthic Barriers that could allow widening of the area covered. In his meetings with Scott Williams he was also told that it was the strong opinion of his organization that milfoil can be eliminated at Cushman Pond.

Education & Awareness – Lucy LaCasse outlined upcoming watershed related activities including: *Maine Lakes Conference* to be held June 25, 8:15-4:00 at Colby College. Registration at WWW.mainecola.org. *KLWA Annual Membership Meeting*, July 9, 9:30 AM at the VFW. *Eyes on the Water Outing*, July 9, 2:00 PM at the North End boat ramp. *Old Home Days* July 16. *LIPPC Annual Meeting* July 28, 7 PM at the Charlotte Hobbs Library. *Eyes on the Water Outing* August 6, 10:00 AM at the Narrows boat ramp.

The LIPPC program at the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library was successful with 26 people attending. Directions for building “bucket scopes” were handed out. A demonstration of the building of a bucket scope is planned for Old Home Days. Ed Poliquin volunteered to make a number of bucket scopes if buckets and Plexiglas discs can be obtained from the hardware store.

The “Eyes on the Water” booklet, additional printing of 1000 copies has been received thanks to the generous grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

Volunteer Coordinator – Diane Caracciolo 14 associations have been contacted. 8 have agreed to provide volunteer inspectors. 2 will provide dollar contributions to support the program. 4 are holding their road meetings in July and are expected to participate. We will be meeting with the Ladies Delight Association July 2 at the Town Hall. Quisisana will provide volunteers and is expected to cover all Sundays in the summer.

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.

Stewardship Program – Tripp Turner resigned as chairman. A new chairman will be selected by next meeting.

Grants and Fundraising – No report.

Local Rapid Response – Gene Spender told us how the recent discovery of a plant on a boat being launched at the Narrows ramp was handled. It was discovered by paid inspector, Aaron Tripp, before the boat was put in the water. The plant was bagged, and taken by Gene to VLMP where it was identified as Eurasian Water Milfoil. This was confirmed by Maine DEP biologists. This was an impressive demonstration of how the process is supposed to work and an important reminder of how important the CBI program is in keeping our water bodies free of invasives.

New Business: - Tom Hughes reported that KWKWA received a \$18,711 grant for construction of a wash station at the Narrows. He also told us an excellent meeting had been held with Scott and Roberta regarding the upcoming water bodies survey.

The date of our next meeting will be Thursday, July 28 at the Charlotte Hobbs Library. This will be the LIPPC Annual Meeting to include election of officers for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted
Secretary