

LIPPC Minutes of June 22, 2017 Meeting

Diane opened the meeting at Charlotte Hobbs Library at 5:30 PM.

Attending were (incl. vol. hours): Marty Prox (14), Diane Caracciolo (12), Doug Faille (11), Dave Mills, Steve Lewis, Ed Poliquin (1), Wes Huntress, Lou Olmsted (3).

Absent: Anna Römer, Gene Spender, Jay Hunter, Sue Hamlin, Mike Maguire , Tim Cyr

Secretary's report: May minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported donations to date the same as last year at this time. One exception, Quisisana's donation in 2016 was \$2500. Their donation in 2017 to date is \$500. No DEP grant money has been received to date. Overall we are on target to meet our 2017 expenditures.

Other Business: Lovell Old Home Days – The committee is trying to expand the event into a town wide weekend celebration. It will begin Thursday night with a program at the Brick Church with planned events Friday, Saturday and Sunday incorporating the Historical Society Summer Fair and Auction. The LIPPC booth at the fairgrounds will be revamped.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: Marty Prox reported 320 boat inspections have taken place and 1 kayak inspection. Hope to see more canoe and kayak activity with good summer weather and more people returning.

We have full coverage at both launch locations. We have had volunteer inspectors totaling 2 eight hour days and expect an additional 32 hours of volunteer time. GLLT will sign up and expect additional hours as Road Association meetings are held. One bass tournament held with 26 boats participating. Tournament organizers did provide a person to assist in inspections. Square signs to be installed at launch locations .

Marketing & Fundraising: No report

Communication & Liaison: No report.

Cushman Pond : Doug Faille – Reported on dive of June 18th. The Dive Summary, taken from the full report on file is as follows:

The survey found no plants. We have found no plants this year.

The second dive of 2017 was our first full dive of the season with 8 divers in the water divided into 3 groups.

Scott Gregory surveyed the cove crossing the deeper waters in transects guided by his compass.

The 2 hookah divers and 2 snorkelers surveyed the northwest shore from the Buck dock to the landing. Along the way they removed 7 mats.

The third group of a scuba diver and 2 snorkelers surveyed the south shore from beyond Doug Faille’s dock back to the landing.

Water visability was fair along the surface but poor at depth.

No sign of any plant materials were found and while pond lilies are beginning to emerge overall it continues to appear that the growth season is up to 2 weeks late this year. This should not detract from our improvement as the conditions align with those of 2015 when 5 plants were found at the Mid-June dive.

Mid June Results

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
# Plants	16	5	2	0
Volume (Gal)	2.50	0.50	0.25	0
Air Temp		70		66
Water Temp Surface		68		68
Water Temp 7’ Depth		54		62
Water Temp 10’ Depth		45		48
Thermocline		10’		7’
Visability at Depth		2’		3’

No mats were deployed during this survey and seven mats were removed. Details are included in a table following this report.

It continues to be a good start to the year.

Diver hours for this survey were 6.0 hours total. 3 hours for Scott Gregory and 3 hours for Doug Faille, who in preparation for OSHA compliance primarily acted as a safety diver. Year to date Diver hours are 11 hours.

Non Diver volunteer hours totaled 30 including the preparation of this report. Year to date non-diver hours are: 40 hours.

(The complete report, with full detail, is on file at the Town Office)

A concluding remark at the end of the report was as follows: “A reminder, if you choose to donate to LIPPC, do so with the knowledge that none of your donation will fund the Cushman Milfoil eradication. This will still be true after we become OSHA compliant.”

Diane Caracciolo responded strongly that \$15,000 is on hand specifically for Cushman eradication efforts but cannot be spent until OSHA compliance is achieved. Additional funding will also be available but we must first spend the earmarked \$15,000. No funds can come from a Town Committee until all state standards are met, as the town could face significant fines. We look forward to continuing to pay for dive expenses when compliance is reached.

Doug Faille said in future he will be an independent contractor and aims to be fully OSHA compliant. He intends to make a proposal to LIPPC regarding future Cushman eradication activity.

Congratulations to the Cushman team on finding 0 plants on their last three dives.

Education & Awareness: Sue Hamlin sent information on a July 11 plant paddle and on plans for our booth at the fairgrounds for Lovell Old Home Days. Cathy Stone has also invited us to have a booth at Lovell Historical Society's Summer Fair.

Stewardship: - Wes Huntress reported Kickoff meeting will be held July 8 at the library.

Wes spoke at the Westways Road Association meeting on Memorial Day weekend. Westway's Shoreline steward was lost, but Westways has agreed to replace him. We have been assured that Westway's will instruct guests their unpowered boats must be inspected at a CBI site before launching at the resort.

New Members & Nominating: They are still following up on possible candidates.

Next meeting: July 27th at Charlotte Hobbs Library

Lou Olmsted - Secretary