

LIPPC Minutes March 23, 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), Ed Poliquin (1), Lou Olmsted (2).

Absent: Anna Römer, Gene Spender, Dave Mills, Mike Maguire, Tim Cyr, Jay Hunter, Wes Huntress, Sue Hamlin, Steve Lewis

Secretary's report: February minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diane reported our budget request was approved by the Town Meeting. Donations received to date: \$5,210.00.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: Marty Prox attended the Milfoil Summit on Friday March 3 in Lewiston.

Interesting guest speaker from Lake Champlain. They are dealing with 50 non-native species (mostly organisms). They are using the "Clean, Drain, & Dry" theme in their signs, as we have discussed. They have 41 inspection ramps with which they are concerned and 200 known private entry points from which boats can be launched.

From other Summit presentations, it is clear there is a serious problem getting inspectors throughout the state.

There was a discussion regarding stickers proposed for non-motorized boats (canoes and kayaks) and raising awareness among users to check and clean these boats often used in shallow water, plant infested areas.

Attendees reported complaints at some locations regarding overly long inspections, (We have not received any complaints at Kezar.) They emphasized serious confrontations should be avoided. Just record boat and car information.

Due to increased competitive pressure from the increased number of organizations submitting, requests for grants for eradication funds may require formal contracts supporting the requests.

Marketing & Fundraising: No report
Communication & Liaison: No report
Education & Awareness: No report
Stewardship: No report

New Members & Nominating: Ed Poliquin reported they are still following up on possible candidates.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication: Doug Faille also attended the Milfoil Summit in Lewiston March 3rd. Doug reported that the Cushman Pond group still feels there is a problem defining exactly what OSHA wants in terms of compliance. Diane met with the Selectmen regarding status of the proposal for an independent consultant, hired by the Town, to help the Cushman divers on how to become OSHA compliant. The selectmen want to provide financial support for the eradication effort but that they cannot do so until OSHA compliance is being met or evidence of progress working to that goal is clear.

Other Business:

Intern: It was decided that it is too late this year to properly define the intern position, how it could be effectively used, and then to advertise and recruit for this season. We voted to defer consideration for possible implementation for the 2018 season.

Signage: Diane reported that the Selectmen approved the proposed signs. The committee voted to use the large square signs at the main launch sites in the Narrows and the North End and the Paddle shaped signs at all other locations.

Next meeting: April 27 at Charlotte Hobbs Library

Lou Olmsted - Secretary

