

## **MINUTES of LIPPC meeting for September 25, 2014, held at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.**

Meeting was called to order by Diane Caracciolo at 5:30 PM.

Present: Tom Hughes, Bob Drew (1), Gene Spender (60), Marty Prox (7), Steve Lewis, Diane Caracciolo (22), Jay Hunter, by phone (4), Steve Lewis (4), Susan Hamlin (16), Dave Mills (10), Anna Romer (6)

### **Secretary's Report – Anna Römer**

Minutes for August 28<sup>th</sup> were approved with revisions.

### **Treasurer's Report - Dave Mills**

We received \$675 LEA grant and a few more CBI donations.

We will have a surplus in CBI donations but do not have the manpower to use up funds. Our donations went up from \$11,000 last year to \$20,000 (including grant) this year. We will have carry-over. Marty will put together plan for fuller coverage (including North End) next year.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Steward Report – Wes Huntress (via Tom Hughes)**

Current roster of shoreline stewards is 54 – covering the entire shoreline of the six major ponds in the watershed plus Kezar Lake. All but 4 have completed at least one patrol of their shoreline to date. Still time to make 100%.

Good news: no invasives detected this season (except for Cushman Pond).

One hole to fill: we will lose coverage of the Kezar Lake shoreline from Mud Cove to the Severance line.

Social at Hewnooks August 30<sup>th</sup>: Everyone had good time at this great venue but not well attended. Only 30 out of possible 75. Two suspected reasons: 1. It was late in season 2. It was Labor Day weekend. Next year we will try to hold social earlier.

Will have annual report for October meeting.

SPC request for next year: \$2,500. There will be \$1,000 surplus available from this year since no Maine Field Guides could be ordered.

#### **Courtesy Boat Inspection – Marty Prox**

Statistics: 2560 total inspections to date -- 1977 at the Narrows -- 550 at the North -- 33 elsewhere in watershed. Inspectors found 45 plants -- 43 at Narrows (9in/34out) 2 at North (1in/1out) 6 plants were turned in by concerned citizens. ALL plants were non invasive.

Kiosk Usage 5 at Narrows, 4 at North, 4 Horseshoe P., 2 Heald P., 1 Cushman P.

Boat Wash - 33 In, 80 Out.

On October 10 there will be an open tournament, could be big. There is a tournament at Arrowhead the previous week; they have Milfoil and we should be concerned. Marty has been proactive: contacted the different clubs and the Maine Bass Federation. We will try to have an announcement made at the Arrowhead tournament to inspect everything. We will find out if Arrowhead has wash station.

CBI will be done inspecting on October 19.

#### **Marketing, Communications and Liaison - Jay Hunter/Steve Lewis**

Website: Jay talked with Biodiversity Institute about eagle cam. To get one going there are lots of expenses associated with setting one up. Easier to link to theirs. They have no problem with that Jay expects to have website up and running in Jan. 2015.

We will meet on Saturday Oct 4 at 9 AM at North End to go over signs.

Jay's goal is to increase income from appeals with 10%. He would like to know the dates of all road association meetings in advance so he or other Committee members can be present. Tom Hughes would like Jay to help promote self inspect kiosks. Possible places to promote: GLLT/KLWA newsletters, Conway Daily Sun, Bridgton News, Rental flyers

### **Cushman Pond IAP Eradication – Gene Spender**

After the completion of the last dive by the Cushman team, LWRMA performed their survey of the water which was part of this years overall watershed survey. The survey along the edges of the pond showed no milfoil, but on day number two during some of the transects across areas of the pond some milfoil plants (7) were identified by Jackey in about 15 foot water. These plant locations were marked and the results were reported back to the Cushman team. The Cushman team set up a plan to deal with the harvesting and matting of these plants which was completed on September 21st. Jackey Bailey was asked to assist the Cushman team in this effort. The work on Cushman is completed for this season. Gene Spender is working on seeing about locating another diver to add to the teams resources as the team would like to see another diver that can deal with the 15 foot water. They have also asked if Jackey can help them learn better how to define these transects. The group has also asked Gene Spender if there is some way to find funding to train some of the snorkelers so they can actually start to do the SCUBA aspect of the work and Gene is working on this activity also.

### **Education & Awareness – Sue Hamlin**

Plant paddle was finally held on September 7 at 2 PM at the Town Beach near Pleasant Point. 8 People attended, 23 different plants identified. Couple of new people joined, borrowed canoes from Stone's. Jackey: instead of going out we could hold a 'Night at Library' where people can bring their plants to be identified. Committee thinks that is a good idea in light of all the weather cancellations.

Will try to do 'Dock Drop' next year when hopefully Quick Keys are available again. with A new idea for next summer is to do a 'Know Your Natives' plant id during swimming lessons. Sue will look into holding another VLMP workshop at library (stewards and patrollers), minimum attendance 10.

### **Grants – Gene Spender**

Gene will apply for DEP grant. Update for Cushman Pond grant from CBI can be done soon. Conversation about paying Marty for doing grant reports. Will need to be part of next year's budget.

### **Local Rapid Response - Diane Caracciolo**

Only one plant submitted to VLMP, not invasive. Procedures will be reviewed over the winter.

### **Volunteer Coordinator - Eddie Poliquin – No report.**

### **Patrollers - Tom Hughes**

Tom polled patrollers by email – started too early, people were not around yet (are most patrollers second home owners?)

VLMP workshop on Horseshoe Pond was excellent, they sent 3 people. We made \$150 donation (approved at last meeting).

### **IAP Survey - Gene Spender**

Both surveys are done, now waiting for reports. Next year we will start our 3 year plan. May extend hot zones till past marina and under bridge.

Next LIPPC meeting October 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Römer