

LIPPC Minutes of September 27, 2018 Meeting

Diane Caracciolo opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Attending were (incl. vol. hours), Diane Caracciolo () , Lou Olmsted (3), Doug Faille (), Tim Cyr (), Dave Mills (), Marty Prox (), Wes Huntress.

Absent: Anna Römer, Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin, Jay Hunter, Sue Hamlin, Steve Lewis (),

Secretary's report: August minutes accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Mills reiterated that we have already exceeded projected donations figure in our 2018 budget and as a result can extend CBI inspections beyond planned end date as needed. The last dive at Cushman completed the contract. Some CBI figures are estimated as we do not have the final pay period included.

New Business: Diane noted that some concerns were expressed regarding the number of Bass Tournaments held on Kezar this Summer. Concerns with inspection of boats and the potential impact of Bass Tournaments on Maine lakes was the subject of the IF&W meeting in Augusta September 6, 2018. At that time LIPPC presented observations regarding Bass Clubs not following IF&W rules regarding inspection of boats prior to launch and also prior to leaving the tournament area. Also that inspector training is lax and that some participants are not aware of the threat of invasives to Maine lakes.

LIPPC also presented suggestions for IF&W: a) Club presidents should not be designated as boat inspectors as they are too busy with other aspects of the tournament. b) Some sort of certification process should be implemented so boat inspectors are properly trained. c) Inspection of boats by club inspectors should be part of tournament rules. d) Wardens should be encouraged to enforce IF&W rules regarding Bass Tournaments.

Marty Prox commented that the most recent tournaments were improved. He also said there was more concern with "open" vs. "club tournaments. He stressed these tournament concerns are a statewide issue.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: Marty Prox reported total inspections exceeded 2600 with 35 plants found, none invasive. Kiosk usage was better than last year. The last tournament went well. Next Sunday will be the last day (officially) for CBI. If possible, will extend on a limited basis through Columbus Day. A complete report will be made next month.

Marketing & Fundraising: No report.

Communication & Liaison: No report.

Cushman Pond: Doug Faille reported the fifth and final dive was completed with no plants found. Roberta also inspected Cushman last week and found no plants. Doug recommended a supplemental dive in the cove and was supported by the attending committee members. Diane will clear with the Selectmen for the additional dive

Education & Awareness: – No report

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Stewardship: Wes Huntress reported a very successful year for the Stewards with the entire shoreline patrolled. He especially cited some of the comprehensive surveys conducted on the northend and the positive results.

New Members & Nominating – No report

Surveyors: - Tim Cyr reported all complete with the last areas surveyed. All clear.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting: October 25, 2018, 5:30 pm at Charlotte Hobbs Library

Lou Olmsted - Secretary