

Present: Tim Placey, Outgoing President; Don Sillars, Incoming President, Kathy Barrett, Treasurer; Kathy Hussey, Outgoing Secretary; Dave Davis, Incoming Secretary, Steve Gallant and Bill Gates, Board of Directors, Dennis Gallant, Golf Scramble Chair, Dave Clement, LakeSmart rep.

Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. All officers are present. Asking if Don had anything to add....Don stated that he hopes that everyone who helps out with various projects will continue to do so.

Tim said that Sara Irish has indicated a desire to assist with Committee work. Troy, Christine and Sandra Solberg, Jim Denholm and Bud & Barbara Burns have indicated interests either in the Store or CBI. Tim said that all could likely be encouraged to help where needed.

Secretary, Kathy Hussey provided copies of the June 22nd and July 10th Minutes for review. Kathy Barrett motioned approval on the June 22nd Minutes; Steve seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer, Kathy Barrett read the Treasurer's report indicating that on January 1st there was \$8800 in the account and on this date there is \$6900. The liability insurance has been paid. Dennis provided Kathy with \$850 that he has collected for the Golf Scramble sponsorships. Tim suggested the Association "shop" for insurance coverage regularly to get the best price. We presently are paying \$1200 through Western Maine/ United. Acting on the motion, Steve motioned approval; Kathy Hussey seconded; motion carried.

Update on the Boat Ramp: Tim indicated that modifications have been made to comply with the DEP Environmental Laws. He added that he heard, but will verify, that once the Boat Ramp is in, the State will have to furnish the cost of buoys, though the Association will still install. Appropriately placed signage releases WPA from liability, though WPA does have coverage.

Tim said he received a letter from the State and provided the same to the Insurance Company regarding the buoy liability. It is believed that the Town will have to maintain (keep clean) the site.

Tim said he doesn't believe that there is the need for placement of rubbish barrels or a porta potty. It is basically a fishing boat ramp. Dave Davis asked if the area will be maintained (plowed) in the winter as the fishermen will use it. Kathy Hussey said she believes it was previously discussed and that it was most doubtful. Tim said he didn't believe it not being maintained would be an issue. It was noted that other launching concerns include the Bray property, Honeyrun beach and Brackett.

Tim said Merlene Patten will need some assistance with keeping inventory at the WPA store. Tim said he would remain involved with the purchasing.

Tim said that Charlie Day will continue with Courtesy Boat Inspections and that Peter Brawn will continue with tending buoys.

Tim commented that he and Kathy Hussey had discussed that most of the people involved in the Courtesy Boat Inspections are people that live at the Pond for the summer or year round; that it has been difficult to get property owners who come for shorter periods of time to give of their time. This would strengthen the Pond's CBI program.

Kathy explained that she had heard from an individual doing CBI that someone wanted to launch a boat that wasn't registered / stickered and the individual didn't let them. Kathy explained that those doing inspections cannot deny someone entry to the Pond....just document any visible information (boat trailer/car registration numbers). CBI isn't intended to cause any controversy.

Dave Clement said that WPA needs to get active on closing the "outlet" beach to boat launching except for walk ins.....especially when the public boat launch is open. Tim agreed and added that he has previously discussed it with a former Selectman and doesn't believe it will be a big issue.

It was noted that the Coffee Social was well attended with 40+ people. Tim said he feels it a good idea to hold this function at different locations. The Sillar's have volunteered for 2011 and the Nash's for 2012.

Dave Clement said that Tim will need to change the website email to direct it to Don Sillars. Tim agreed and will do.

There seemed to be quite a number of participants in the Around-the-Pond Yard Sale. Tim said it was advertised in the Rumford Times and on Channel 7.

Everyone agreed that Christmas in July was impressive with many participants. Tim said there needs to be more participation toward the far end of Green Woods Road. Getting the word to boat owners who decorate to meet at the Snowshoe Club at a certain time still seems to be a concern. The Bus agreed to pre-register boat participants, but many did not know. It was suggested to post on the Pond bulletin Board. Informing people of the winners was another issue. It was agreed that next year it would be posted at the Bus, in the newspaper, on the website and at the Pond spring.

Tim stated that last year \$1,000 was committed to LakeSmart inspections. There is no charge for these for members of the Association; however, non-members must pay on their own. Tim said he would propose setting aside another \$1,000. Dennis asked how many non-participants participate? Dave said 60+ people signed up and that 2/3 to 3/4 are probably members. Dave added that when a property passes and is LakeSmart, the state pays for that inspection. Dave said costs might run to \$1500 this year. Kathy said that she had discussed the program with someone who insists that if there are violations / concerns found on the property they will be reported. Dave said this State program has no enforcement powers. Steve motioned that another \$1,000 be set aside for LakeSmart Evaluations. Kathy Barrett seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Clement stated that six evaluations were done last week with the Bill Hine / Cathy Hazelton shorefront property passing. There were minor road issues. WPA is unique, being the only one known to do evaluations. Dave said six more evaluations are scheduled for tomorrow (August 4) and that another four on August 12. Orville Lind signed up 4-5 more on the north shore yesterday. Dave said they will try for another evaluation date in late August / September. Michele Windsor, Oxford County Soil & Conservation District, has been doing the evaluations. She is trained for LakeSmart, good, easy to talk to, patient. The charge is \$35 per hour plus mileage. Dave added that the buffer increasing to 10' presents problems as some structures are basically situated on the water; thus, the properties will never be able to be in compliance for certification. He asked if WPA still wants to allow those owners to have evaluations at WPA expense. The consensus was yes. In the case where a homeowner has intentionally violated issues, there can be no certification, period. Dave asked all to encourage the program to neighbors / friends and refer Dave or Orville to them.

Dave said there is an erosion control mix – made out of bark/soil/gravel that is somewhat difficult to find and expensive; however, it is supposed to hold areas better. Dave questioned if there was a place where WPA could have a load dumped and sell by the yard to those wanting.

Dennis Gallant spoke on the upcoming Golf Scramble...scheduled for August 14th at Oakdale. Some volunteers are still needed for cooking. Kathy Barrett volunteered to help. Dave Davis volunteered to watch the hole in one. It was asked if the online store is going to happen. Tim said Brian Wall hasn't worked on and that he will follow up with him. He added that Troy Scott may be able to help as well. Tim noted that Crystal Noyes has been helping with the newsletter and that he would like to see a fall newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hussey, Secretary