

Meeting Minutes for Round Pond Association Saturday – September 1, 2018

Meeting came to order at 10:00.

President Dick Steinhoff opened the meeting commenting that our Secretary, Sharon Coyne was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the July 7th meeting were not available but would be posted soon on the Association's website at www.ivanhoeroundpond.com

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported there are currently 58 paid members.

- Income (20218) from dues: \$965
- Expenses total \$502:
 - Water testing (2017) \$216
 - Social \$100
 - AWWA contribution \$100
 - Annual website fee \$86
- Account balance: \$13,408
 - Regular \$1,583.05
 - Special \$515.09
 - Checking \$398.00
 - CD \$10,912.06

Committee Reports

- **Weed Watch.** Roger Spoerry reported all is well with no invasive species reported. Pat Vittum commented she found a suspicious plant, photographed and emailed a photo to the State Environment Office contact – the plant was not evaluated as invasive. Roger said reporting from other watch persons has been faithful to the program. So far this year, the lake has not been infected with invasive plants.
- **Water Quality.** Dave Robinson reported completing three lake water testing sessions in the 2018 season by UNH Environment interns. Thanks offered to the Luke's for providing boat transport on the lake to our two testing sites. Data have been collected using new digital equipment recording oxygen, temperature and clarity. Phosphorus concentration is above normal and remains a concern as it fosters algae growth reducing water quality. Phosphorus is a natural compound entering the lake from water runoff from the surrounding land. Residents can help limit this action by eliminating fertilizers containing phosphorus and use land conservation methods to control runoff; please refrain from putting sand on or near the lake environs. Testing for cyanobacteria was raised. It was not done this year; however the lake has not experienced significant algae blooms. All NH lakes some level of cyanobacteria; however,

we will test for it in 2019 to establish a baseline and watch trend data in coming years. Detailed lake water testing data are posted with UNH analyses on our website.

- **Social.** Beth Luke reported the social event held July 28th at Sharon Coyne's residence was an excellent event with 45 attendees. The event cost was approximately \$100 with food remaining donated to the Wakefield food pantry. Beth is seeking a venue for next year's event. Thank you to Sharon and Beth for your personal commitment to this event.
- **Website.** Webmaster Bob Franceschini was thanked for the professional work done on the Lake Ivanhoe website. Bob is looking for additional content and encouraged residents to provide items of interest to our community. Presently, NH boating laws are prominent on the site; this is important because our lake at 68 acres falls into a category calling for limitations on skiff operations. Discussion included adding lake rules (i.e. rules for navigation, wake control) to the website to inform residents and renters. In this regard, Simon and Kelly Delekta offered to look into the feasibility of using magnetic materials suitable for posting on kitchen refrigerators as a reminder to highlight lake rules and advisories for distribution to residents and those who rent their property. Bob raised the idea of including a Directory of Services (i.e. an Ivanhoe Angie's List) of competent local persons who offer carpenter, plumbing, electrical, tree work, debris/snow removal. With input from residents, it is believed such information can be added to our website.

Business Matters

- **Election.** President Dick Steinhoff agreed to serve an additional year. Sharon Coyne was affirmed as Secretary.
- **Diversion of Runoff Water.** There was considerable discussion on water runoff from Perkins Hill Road and Dearborn Road. Regarding the former, Dick Steinhoff reported Perkins Hill runoff is currently unrestricted from entering the lake. This is viewed appropriate due to recent drought conditions and current lake water level. With respect to Dearborn Road runoff, the concern is primarily water entering the lake at the Wakefield-owned boat launch. When the launch area is allowed to erode from flooding rains, large amounts of sediment enter the lake. While the salt applied to the road in winter affects the lake negatively, the matter deserves discussion with Town officials and Action Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) engineers to find the best way to handle runoff in this area. Jerry Luke volunteered to re-engage with Town and AWWA officials to determine the best way to resolve this matter.
- **Signage.** It was recommended signs be developed and posted at boat launch areas and roads surrounding the lake calling attention to NH boating law appropriate to our lake and info on rules of navigation. A draft of information for such signage is to be developed; specific responsibilities not yet agreed.
- **Communications.** It was decided to establish a Facebook account to expedite exchange of information among residents otherwise not appropriate for the website. Residents are urged to respond to 'Friend' requests.
- **Boat Launch Area Checker.** Simon Delekta asked about funding availability of someone to check boats being launched. After considerable discussion, it was generally agreed the

frequency of boat launches would not support a need for a checker. Weed watch persons should be watchful for evident of milfoil or other invasive weed contamination.

- **Meetings.** It was recommended and agreed to revise the ByLaws to reflect two scheduled meetings a year. The first would be on or about the 4th of July followed by a social near the end of the month. What has previously been our fall meeting would be on-call. Instead, a Newsletter will be published and provided to members by mid-August with update information that would otherwise have been shared at a fall meeting. President Steinhoff will develop a draft to the ByLaws for approval at the July 2019 meeting. This draft will be circulated via the website for comment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Note: Following the meeting, Beth Luke suggested a Facebook account be established for friends of the Association to have a social forum for information. The account has been established. Simply enter in the search box: **roundpondlake ivanhoe**.