

LIPPC Minutes of 26 April Meeting

Tom Hughes opened the meeting at Charlotte Hobbs Library at 7:00 PM.

Attending were: Gene Spender, Tim Cyr, Bob Drew, Tom Hughes, Ann Williams, Marty Prox, Sue Hamlin, Diane Caracciolo, Ed Poloquin, Ed Nista, Ray Senecal, and Lou Olmsted.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted.

Treasurers Report – No report as there was no financial activity since the March meeting.

Old Business:

Turn in Volunteer Time sheets – A reminder to get the time sheets to Diane Caracciolo as soon as possible.

Swing Gates – Tom was invited to the Selectman's meeting to answer questions raised by citizens regarding possible locking of the swing gates at the public launch sites. Assurance was given that there was no intent to lock the gates and that that would not be permissible under the Great Ponds Act. All hardware attached to the gates to facilitate padlocking is being removed and signs indicating the gates will never be locked are to be attached to each gate.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI – Marty reported 16 candidates were interviewed for the paid inspector positions. The following six were selected: Steven Caracciolo, Josh Soucy, Adam Armington, Anne Marie Tedesco, Morgan Rudd, and Maddie Egan.

Inspections will begin this weekend. The May schedule will be flexible, with manning based on the predicted weather. Information is being given to the inspectors concerning infected water bodies in Maine and New Hampshire and boats coming from any of these will be encouraged to use the wash station before launching. We have been advised seven fishing tournaments are scheduled beginning in July and extending to October.

The committee voted to buy stain for the shed at the Narrows launch site. The CBI inspectors will paint during slow times.

Communications and Liaison – Ann reported all LIPPC activities are now posted on the town website. Ann attended the VLMP workshop.

Education & Awareness – Sue Hamlin reported the committee met April 4 and scheduled the following summer outings:

Saturday June 23, 9-11 am – Eyes on the Water Plant Paddle. Launching kayaks and canoes from Northeast Cove Rd. (off Timber Bay Shores) in the Lower Bay, the group will practice aquatic plant identification skills. For information and directions visit www.eyesonthewater.us.

Monday July 23, 9-11 am – Eyes on the Water Plant Paddle this meeting will begin at Kezar Lake narrows to aquatic practice plant identification skills. Bring kayaks, canoes, or small motor craft. Information and directions at www.eyesonthewater.us.

Sunday August 19, 2-4 pm – Eyes on the Water Outing with an Expert (co-sponsored by KLWA). On Horseshoe Pond, an aquatic plant expert will join the group to explore the waters of the pond and teach us to identify aquatic plants. Directions and information at the website, www.eyesonthewater.us.

Sue is arranging an after school program at New Suncook School.

LIPPC Education and CBI committees will have a presence at Lovell Old Home Days (July 21) in collaboration with KLWA. Help would be appreciated.

Grants & Fund Raising – Ray Senecal said we are awaiting word on our grant request for \$5000 submitted in March. This is administered by LEA on behalf of the ME Department of Environmental Protection. We should know the result by the end of April.

Local Rapid Response –Diane Caracciolo reported the suggestions included in John McPhedran's detailed review of our plan have been incorporated in the in the final plan.

Stewardship – Tim Cyr reported Steward recruiting posters have been prepared and are being distributed and that the Steward's Handbook will be available for printing by the end of the month.

The committee voted to approve funds, not to exceed \$250 for T-shirts for the stewards. The stewards will be encouraged to buy bucket scopes and guide books. (The VLMP Guide books will be given free to those who participate in the VLMP Workshop on June 21.)

Five out of the fifteen steward's positions have now been filled.

Volunteer Coordinator – Ed Poliquin advised they plan to visit the same association meetings as last year plus targeting some not reached in 2011. The emphasis will be on getting volunteer hours for CBI inspections from the associations. However financial contributions will be accepted where it is impractical for road association members to provide volunteer hours. Marty Prox suggested volunteers are welcomed for midweek days as well as weekends.

Self Inspection Kiosk – No report.

Project Reports

Signs – Gene Spender reported signs are on order from two sources and should be done by this weekend. They will be put in place as soon as available.

Boat Launch Access – Ed Poliquin advised they will be visiting all private launch sites encouraging them to put up the signs that have been prepared for them.

Decals for Kayaks and Canoes – The committee voted to move ahead with this project. Ann Williams is coordinating.

New Business:

Ron Schutt June 21st Workshop Memorial – The committee voted to name the June 21 workshop to honor Ron Schutt's tireless work in preventing the spread of invasive aquatic plants.

LIPPC Succession Planning – Sadly, Tom Hughes announced he will not be standing for election for another year as LIPPC chairman. He stressed the importance of considering candidates for this post and also the need to find a vice chairman who might move up the chairmanship in the future.

LIPPC 1-3 Year Plan – Discussion was postponed until next month

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24 at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted, Secretary