

Minutes of LIPPC meeting from 5/21/15

Attendees and volunteer hours for month: Diane Caracciolo (10), Gene Spender (10), Dave Mills (6), Jay Hunter, Ed Poliquin (2), Tom Hughes (4), Geoff Cummings, Marty Prox (4), Steve Lewis (1) and Wes Huntress (via Skype).

5:30 p.m. Meeting called to order

Secretary's Report- Minutes of the previous two meetings were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Dave reviewed the current financials. We have received a total of \$7,855 in donations from the Annual Appeal. Donations from the CBI Appeal letter total \$1,555 to date. The grant dollars for Cushman and CBI have not yet been received.

Standing Committee Reports

Courtesy Boat Inspection. LEA has allocated \$3,500 in grant money for the CBI program. This is an increase of \$800 over last year. The increase is primarily due to the % change in the allocation of dollars from the Milfoil stickers. The CBI program is up and running. Marty is still looking to hire someone for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 5-8 pm. The docks at the Narrows and North Ramp have not yet been installed which creates a problem for many boaters trying to launch. Gene will look into this with the Selectmen.

Marketing and Fundraising. The CBI Appeal went out May 4. Some committee members reported not receiving it. Jay stated that the Post Office does not forward bulk mail. There was some discussion on using a different postage rate in the future. The Boat Show preparation for Lovell Old Home Days is underway. Posters will be used to advertise. Diane will hang posters in mid-June.

Communications and Liaison. No new news on legislation.

Cushman Pond IAP Eradication: The first dive of the season will take place on May 24. The date was switched so Jackey Bailey will not be able to attend. Gene and Diane will be there.

Education: We have scheduled the intro IPP class with the VLMP for Tues 7/28 in conjunction with the 5 Kezars group. It will be held at the Stoneham Town Hall. The Quick Keys will be available in early June. The plant paddle for this year will be at the library on Monday, August 3. Sue is checking on Jackey Bailey's availability. Volunteer Hours for Sue - 15.

Stewardship. Wes sent out a season wake up call to all the Stewards. There were approximately 18 Stewards interested in attending the IPP and 15 that can attend on the 28th of July. Wes is hoping that the location in Stoneham might raise awareness of the CBI program. Wes will email Eddie the names of potential people to contact in Stoneham that have expressed an interest in protecting the lakes in their watershed. The Stewards kick-off meeting will be on July 11 at 4:00 at the Library. Six Stewards have volunteered to help at the LOHD Scavenger Hunt. There is full coverage of the watershed but still looking for more volunteers to help cover large pieces of shoreline. The summer social is tentatively planned for August 8 at Hewnoaks.

Volunteer Coordinator. Eddie, Marty and Diane will be giving a short presentation at the annual meeting at Westways on May 23.

Surveyors. The kickoff meeting will be at the end of July. A Level 1 survey of a hot spot ramp is planned for the summer in addition to a self-directed practice paddle. Volunteers will go to

the IPP workshop on July 28 and to the plant paddle at the Library. A Level 3 survey of Trout Lake is also under consideration.

Project Reports:

Volunteers will meet at the North Ramp on Saturday May 23 at 10:30 to complete the sign removal project. Gene Spender will look into replacing letters on existing signs. The Town Beach signage is the next area under review.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.