

LIPPC Minutes of 27 May 2016 Meeting

Gene Spender opened the meeting at Charlotte Hobbs Library at 5:30 PM.

Attending were(incl. vol. hours): Marty Prox 6, , Gene Spender 10, Tim Cyr 3.5, Jay Hunter 4, Dave Mills 15, Mike Maguire 1, Sue Hamlin 12, Ed Poliquin 6, Dave Arthur, and Lou Olmsted 1.

Vol. Hours of members not present: Diane Caracciolo 6 , Wes Huntress _ , Steve Lewis _ , Anna Romer

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Dave Mills reported. A very positive financial situation to date. With activity just beginning expenditures have been minimal. Donations are running at about the same pace as 2015 but from a greater number of donors. Potential future donations looks good.

Standing Committee Reports:

Courtesy Boat Inspection: Marty Prox reported we have received a grant for \$3800, a \$300 increase from last year.

The dock at the Narrows has been fixed and rotted deck boards replaced.

Some response from boaters at the kiosks. Have also had some volunteer hours offered for CBI duty via the Greater Lovell Land Trust program, which they did last year for LIPPC.

Right now we are pretty well staffed and ready to go for the summer season

Marketing & Fundraising: Jay Hunter – Jay is looking for antique boats for the boat show during Lovell Old Home Days to raise public awareness of our invasive plant prevention programs.

Communications & Liaison: Steve Lewis – No report

Cushman Pond IAP Education: Gene Spender reported he reviewed with the Selectmen the 2016 plan which involves having NE Milfoil perform a similar type inspection as has been done in the past two years by Lakes & Watershed Management Association (LWRMA). As stated in prior meetings, LWRMA has elected to not bring their dive team into BLS and OSHA compliance, so NE Milfoil will continue with this work, as they are compliant with BLS and OSHA. The exact dates of this inspection have not been identified, but this inspection will take place late in the season, Those living on Cushman will be informed of the dates of the inspection. Gene will also be making arrangements to have some mats fabricated with the help of some volunteers,

so these mats can be deployed by NE Milfoil should they find any plants. More details will be forthcoming as the inspection time approaches.

Education & Awareness: Sue Hamlin reported: The new version of Quick Keys from VLMP should be ready mid June per Roberta Hill.

In conjunction with Five Kezars IPP group, we are hosting a VLMP Plant Paddle on Wednesday, July 6 at 10 AM on Farrington Pond. Launch place is Tim and Pam Cyr's home. Registration is on the VLMP website as are directions. The event will be about 3 hours long. We need a minimum pre-registered to hold the Paddle. It will be held unless heavy rain or lightning is forecast for that morning.

We will host a Plant Derby at Lovell Old Home Days on July 16, with the same format as last year.

The Science in The Sand program will be offered again at the beach for children in the Recreation Program / swimming lessons. This is a one morning event with plants on the beach.

The Anti-Milfoil Mile Swim needs more research and planning so will be deferred to Summer 2017.

Stewardship : Wes Huntress - No report.

New Members and Nominating: Ed Poliquin reported we have added four new members: David T. Arthur, Mike Maguire, and Lisabeth Bender, and Steve Bender. Welcome aboard.

Surveyors: Tim Cyr reported they currently have three and are actively recruiting new surveyors. The Surveyors supplement VLMP for fast response to reports of finding of suspicious plants. People interested in becoming Surveyors need to commit to attendance at VLMP training and to 12 to 15 hours of time monthly in season.

Prior to adjournment, Gene asked David Arthur if he wanted to join the LIPPC committee and Dave responded with, "I AM IN". Gene asked for a quick vote and David was unanimously accepted as our newest member.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at the Charlotte Hobbs Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Olmsted, Secretary

