

## **LIPPC Minutes of April 25. 2019 Meeting**

Diane Caracciolo opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Attending were (incl. vol. hours), Diane Caracciolo (20) , Lou Olmsted (3), Marty Prox (19), Sue Hamlin (12), , Steve Lewis (6) Jay Hunter (5), Tim Cyr (3), Wes Huntress (1 ), Jill Rundle (5).

Absent: Anna Römer, Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin, Dave Mills, Doug Faille

**Secretary's report:** March minutes accepted as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane reported for Dave Mills. Our total budget request of \$21,000 for LIPPC in 2019 was approved at the Town Meeting

\$150.00 donation was received and deposited bringing the total year to date to \$6095.00. Next CBI mailing will go out the first of May. Good news, with money received from all sources we will have enough to cover our projected CBI expenses for 2019.

**New Business:** IPP Roundtable update – Sue Hamlin attended the roundtable and reported highlights:

Extensive discussion on use of social media. It appears agencies with paid staff using more than volunteer groups. Programs such as Facebook, Instagram, Linked In most frequently mentioned. Essentially just one more way to get the invasives message across.

It was agreed E-mail (as used by LIPPC) is a means of communicating within the committee.

LSM (VLMP) working on an APP for mobile device to aid in quick ID of suspected plants.

Mandated fishing tournament organizers must provide inspectors.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

CBI: Marty Prox reported the Milfoil Summit is tomorrow, Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending.

He will be opening the shed at the Narrows next week, assuming ice is out.

Staffing situation looks good. Waiting for a few more answers. Will be setting up staffing schedules in the next two weeks. Possibly reevaluating hours at each location as activity increases and looking at ways to provide flexibility in coverage.

Marketing & Fundraising: Jay Hunter, looking at ways to raise awareness in the off season, is looking at an “ice out” contest, similar to the one seen in the past on Moose Pond.

Jay hopes to meet with the new owners of Pleasant Point to stress the invasive plant danger and hopefully enlist their cooperation in requiring inspection at their site.

Cushman Pond: No report. May 3 is the deadline for bids for diving on Cushman Pond..

Education & Awareness: – Sue Hamlin reported working on ideas for Summer programs. Date for Plant Paddle not set yet, Expected to be between June 30 and July 16.

Stewardship: Wes expects be contacting all stewards in May. We have replacements for stewards lost over the winter and will be able to provide full coverage. Kickoff date to be decided.

New Members & Nominating – No report

Surveyors: - No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

**Next meeting:** May 23, 2019, 5:30 pm at Charlotte Hobbs Library

Lou Olmsted - Secretary