

LIPPC Minutes of June 27, 2019 Meeting

Diane Caracciolo opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Attending were (incl. vol. hours), Diane Caracciolo (15) , Lou Olmsted (3), Marty Prox (7), , Steve Lewis (5) Wes Huntress (10), Jill Rundle (5), Doug Faille (5) Dave Mills (10),.

Absent: Anna Römer, Gene Spender, Ed Poliquin (3), Jay Hunter, Tim Cyr (3).

Secretary's report: May minutes accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Mills reported that as a result of audit, our carryover from 2018 is \$27,748. With the \$21,000 approved at the Town Meeting and donations received YTD \$15,220. \$2,885 of money received from the first installment of the grant has been transferred to the Cushman fund. The financial outlook is positive to cover our budgeted expenditures for 2019.

Standing Committee Reports:

CBI: Marty Prox reported. Due to unseasonably cold start to the season, we are 110 inspections behind last year's actuals to date. With the newly arrived warmer weather we expect to be on full schedule this weekend. Nine plants were found on inspection to date, all negative. Donations were received for inspections at Horseshoe Pond.

Marketing & Fundraising: Jay Hunter reported some confusion on contributions received in response to our recent mailing. Apparently the correct PO Box number for return mailing was not shown. As a result contributions were sent directly to the Town. We working to find the donor information to insure all gifts are acknowledged.

Communications and Liaison - Steve Lewis – Waiting for publication and distribution of “Land, Lakes & Us”, due out this month, containing article by Steve on Invasives.

Cushman Pond : Doug Faille reported ice is finally out on Cushman Pond. First survey was done June 15th No sign of invasives, however, the season has been so much delayed that there was little sign of any plant activity. The next dive is scheduled for July 6.

Education and Awareness – Sue Hamlin - “Dock Drop” completed in June, delivering Quick Key Guide to Native and non-Native Aquatic Plants to all dock owners to enlist their aid in preventing, detecting, and eradicating invasive plants.

Committee members will man booths at Lovell Old Home Days and at Lovell Historical Society Summer Fair.

Dropped pamphlets at Pleasant Point. Impressed with their attitude and expressed desire to help.

Stewardship: Wes said committee activity is just beginning. Kickoff date next Saturday at 4 pm. Over the winter we lost only 3 stewards out of 60 with 57 returning to serve this year. We have already found two replacements and have temporary coverage for the third area. Wes also reported on two new invasives to watch for: European Frogbit and Mudmat (*Glossostigma Cleistanthum*). Not yet found in Maine, but close by and important to watch for in boat inspections.

New Members & Nominating – No report

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting: July 25, 2019, 5:30 pm at Charlotte Hobbs Library

Lou Olmsted - Secretary