

Lincoln Pond Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday July 20, 2024

Introduction: Meeting at 39 Lower Pond Way

Called to order at 9:39 AM by Gerry Zahavi, President. Sign-ins requested. Introductions of attendees completed.

Minutes from 2023 annual meeting presented: motion to approve made by Eric Lawson; seconded by Jill Stackhouse. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Sienkiewicz

2023 – 40 camps paid dues

2024 – 35 camps as of the today's meeting date

As of 12/31/2023 \$5346 on hand, largest expense last year \$2595 for merchandise, next was annual picnic,

- NY Fed of Lake Associations (NYFOLA/ CLOAP) fees paid \$375
- town reimbursement was provided for lake fees (\$350 for fiscal year 2023, \$375 fiscal year 2024)

In 2006 bank balance was \$583, thanks to Judy Schwarz, at start of Merchandise program

Thanks to Gerry for continued support from town

Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made (Doug Spilling), seconded (unknown), and unanimously approved.

Proposal for Bylaws Change:

Current bylaws call for Board to comprise a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 members, plus President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

New Proposal to increase potential board members to a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 members plus officers as listed above.

Questions and Discussion:

- Is there an intent to allocate members from different road areas? Per Gerry, no issues with road bias at present, but good to have members from entire pond
- What is the reason to increase? To allow for broader membership due to increased interest
- How often does the board meet? Once yearly and as necessary, with meeting in May to set calendar and agenda
- Members of the Association can reach out to board members who can bring issues to the board as a whole

Motion to approve bylaws change (Micheal Speshock), seconded (Jeff Sienkiewicz), and unanimously approved.

Elections:

Current terms and officers/board reviewed by President.

President: Gerry Zahavi (2023-2025)

Treasurer: Jeff Sienkiewicz – eligible for reelection (2024-2026)

Secretary: Susan Bradford – eligible for election (2024-2026)

General Board members:

April Spilling – term 2023 – 2025

Dave Myers – term 2023- 2025

Wayne Johnson: eligible for reelection (2024-2026)

Ron Husner: completed 1 year term, eligible for reelection (2024-2026)

Jordan Speshock: completed 1 year term, eligible for reelection (2024-2026)

Scott Eggelfield: eligible for election (2024-2026)

Laura Lincoln: eligible for election (2024-2025) – agreed to a 1 year term

Jill Stackhouse: eligible for election (2024-2025) – agreed to 1 year term

Reviewed staggering board member terms: per bylaws should be staggered. Laura Lincoln and Jill will be 1 year terms

Motion to approve to vote for all eligible members (Eric Lawson), seconded (Debbie Garnsey), and unanimously approved.

Road Reports: 20 years ago decision was made for private road residents to self-manage and self-fund

Lower Pond Way (Wayne Johnson)

- Recent Hurricane Beryl caused a beating: 6 inches in rain in 12 hours, culverts washed out x2, beaver dam broke, road was impassable
- with some pond members' help the road is now open, but more work to be done and some difficulties getting supplies
- no large vehicles to go across for now
- funds are perpetually inadequate, Wayne has tried to raise some funds from the affected members
- report of good team work and pitching in from community

Twin Brooks Road (Run Husner)

- 2023 collected \$3700, spent \$1267 on gravel / culvert
- Currently have \$2300 on hand, looking for \$200 per camp
- Storm report: overall not too bad but one culvert needed to be put in, thanks to Tony Fernandez and use of his equipment, Richie Carrol also helped – the group owes Tony \$950
- try to keep money in accounts for possible bridge washout which would be very detrimental

Payne's Way (Jill Stackhouse)

- \$1000 in bank, roads at dam were impassable and destroyed, someone tried to smooth things out, 3 concrete culverts were not working, some fixes were already washed out again
- Frank Burnham from the State advised plan in place to revamp the whole area to prevent washout again
- Dam area is DEC land -- so many approvals needed,
- collecting \$250/camp
- Gary Allen working on road now

Lincoln Pond Road (Gerry Zahavi)

- now passable, but had damage
- Radar Signs (blinking speed sign) – on hand, but not in place yet. Gerry met with town supervisor in early May, but still waiting. Permits needed for County road, etc, etc. Was to be put up recently but delayed due to storm damage. Will come soon. In the future, will be there Memorial day to Mid-October. Radar sign was free to Elizabethtown from grant money, will be placed up the hill from causeway, along Gerry's property.

Discussion about potential damage from increased numbers of weather events:

Doug Spilling – possibly we should pool funds for an emergency, possible use of ambient weather station WonderMap IBM for local weather

Kevin Frenia - wondering if a board member should coordinate response to emergencies, possibly via the website. Possible formation of an emergency planning/coordinating committee.

Jordan Speshock– asked about option of a Facebook page. Currently managed by Eggelfield sisters (Lori and Lynn). They would need to change the settings to make it a private group for members to post

April Spilling – willing to help with emergencies communications and be a [art of an emergencies coordinating committee

Laura Lincoln's husband is a soon-to-be-retired emergency manager who might be able to help.

Dam has gate, purview of DEC, could LP drain in advance of large expected storms?

Causeway is poorly designed, to be replaced in 2030s

Significant damage on South Pond due to new dam and higher water, and these large storms are causing even more damage

Spoo to start working on Simond's Hill on Monday

Dave Meyters notes history of lake – drawn down multiple feet every year and repairs could be made, but this was stopped due to fish & wildlife

Please email the lake and lake shore issue specifics to Gerry so it can be brought to the appropriate DEC authorities

Gerry has a DEC and Essex County Highway Department permits for digging out sand from under the causeway. Gerry will renew permit; let him know if you plan to remove sand/debris from under the causeway

Board will discuss option of providing money to each of the road communities.

LP Association Picnic Saturday August 10th, 11:30 AM at the DEC Campground at site near the bathroom,

- please bring a side dish or dessert
- bring friends and guests
- if coming by car tell the gatekeepers you are coming for the picnic and you should not have to pay to enter,.Jeff will pay at the end based on the number of cars

Merchandise Report (Susan Bradford)

- available merchandise set out for purchase
- if you have requests please let Susan know
- will work on getting LP stickers
- suggestion made to incorporate anti-milfoil message

Water Testing (Wayne Johnson):

- NY State Federation of Lake Associations – now has 4 tests a summer (previously 8), tests for phosphorous, chloride, algae, color, etc., no changes or concerns
- Drop test (Secchi disk) shows lake is still clear, no changes or concerns
- State still tests for E. coli due to the campground beach; no recent shut downs
- Be careful about swimming in the lake or using lake water for washing after large storms

Invasive monitoring: completed yearly in August at GPS locations, no changes of location of milfoil beds but possibly less milfoil than in prior years. Any volunteers welcome, training on YouTube. Jill Stackhouse volunteered. Will use her pontoon boat.

Possibly grant \$\$ out there, Barbara Trypaluk has experience and may be able to help

Animal Sightings:

- **Loon Report:** 2 adults, 1 baby today 7/20/2024
- Moose Reports: none
- Bear Reports: none
- Sightings of Merlin, Painted Turtle, Barred Owl

New Business: Emergency Planning Committee to be explored and initiated (see above)

Called to adjourn at 10:48 AM by Gerry Zahavi, President. Meeting adjourned.