

Lincoln Pond Association Annual Membership Meeting
July 28, 2012 Minutes

President Gerry Zahavi called the meeting to order at 10:15 am, welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Introductions: Officers, directors, and members introduced themselves.

Minutes from last year's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Two factors helped finances this year – t-shirt sales and the rotation out of the lake testing program. Currently \$1700. As of meeting 26 camps paid up. Budget for next year includes mailing, brochure. We are in good shape, especially if we could boost membership. Best year was 2009. 33 camps joined. Being a source of information during the dam project may draw more camps in. Association website was very helpful after Irene. The report and budget were approved.

Lake Quality and CSLAP/NYSFOLA Report – Wayne Johnson

- Rotated out of CSLAP for this year for sampling. We will be back in next year. Report will be posted when we get it. CSLAP Report will be online – go to www.lincolnpod.org or the CSLAP website.
- NYSFOLA meetings discuss issues with weeds. Weeds are our biggest concern, but other lakes are worse. Our lake is so large it is hard to treat.
- Lack of cold winter may have contributed to the appearance of the floating island. Probably methane.
- Report any observed algae bloom (green or blue, really bright); it could be harmful, toxic. We have a special kit to get it tested.
- State tests for E. coli because they have the campsite, so we would know if that was a problem.
- What is the effect of the causeway and sediment? Can any problems be addressed? How wide or narrow should the causeway be and how high? Is there money for this? Is there enough agreement that the organization can take a position? We need more facts so we can have a serious discussion. DEC will be looking at the causeway before their work.
- What can be done about the damaged guard rails. We'll look into this.
- We will continue to ask the town to split the CSLAP cost explaining that we are performing a service for the town and all pond users.

Kingdom Dam Reconstruction Project – Gerry Zahavi

- The dam is being funded. It will be repaired. It is a two year process.
- Engineers have begun testing and should finish their work this summer. The causeway will be included in their testing.
- Tom Miller is the bureau chief (technical services of design and construction) and Tom Lincoln (dam safety) is the liaison for us.
- Nothing more to report until the engineering report is done; it is scheduled to be completed by the fall and we will call a meeting as soon as that information is available. We will announce it on the website and send an email notice.
- If the lower pond will be too low during the project, the Association will request that the lower pond residents have access to the state beach during that time period. Cleaning weeds, dredging etc. once we know details.
- We should document the project.

Road Conditions and Plans for Restoring Access to Payne's Way

- Wayne Johnson did a great job in response to Irene. Many on Lower Pond Way worked together to get the road fixed.
- Town was also very helpful and immediately responsive to getting the main road fixed and offering help to people stranded.
- Twin Brooks was bad in spots and Pat Ellsworth did a great job there.
- DEC got the money to fix Payne's Way, justifying the expense because they will need the road for the dam work. Gerry and Wayne were in repeated contact with DEC and it paid off.
- Should the deltas formed by Irene along the shore of Upper Pond be addressed? Homeowners need to be contacted first.

Presentation by Margaret Bartley, E-town Supervisor

- Learning lots, taking notes to bring back to the Town Board.
- Did work with Jim Regan on Paynes Way. Town highway department assisted by sanding the road and putting up barricades to protect the concrete.
- It would be good to deal with the milfoil when the pond is low.
- Invited members to both Board Meetings and Ways and Means Committee meetings.
- Margaret will put a link to our website on the town website.
- Town website should have a link to the State Campsite; currently we get calls about reservations.
- Maggie shared that there is a map under glass in town hall that shows the Pond around the time of the Civil War. It shows the Upper Pond and a hotel that was owned by Mr. Lincoln, which is where the name of the pond came from. The hotel was around where Egglefield's camp is currently located.
- Margaret will come next year to share more history.

Revision of the Bylaws – Debbie Maxwell

The following amendments were approved.

- **Fiscal Year (Section 3) *The fiscal year shall end on December 31st. Officers elected at the last election meeting shall assume office immediately.***
- **Quorum (Section 12) *Ten households of the association present at any regular meeting shall be considered a quorum.***
- **Amendments (Section 15) *Any amendment to these Bylaws, if approved by the Board of Directors, shall be posted on the website, www.lincolnpound.org, at least one month prior to the annual meeting of the Association and sent out in the mailing (e-mail or land mail) prior to the annual meeting. The amendment will be adopted by majority vote at that annual meeting.***

Elections

The terms for Treasurer, Jeff Sienkiewicz, and Directors Laura Garrison and Judy Schwarz are up. They were all re-elected by acclamation.

Announcements and Wildlife Sightings

- If your boat isn't registered, you might put your name on it in case of another hurricane. Possibly also put names on docks!
- Wildlife – bear sightings, 3 bald eagles, wolf spiders.
- Fishing tournament, winner had 4 pound bass. Report of a 5 pound bass.
- Fishing tournament doesn't seem to have hurt fishing.
- Four loons have been spotted.

T-Shirts - Judy Schwarz

- Mostly sold out.
- Is there interest in sweatshirts, hats, wine glasses, mugs, car magnets? Minimum of 12. Talk to Judy after the meeting.
- Should we have member and non-member prices?

New Business

- Town is putting together a comprehensive plan. Members should take form and send it in or respond online.
- Hardwired possibilities? Nothing new.
- We are last dead zone for Northway. Cell tower might help our phone service.
- Possibly have package box by mailboxes. Doug will pursue.
- Speeding on Lincoln Pond Road has been terrible. Possibly a portable speed sentry for the summer season or preferably the whole the whole year. Motion made and approved.
- Thanks to those who helped with the road clean-up.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Maxwell
Secretary

For your information, our website is: www.lincolnpound.org. The minutes, treasurer's report, and a recording of the meeting will all be posted on the website.