



# ***Saturday Pond Watershed Association***

40 Ridgewood Terrace

Otisfield, ME 04270

## **Annual Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2020**

**Attendees:** Ellen Attiliades, Bill Bramswig, Amy Brown, Josh Gregoire, Susan Haber, Jerry Haber, Sue LaFleur, Geri Markarian, Steve Markarian, Eric Williams, Julie Ywoskus

- **Ground Rules for Zoom Meeting - Susan Haber:** Susan reviewed the rules for the Zoom meeting
  
- **Treasurer's Report – Amy Brown:** Amy reviewed the Treasurer's Report
  - Balance: \$1374.44
  - Upcoming Bills: There is one more water test that will be paid for
  - Member Dues Paid: Last year, members paid \$690 for dues, this year, \$405 was paid. Some members may need a reminder to pay their dues; some members have not paid for years; could send out a reminder via email if we had email addresses
  - Donation: LSM donation of \$100 was approved
  - Member List: Let Eric Williams know about changes to membership list
  - Treasurer's report was accepted
  
- **SPWA Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021:**
  - **Pond Water Conditions**
    - **Dam Keeper's Report:** Saturday Pond dam report from Dan Peaco dated 7/9/20:

“With all of the recent rains water is flowing over the planks in the spillway at a reasonable rate. There is brush, still, on the riprap of the dam and is scheduled to be removed by the end of July. The water gauge that has been promised by me to have installed is on order by the town and should be arriving shortly. This spring a small amount of brush and debris was removed from the spillway. Later, a call from Julie saying there was a log wedged in said spillway was promptly removed by me, but not before a nice picture was able to be taken and published in the SPWA newsletter. Otherwise, all seems good at the outlet of Saturday Pond. Sincerely, Dan Peaco”
  
    - **Water Testing - Steve Markarian:** Steve has tested the water 6 times this year; all readings were shallow; some larger boats are disturbing the water and causing readings to be lower than they should be
  
    - **Lake Monitoring for Invasive Aquatic Vegetation - Sue LaFleur:** Sue has attended a few LSM trainings; Sue has been out to survey the lake for invasive plants several times; no concerning plants seen to date (middle cove has young bladderwort; sent to state last year; not invasive); Amy, Julie, Robin, and Sue will continue to monitor lake
      - **Concern:** How do we make sure that visitors are checking their boats



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and gear for invasive plants? Sam's Landing have signs posted;

members can mention to visiting boaters; most visitors are well-informed

**Ice In / Ice Out Dates:** Ice in: December 2, 2019; Ice Out: April 3, 2020

- **Floating Logs:** Trustees will pull floating logs to dam, cut up, and remove

- **Pond Wildlife:** This year, members have seen loons, eagles, osprey, muskrats, turtles, beaver, Canadian geese; loons and geese both nested, but no babies have been seen

- **Official Loon Count - Robin Nureck:** We have seen more, but the official loon count is 3.
- **Outreach:** Saturday Pond Loons Facebook page includes Saturday Pond news, lost and found items (people should put their names and contact information on their watercraft)
- **Newsletter - Bill Bramswig:** Will discuss at fall planning meeting
  - **Content:** Need more content
  - **Distribution:** Put newsletter on SPWA website; leave copies at Otisfield Town Hall; Susan H. will ask if we can put newsletter on Otisfield Town Hall website

- **May 2020 Board of Trustees Planning Meeting Minutes - Julie Ywoskus:** Minutes were reviewed and approved
- **Goal Development for FY 2021:**
  - Newsletter
- **Board of Trustees Nominations:** Nominations of Amy Brown, Susan Haber, and Steve Markarian were approved
- **Fall 2020 Board of Trustees Planning Meeting:** Fall meeting will be remote via Zoom in October 2020

By: Julie Ywoskus