



Saturday Pond Watershed Association
40 Ridgewood Terrace Otisfield, Maine 04270

SPWA Trustees Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2022

Attendees: Ellen Attaliades, Bill Bramswig, Lourdes Engel, Jerry Haber, Susan Haber, Steve Markarian, Amy O'Shea, Will Young, Julie Ywoskus

- **July 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Annual meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report – Amy:** Treasurer's report was discussed and accepted
 - **Members:** SPWA has 61 total members. There are 2 new members (Wanda and Bob Wright, Lloyd Poland); Amy will send them a newsletter. Amy asked everyone to review membership list and tell her people who should be removed.
 - **Balance:** \$1672.29
 - Dues: \$640
 - Donations to SPWA: \$160
 - Donation to Lake Stewards of Maine: \$100
 - Amy discussed 2022 and 2023 expenses and donations
- **Watershed Updates:**
 - **Wildlife:** Trustees have recently seen turkeys, grouse or quail, deer, raccoon, water snakes, snapping turtles, ducks, immature ringneck seagulls
 - **Dam:** There is no dam report from Dan Peaco. Jeff Marble took big log off dam and log had initials and 1939 on stamped end. Felled logs were valuable and put into lake to preserve them from rotting until they were retrieved
 - **Ice In:** Amy, Steve, Bill, Ellen, Julie will report ice in once 80% frozen. It is important to be consistent every year.
 - **Maine Audubon Loon Management Project:** Jerry Haber and Susan and Dave LaFleur met with the Audubon Loon Management Project representative this summer. Audubon will provide a person-made loon nest to be placed in the cove across from Great Oaks. They will put the nest in and remove it at the end of the season. We will store it in Pond View shed or on Ellen's property. We expect them to contact Julie in the spring. Julie will ask them if we should mark the nest with our sign.
- **Watershed Information:**
 - **Water Conditions:**
 - **Updated Water Testing – Clarity and Phosphorous:**
 - **Clarity:** Steve had the worst clarity readings in 12 years, possibly due to no rain, no water over dam (no flushing), and hot lake water. We had a fish kill but not as bad as 2 years ago. Steve called Bonnie at LSM to ask about low clarity readings to see if other lakes are seeing the same things...the are not really. It would be interesting to see if

Moose Pond is seeing the same things and whether the town is aware of the watershed associations for other ponds? Julie will ask John

- **Phosphorus:** The phosphorus reading went up to 7 (from 4) on 8/8.
- **Updated Invasive Plant Survey – Julie/Sue:** Sue, Julie, and Amy patrolled for invasive plants this summer. There were no invasive plants found in Saturday Pond. Sue, Julie, and Amy took one plant identification course at LSM ; Sue calculated volunteer hours and submitted the plant report to LSM.
 - **Tool:** Plant ID app (Picture This) work on aquatic plants
 - **LSM Update:** Roberta left LSM
- **Watershed Association Communication:**
 - **Newsletter Plans – Content Ideas:** Trustees should send content ideas to Bill
 - Lake Animal Education – Article about snakes and snapping turtles: Ellen
 - Wakeboats

Purpose: Should the purpose of the newsletter be educational or fun? We can include basic information and graphics in the newsletter with a link to the SPWA website where there is more detailed information
 - **Welcome Packet:** We will create a welcome packet to give to new homeowners. Ellen will find out the contents of the welcome packet given out many years ago.
 - Recipients: Welcome packet recipients would be new watershed homeowners. How do we know when properties turn over?
 - Packet Container: Insulated tote with information; Amy will talk to Diane Burak about insulated tote source and buy 24 (?) of them
 - Packet Contents: Packet could include information about:
 - Invasive Plant Brochures: Amy will order 24 laminated invasive plant brochures from LSM. We can sell extras at the annual meeting.
 - Local Walking Trails
 - Waterfront Planting: Amy, Julie
 - Shoreline Zoning: What can happen if a homeowner doesn't follow shoreline zoning rules. Amy will check with local realtors about whether they provide shoreline zoning information to buyers.
 - 1st year free membership to SPWA
 - **Date for Spring Trustees Meeting:** Susan will send out a date for the spring SPWA Trustees' Meeting
- **Other:**
 - **Wakeboat Management on Pond:** Wakeboats are potentially dangerous for loons; there is currently one wake boat that visits Saturday Pond. Pond View board determines the rules for the Pond View launch
 - Concern: What to do about other problematic boats? Can the Pond View launch rules expand language to limit “wake boats or ballasted boats”?
 - Problem: Pond View launch gate code is being given out to outside residents and chain is being pried off
 - Renters cannot bring a boat in through Pond View launch
 - **Official Loon Counter:** Trustees approved Julie as the new official loon counter. She is taking over from Robin Nureck.
 - **New SPWA President:** Lourdes Engel is interested in becoming the new SPWA president.