

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2010

Present for the meeting:
Nancy Stetson, President
Terri Bingham, Vice President
John Doyle, Director
Frank King, Director
Marie Rossachacj, Secretary

Absent:
J.P. Paquette, Treasurer
Dick Denise, Director

Nancy: Welcome everybody, and welcome Marie, our new secretary, and John, our new director. We are very pleased to welcome you both aboard.

OK, discussion of meeting minutes is going to be very brief, we are starting a new thing; actually we have a secretary who is willing to decode our recorded minutes. I still have our recordings from our last three meetings. So when you have time you can type up those too. This will be wonderful. Do you have anything to report to the membership?

Marie: Unfortunately, no. Betty and I have not had time to communicate.

Nancy: I did have a brief time to look at the list of members that Betty gave you, the list of people who did renew and who did not renew their memberships. The first thing we should do is contact the people who did not renew.

Marie: By mail?

Nancy: Verbally would probably be best and if they say yes we will put together an email, and attach the application form but I think verbally would be a phone call and would be best. How do you feel about calling those folks?

Marie: I could do that.

Nancy: I think there are about a dozen. That [recruiting members] is the primary part of your job, because we need to get their money so we can pay for our pond protection programs.

Nancy: J.P. has given us a report to look at in his absence. He is vacationing on Hampton Beach. This is a profit and loss report, he did not print out a balance sheet. We have about \$8000 available to us. I don't have any specifics to say about this report; the only outstanding bill is for the water sampling report.

Marie: Recently I gave him the insurance bill.

Terri: That would be for the directors and officers' [D&O] insurance?

Nancy: Yes.

Terri: And he [JP] will have to cancel the New Hampshire Lakes check and send another one. They said they did not receive it and we have no record of the cancelled check. They have no record that they ever

received it. When he gets back I will ask him to send another check and we will need expanded lake coverage.

John: Does the town of New London still provide the milfoil \$3000 grant?

Nancy: Yes.

John: I presume this is for the Lake Host Program. Does the town have a problem with the expense being \$2800?

Terri: I am not finished yet. I don't give them [NH Lakes] the whole amount of money we get from the town. New Hampshire Lakes is the one who pays the lake hosts, they are New Hampshire Lakes employees. I send the money from the town and parcel it out; I do not send the whole amount at one time. I do that for one reason - if it is really rainy and we do not use it all New Hampshire Lakes takes out a fee for having held the money, they don't give you the whole thing back. So, instead, it is better to parcel it out. If we do not use it all we must file a request to get the money back and they withhold a fee, so it is better to parcel it out to avoid the filing and the fee. So that way we could give it back to the town if we did not use it all and would not have to pay the fee.

Discussion regarding use of the town funds from previous years: The town permitted us to carry over funds to the next year if not used. Currently we have used the town's grant in the current year. Little Sunapee has turned money back to the town and recommended parceling out the money.

Nancy: Any other questions on the P&L?

The next item I wish to discuss is the IRS form 990N. This is a federal form that Janie Webster emailed me about. This form is apparently about a law passed in 1996 that all nonprofits except churches and church related groups must now file annual returns. We were under the impression that it was every five years which is what it used to be. JP was unaware of this [change] too. Fortunately there is an IRS website that you can look up the names of organizations which are in danger of losing their IRS tax exemption status. So, we are all set now. [Form 990N was filed online for 2009 and MPPA has retained its tax exemption status.]

Discussion about Little Lake Sunapee and that we should notify them of the change in tax law so they can file form 990 N if necessary.

Nancy: Expense Reports - I want to explain that we do reimburse for expenses, such as the hot dogs that you supplied [John] for July 4th. You can be reimbursed for those.

John: In theory, yes.

Nancy: If you so choose, and thank you, but expense reports are welcome. Anything above and beyond that you spend for events or meetings or whatever. We are very happy to reimburse.

OK. Shall we dive into 501(c)(3) status?

Terri: Sure. At our meeting we all passed the [amended] Bylaws and Articles of Agreement. We tried to submit our amendment to the Secretary of State [NH] because it was [essentially] a wholesale change we just attached our new ones [Articles of Agreement] and they found that not to be acceptable. They wanted it

done in a different format, so Nancy very kindly did it in a format that made them happy little campers and Marie has signed them all so we will get that [NH NP-3 application] back to them.

Nancy: What they wanted was for us to list each and every amendment that had been changed and then list the text, so essentially it says the same thing but it is not in the full document format. There was one, the very first article, which was the only one that didn't change. I called them up today to make sure that what we did was ok because we did delete the last 5 articles.

Terri: The only reason they are deleted is that they are now in the Bylaws and not in the Articles of Agreement. They are about a quorum and things like that that are more appropriate in the Bylaws anyway. But that will get sent in and that's what Nancy had here. The way it will come back is this will come back and this will have a little teeny stamp right here. Originally I thought the next step would be for us to go to the Attorney General's office but I talked to them and they said actually no that we didn't have to file [NHCT-1 application] with them. But in speaking with them further I told her what was going on and she said, "In your circumstances you are going to be filing for the 501(c)(3) so I would go ahead and file with us." But I was trying to find an amendment form and they didn't have an amendment form they only had one form. And they have never had an amendment form and you (meaning MPPA) have never filed with the Attorney General's Office. But she didn't think we had to since we are merely a membership organization and once you start getting money from the outside that is when you need to be filing [the NHCT-1 application].

Nancy: That's our intention.

Terri: Right, exactly. So she said "You know, you might want to go ahead and just do it anyway." It takes four to six weeks after you file it and that part is done. We already have an EIN number and I think we can keep that same one, so we are ok there. The next step will be after that and we can get going on it now and I would suggest what we do is get materials together for the actual 501(c)(3) application which is what we need for the federal government. One thing we are able to do a little bit is because I am doing the same thing with the Food Pantry, and the same lawyer is doing that one on a pro bono basis and so I am sort of able to get some of the information. They [Food Pantry] are a little bit ahead of us so I have the questionnaire and I have been through the application and how we have to do things and the main thing is the narrative of what the association has done in the past and what we are currently doing and our plans for the future, things like you can include a copy of the website, any brochures and that kind of stuff. Financial stuff which is going to be JP - where he is going to have to do some past P&Ls and Balance Sheets and then three years forward projections. And then what I will need from each of the board members, and it is very simple, is just: name, physical address, phone number and then a brief background thing and just say retired school teacher, property owner on Messer Pond. That's it. It doesn't have to be anything long, it is not a resume. We say no one is compensated for duties, customary for a nonprofit. So that will be pretty easy. So if all of the board members could just email me that then I could include that in the bio. JP - we'll have to talk to him about the P&Ls and that kind of stuff, the financial part and then I figure that I can take my crack at the narrative history and then pass it around. When Marie told me about the elementary school I didn't even know that and that is exactly the type of thing you want.

Nancy: Winter activities on the pond.

Marie: On the school's website they have a picture of the ice fishing on Messer Pond.

Terri: That's the type of thing that helps. Things that they didn't have in the last application. Maybe the school wasn't doing that then but maybe it was.

Discussion about winter activities on Messer Pond by NL elementary school.

Terri: We have to wait for the Attorney General [filing of NHCT-1] because you have to attach a copy of your registration with the Secretary of State with your application to the Attorney General. So when that comes back then we can do that one - whip it on out to the Attorney General. In the meantime I would like to get this stuff ready, I had sent Michael an email and he hasn't answered me yet. Based on our meeting, I had said to him that we were going to employ him but that we wanted to keep the costs down as much as possible. We needed a little bit of his guidance and we were prepared to do as much as possible so that he is only reviewing and not having to do very little himself except for checking the boxes. Because there are apparently a lot of goofy things in the boxes. I looked at some of the questions and I can understand why there is a bit of a landmine. There is a little bit of ambiguity, they have a lot of stuff in there that is a little interesting. In any case I want to make sure that he and I are on the same wavelength in terms of keeping the costs down. Already we have \$850 we have to spend. It is going to cost us \$25 to file with the Attorney General as well. Those two are minimal but the \$850 we are going to have to pay is a chunk of change and I would like, if at all possible, to keep his fees down closer to the \$1000 mark if I can. Which may be tough but if we don't have to fight too much with the IRS, if he doesn't have to fight with the IRS in terms of talking, I think we can do it. If he has to argue with them because we flunked once, or if there are any questions at all then the fee will probably jump a bit. \$850 is the filing fee. I want to keep it down as much as I can. And we are going to have to talk about how that works. I have the questionnaire and I can use that for MPPA and we can try to work that out. Getting it in to the IRS this year is where we want to be.

Nancy: OK. We will get working on our bios.

John: What did you want on our bios?

Terri: Just your name, your physical and mailing address, your phone number and give me your email too. Everybody is a property owner on Messer Pond, a brief employment description, like I am a retired government employee. Little things like that.

Nancy: OK. I think we are making progress, one step forward a half step back. We'll get there.

Terri: The Attorney General application [NHCT-1] is not that hard. Mostly attachments.

Nancy: Once we do submit to the IRS how long does it take for them to answer. A couple of months?

Terri: Well I haven't gotten that far with the Food Pantry yet. I'm not sure. I think it took, when they finally got it straight with the IRS, for Pleasant Lake it was about two or three months. It took awhile; there was a lot of back and forth with the IRS.

Nancy: OK, great, thank you. It's nice having the Food Pantry connection. Thanks Terri. The next item is the letter to Colby Sawyer, and thanks everybody for your affirmative votes; everybody voted positive and agreed we should be doing this. In the past the association has not gotten involved with these types of issues. It's a safety issue.

Discussion of Colby Sawyer students and the letter and conditions that prompted the action.

Terri: I could tell you that going up and down County Road quite a bit that since school has stopped there has been considerably less bottles on the side of the road. During that time that there was so much trouble at that house every time you went up County Road there were those little wine bottles and beer bottles all over

the place. We were constantly picking them up on our way to the dump. I think that this is a good way; it is not direct with them. It is alerting the president of the college.

I mentioned that I am on the Citizen's Advisory Board [CAB] of the town and this came up at the last [CAB] meeting of some other issues, not on Forest Acres, but people had mentioned that there had been other places where there had been college students and the issues that had come up and then I mentioned the one on Forest Acres. We have a meeting in September and there had been talk of having the president come and speak at that but I haven't heard yet who the speaker will be. There are a couple of other people who have had these issues too. Of course, they had that big issue right next to the police station. The college either owned the house or was renting it for dormitory space. What they did report was that none of the parents objected to the kids being in the pokey and the kids spent the whole night in the jail.

Discussion regarding jailing of the students.

Terri: In any case I think it has accelerated to the point even around town. I think the president of the college does need to know. He isn't going to take action if he doesn't know what is going on except for the thing that happened right next to the police station.

Nancy: He might have thought that it was an isolated incident.

Terri: I don't see this as that big of a departure from what our policy had been because we are not going and talking to the kids necessarily as an association.

Nancy: Right, and John, thank you for your input and that has been incorporated in the letter, and as I said in the first letter a similar letter is going to the New London Police Department and the homeowners. Those [letters] are just about ready to go. I will send those off tomorrow or Saturday.

Terri: They are all going out at the same time?

Nancy: Yes.

John: I wouldn't cut that president too much slack though. He has got kids on campus and I've got to believe there are instances where the security guards or campus police are called to the dorms and he knows about that and kids live off-campus and he knows about that. He's got to be able to put two and two together.

Terri: I am not sure that anybody brought it to his attention - how objectionable it has gotten to be and people are not saying anything.

John: A reasonable person would say that if it is happening on campus then it is happening in town.

Nancy: It would have been nice if he were proactive on this so this never would have happened in the first place.

Discussion about speeding boats on Messer Pond:

John: Do we have anything about the boats and everything? I haven't seen that, is it as bad as you made it out to be in the note?

Nancy: Oh yeah!

Terri: Gordon thought he heard them one more time.

Nancy: Actually when I was lake hosting on Sunday they went out for one up and back as fast as they could.

Terri: That's what Gordon heard.

Nancy: Bruce was there too. They were out by his dock. They did one race up and one race back and pulled in. They do it that fast so if anyone calls marine patrol they are back in.

That incident that happened at 6 o'clock in the morning where the kids had been drinking all night apparently and then they decided they wanted to go to the island and play there. They raced over with their boat, throwing beer cans left and right and decided they would climb the trees like monkeys and leave a tee shirt at the top. Well, Derek was actually the one who told me about it. I had called him about something else and he asked me if we had heard and we hadn't. So I contacted the police department, and I asked Derek if it was ok that I gave his name because he was the eyewitness. The police contacted Derek and he gave a full account and apparently a fairly new policeman went down to the Waylonis household, confronted the kids and the kids said 'it wasn't us'. And the policeman believed them and went back to Derek. Derek said 'do you want to see my photographs?' and boy, was the cop pissed and we don't know exactly what he said to them but the tee shirt is gone now. He wasn't going to make them climb the tree because they might get hurt but he didn't like being lied to; he took great offense to that so...

Discussion about the boys and the events.

Nancy: The message is: if you see something going on don't call MPPA. If it is on the water call the marine patrol, if it is on the island call the New London Police Department.

Marie: Is the marine patrol number on our website?

Nancy: Yes it is.

It's time for us to look into scheduling next year's annual meeting. So this year we had it on the 17th [of July]. We were going to have it a week later on the 25th but the Historical Society asked us to pick another date because they had a conflict. So how do we feel about having it 2 weeks after July 4th, the following week, or July 30th at the end of the month?

Discussion regarding choice of dates.

Nancy: So July 30th would be a strong first choice. Marie will you contact the Historical Society to see if that date is available?

Terri: I think if we announce the date now it gives people a chance to change plans or make their plans.

John: Do we publish a schedule for the year?

Nancy: Yes we do. And we put it on the website.

John: I was going to say you could email the calendar of events for the coming year.

Nancy: Should we move on to weed management and lake hosting?

Marie: Before we do, if the historical society says the 30th is unavailable what dates do want to ask for 23rd or 16th?

Nancy: It does get dicey as you get later in the month because of weddings.

Terri: Lake Hosting is down considerably. In terms of boat inspections we are at 174 inspections and 117 boats so far. Last year by the end of the year we were at 150 boats and 277 inspections. Part of that could have been some of the weather; people were not coming out when it was ghastly hot. I'm not sure but we'll see. We have about three more weeks to go in the season and the paid lake host season. We'll have enough to get us through the Labor Day for paying of the Lake Hosts. Depending how the weather is we can consider if we want to continue the hosting with volunteers to get the numbers up because we are allowed to continue beyond Labor Day as long as we tell them [NH Lakes].

The big news is that when I went to the big meeting at LSPA, the lake hosts have all discussed the issue of the signs. They're heavy and they're big, they have to be big. One of the lake hosts had what I thought was a marvelous idea. Why can't we just have two signs on a post? Town signs that say: 'Boat Ramp Ahead' or 'Caution Boat Ramp Ahead' that are up permanently. And if they had a little burr about it we could take the sign part down in the winter. Whether or not there is a lake host there, there should be something that says there is a boat ramp ahead because there could be somebody putting a boat in. It is very difficult - you have to be perpendicular to the road and the road is narrow.

Nancy: We are usually there 5 or 10 minutes trying to get the boat in.

Terri: There are a lot of people that it takes awhile to get the boat in.

Discussion about the boat ramp and signs and safety.

Terri: On weed watching we are coming towards the end of the season. John, I hope you got my email. I sent you an email about the star shaped plant at the bottom of the weed watch report and I will send out a reminder for everybody to send out their reports. We'll be doing [weed watching] through September. I think things are looking pretty much ok. The water has been extremely low but it has been clear.

Nancy: Water quality monitoring?

John: Well, I took the last report that you sent over. I was graphing. The phosphorus, whether it was good or bad? I didn't see anything on the website; it wasn't obvious what was good or bad. I'm assuming there is, I guess if she didn't say anything we are not in danger of anything. The number reported was less than 10.

Terri: Brown [Brook] and Nutter [Brook] went off the chart.

John: The thing I don't understand here is why Nutter and Brown are so different.

Nancy: From all the others?

John: Between each other, first of all. Because they are basically parallel from 89, so why would they be so much different?

Nancy: It has to do with what is in the land between 89 and Forest Acres. And there is swamp back there.

John: Then the next question is why the difference between those two and County Road.? Because County Road goes into a swamp, where the beaver is - wouldn't that be the same?

Nancy: Not necessarily,

John: I have a call into Sara Steiner, but have not received a call back.

Nancy: She emails well.

John: OK, that is what I will do. I want to get her impression of the numbers and get some historical numbers for the tributaries. The other one I could pull out of the old report is Fieldstone and last year Fieldstone was in the 50's. And if it was 50 last year and is decent this year what has changed? So maybe there is some fluctuation in the way the samples are being taken and it was just a general summary report.

Discussion regarding scheduling sampling.

Terri: Did we do bracketed samples?

Nancy: No we didn't.

John: I have a question about why the samples are what they are. In one case you are doing both ends of County, and on the other side you are doing the inlets of the Nutter and Brown [Brooks] but you are doing the top end of Fieldstone. I don't quite get it why these samples are being taking where they are.

Nancy: That was part of the tributary sampling that was added in. Fieldstone is a tributary sampling [site].

Discussion of the location of tributary water sampling results and phosphorous readings.

John: So I was going to ask and try to get some historical information. And to see if we can get enough information to see about the discrepancies around the middle of the 2000's to determine the turbidity and the phosphorus measurements [which] seem to have changed. I want to get some of the old data there.

Nancy: OK and that was when it changed from David Webster to John Harris, so it could be sampling method.

Terri: They [DES] wanted to come and test the deep spot in July or June.

Nancy: They did do that.

Terri: Did it come out better?

John: That is these numbers here.

Nancy: That's the epilimnion and hypolimnion.

John: That's these here. Epilimnion is the upper measurement and hypolimnion is the lower.

Terri: So we're good?

Nancy: I don't know how that compares to...

Terri: We were kind of bad before but this is phosphorus. Wasn't there a concern on oxygen?

Nancy: Yes.

John: All that came back on that report was phosphorous measurement.

Nancy: She [the DES biologist] did do oxygen measurements didn't she? That's why they wanted us to do it in June to see if we were as depleted in June as in July.

John: I could ask her [Sara] that.

Nancy: There seem to be some missing results.

Discussion of the measurements and results at the deep spot.

John: The time I spent with you that day I did not see him [John Harris] do any scope measurements.

Nancy: You can either do that [water clarity] with your scope or you could do it both ways [with scope and without].

John: I didn't see that.

Terri: You think he would have done that.

Nancy: I don't know if we just didn't see that or he didn't do it.

John: You [Nancy] and I were keeping our distance in the kayaks.

Discussion about the tests that were performed normally.

Nancy: Ask [Sara] all about that. Maybe they saved the data for the final report. It would be nice to have all of the data right now.

Terri: Frank, did we ever get anything about testing the pond for mercury?

Frank: I don't think we ever got anything on that.

Discussion about possible mercury or other contamination in the pond.

John: I think generally it is accepted from the two tributaries that the numbers are well within what you want it to be.

Nancy: So you and John just did a sampling?

John: He did it on Monday.

Nancy: He did it on Monday and you were not able then to do it because of work.

John: When I talked to him he was going out rain or shine on Monday evening.

Nancy: Is he planning on doing a sampling in September?

John: I believe so.

Nancy: Good, because they [DES] really want us to do three a year. I hope you and John are able to get together as planned. Thank you and anything you can get out of DES is great...go for it. Ask them for all the information you want.

OK, watershed management - Dick Denise is in San Francisco right now. Dick has agreed to be the one to manage the [Lake] Conservation Corps project. We are starting to get emails from NH Lakes wondering, let's get going on this, are there any homes that are interested in being involved and so Dick is going to take that over. We have not had any homeowners come forward and say yes please work on my shoreline.

Discussion regarding the scope of NH Lakes project.

Nancy: OK, fall cleanup date - Dick has asked if we have a preference for Saturday October 2nd or October 9th?

Terri: Yes, October 2nd because October 9th is the Health and Safety Awareness Fair and I would not be there. The 9th is also the beginning of the Warner Fall Festival.

Nancy: OK. Dick also asked if we should send out the solicitation letter this fall or this spring? I think we should wait until this spring - we might have a favorable answer from the IRS and also in the fall people start to tend to forget about lake things, in the spring we are gearing up again to get ready for the season.

Terri: I vote for spring because if we have the 501(c)(3) it helps to say it is tax deductible.

Nancy: I vote for spring as well.

All right. Moving on to Fish, Wildlife and Water Safety. Frank, let me say that you are absolutely correct about the tiger trout. Tiger trout can't propagate, they are a hybrid. So we will stay with the rainbow trout.

Discussion regarding stocking rainbow trout and other species to stock.

Nancy: I haven't heard anybody seeing any dead rainbow trout. Have you seen any floaters? We are hoping they are still there and surviving ok. I haven't heard of anyone catching any so we are hoping they are ok.

Frank: I think the loon have because they stay right over the deep spot.

Discussion regarding the loon and its fishing habits, and other predators of trout in the pond, size of rainbow trout and survival probability.

Discussion of loons and plumage, tracking and reporting to LPC [Loon Preservation Committee], floating nest usage.

Frank: I was wondering if we could build a wood duck nesting box on the island?

Nancy: Is that somewhere a wood duck might nest?

Frank: Sure, there's no predators there.

Nancy: OK.

Discussion regarding wood duck nest box predation...

Nancy: When the boat speeding was going on one of our members wrote asking if it is time to institute a speed limit on the pond. I said this is very complicated and difficult to do but we'll research what it takes. This is what Frank has been doing.

Frank: Just getting it done there are a lot of steps involved, hearings and 25 signatures, all kinds of stuff. What do you want: 6 mph limit, 10 mph, 15 mph? It's up in the air and how do you know if a guy is going 10mph. The woman I spoke to was very good and she said the best way is if you go with, rather than a mph limit, is to go with a no wake speed. It's easy to recognize there is no wake. Sometimes they have time limits; there is only a restriction for a certain time of day. This is a few of the ones [lakes] that already have restrictions and it's interesting to read some of their restrictions.

Discussion of local lakes and restrictions. How to proceed with setting up restrictions on Messer Pond.

Frank: You have to have a reason. It could be loons, noise, waves....

Nancy: I was telling Frank that several years ago a questionnaire went around the pond about this very same issue. I was told that the response was negative - that people don't want it, but that would be something that we could do again. Send a questionnaire out and see how people feel about speed limit.

Marie: Restricted hours - a lot of ponds have restricted hours so that people who want to ski or go out in their power boat have like 4 hours that it is acceptable.

Nancy: That would make sense, then the swimmers would know when to look out for the power boats.

Terri: Although we're not a really good place for a speed boat.

Marie: But there are those who do...

Terri: It's not very good because of the wake zone and the big rocks, it's pretty boring.

Nancy: You can do a circle.

Discussion of rules, options on the pond, enforcement of rules.

Nancy: The rope on the island - Bruce and I are going to take it down.

The issue about the dying trees on the island - at least one is half to three quarters dead, we would like to get it out of there before it falls down and rips up the island, because if it falls the roots are really going to tear up the island. This is something we have to clear with the town and I talked about getting clearance with the Conservation Commission and asking them about that. But then the island was one of the possible properties that the Conservation Corps might work with so I wanted to wait until they said yes or no to that before we did anything - before we approach the town. Frank, do you have anything else you want to mention?

Frank: I have another thing to mention, how do you feel about getting wood duck decoys?

Nancy: Yeah, why not?

Discussion about why and what they would accomplish.

Frank: The cost is \$16 for 6.

Nancy: I motion that we purchase one lot of wood duck decoys for \$16 plus shipping.

Marie: I second.

Nancy: All in favor?

Voice vote ayes, by all present.

Nancy: Motion carries, go for it Frank.

Frank: Did you know there is a state nursery?

Nancy: Yes.

Frank: If we could get some plants for that island, it would make it more desirable.

Nancy: Yes, that's a good idea and maybe if the Conservation Corps says yes that is something we could do. We could help with the island, help them preserve it. It used to be just chock full of blueberry bushes. Anything else Frank?

Frank: That is it.

Nancy: Thank you, that was great.

All right, Education and Activities - we have the Regatta coming up Sunday, September 5th. Derek Hunt is organizing that event.

Discussion about the Regatta.

Discussion about gathering photos of Les Brown.

Nancy: Moving along to the GIS and Assessing presentation by our tri-town assessor Norm Bernaiche - it will be on Sept. 15th in the evening. This is something that Dick Denise had suggested, Norm would be a good speaker - we were actually hoping to get him for the annual meeting but it didn't work out, but in any event he is going to do this educational event for the whole town. We are going to run a small ad in the shopper and get listed in the community calendar in the newspaper. It's going to be at the town offices upstairs in the Sydney L. Crook Room.

Discussion regarding the speaker and GIS.

Nancy: More advertising and more emails will go out on that so hopefully we'll get a good group there. The next event after that will be planning for our fall luncheon; I am thinking it would be nice to get someone from the membership to head up that activity.

Discussion regarding whom to approach to head up the luncheon.

Nancy: The next question is the date. We usually do it sometime in October. I think we had settled on Fridays - someone who does not live on the pond full time then they could make a long weekend out of it. If people are having company coming for the Columbus Day weekend, the 11th is Columbus Day. So maybe the 15th or the 22nd - one of those two might be a little bit better, and the people who leave [for winter] are still here.

Nancy: OK, then assuming that Rody does say yes then [she and Alison] can ask the restaurant to work on either of those dates to see which work out.

OK, the next event after that will be the holiday wine and cheese gathering. First thing is we need somebody to kindly volunteer their house for it. So I will have to send out some emails about that to see if we can get somebody to come forward or not, if we can think of somebody to ask. The other question is the date which is tied into who does it. We usually let the person who is doing it choose. Either of the two dates - the first Saturday or the second Saturday in December.

Terri: I think the fourth [12/4] is a better date.

Nancy: I do too because you are getting too close to Christmas, that [12/11] is only two weeks before Christmas. So I will wait until September to start sending out emails, after we have the Regatta behind us.

Nancy: OK, that is it for activities. The 2011 Messer Ponderings calendar - Terri and I are getting together this weekend to select pictures for that. And then we need to decide how many to order.

Discussions regarding how many calendars have been ordered previously. How many to order now and how to improve sales at the yearly meeting.

Nancy: Something we should do is to take a vote on the expenditure for that. It typically costs \$10 per calendar and we sell them for \$15. Let me not make a motion now and as soon as we are close to ordering it and I find out what the deals are.

Terri: One thing we thought about doing is once we did this we would put it on the website. So that people could kind of see it before they had to commit. And if they could see it, it might enhance sales.

Discussion about how to show on the website, the timing of the showing of the calendars sale, to beat the commercial sales.

Nancy: OK, next is the meeting schedule. First off is Thursday evenings ok for everyone? So, these are the dates that we have scheduled for this season's board meetings. This is August and we are skipping though September and October and meeting in November and I think that should be fine, we tend to not have meetings in December because it is so busy and we take January off as well because there is not much going on at that point. We can always communicate via phone or email.

Terri: One thing I can say is they are talking about making the Clark Pond Trail into a ski trail and I was wondering if that could be a fun winter event.

Nancy: It definitely could be.

Terri: It would be something we could do and have like hot chocolate at the end.

Nancy: That's a good idea.

John: Chili.

Nancy: Do you make a mean chili?

Discussion regarding ski trail and food at the end.

Nancy: We can talk about that in November and we could do it in January or February. Does anybody have anything else they wish to discuss?

John: I remember getting a letter. Have all properties around the pond been labeled a flood zone?

Discussion regarding flood zone, banks, flood insurance and costs of insurance.

Nancy: If there is no further business I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

Marie: Second.

Nancy: All in favor?

All Ayes.

Nancy: OK, thank you very much.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Rossachacj
Secretary