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**MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, July 28, 2012**  
**4:00 – 5:30 PM**

- 2012 Ballot. After the President opened the meeting and greeted the membership, the Nominating Committee was thanked for their efforts to recruit a new slate of officers. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented. The following officers were then unanimously elected to serve a one-year term for the 2012-2013 season, effective July 28, 2012:

President:	Nancy Stetson
Vice-President:	Terri Bingham
Secretary:	Alison Hennig
Treasurer:	Dick Denise
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- Boating Laws. Nancy reminded the membership to observe safe boating laws, including appropriate speed limits, as documented in the Boating Guide of New Hampshire which can be accessed from our website. She noted that it is appropriate to report unsafe boating practices to the State Police Marine Patrol.
- Individual reports by outgoing board members were presented in a PowerPoint presentation available on the MPPA website at <http://www.messerpond.org>. Following is a brief summary of the reports.
  - a) Vice President: Terri discussed the success of the lake hosting and weed watching programs. These protective programs have kept Messer Pond free of exotics. She showed a video from NH DES entitled “New Hampshire Lakes Under Attack!”, an informative and educational film

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about invasive milfoil. She shared statistics regarding the volunteer and paid lake hosts and boat inspections, and talked about the new campaign to eliminate lead tackle from the lake. Volunteers were all thanked for their efforts. We continually need volunteers, so please consider signing up for these important programs. Terri also mentioned potential new problems of increased pond growth and the appearance of Japanese Knotweed.

- b) Secretary: Alison reported that as of today we have 91 members with renewals still coming in. We welcome our newest members Audrey Chijner, Lynn Webster family, and Quillen family. Minutes of meetings are always posted on the MPPA website, and we now have a Messer Pond Facebook page.
- c) Treasurer: Outgoing treasurer J.P. reported that we currently have assets of \$11,644 in the bank from donations and member dues.
- d) Education & Activities: Barbara reported that we are hosting an educational program at the Tracy Library on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. featuring Sherry Godlewski of NH DES, “A Changing Climate and the Future of Lake Management”. On Labor Day, Sept. 2, we will have the annual Regatta with the theme “Cartoons”. Also in the works are the annual Fall Luncheon and the Holiday Wine & Cheese Gathering.
- e) Water Quality: John shared that at the VLAP meeting this year MPPA was presented with the 2012 Secchi Disk Award. He went over water quality issues and water quality sampling performed this year measuring pH, phosphorous, chlorophyll and clarity. We have seen a recent spike in the lake phosphorous level which requires ongoing monitoring.
- f) Watershed Management: Dick reported on the spring clean-up, and the recent completion of several stormwater management projects sponsored by the NH Lakes Conservation Corps.
- g) Fish, Wildlife & Safety: Nancy presented Frank’s report on his behalf. There are now four wood duck boxes around the lake, and duck decoys were placed in the pond this spring. Nesting activity was noted, and there was also an increase in the number of Canada Geese.

After the formal reports, further discussion was held regarding wildlife issues. Marie Rossachacj prepared a story board regarding the migratory habits of Canada Geese, and said the best approach to reduce the number of geese is to discourage them in early spring. In order to addle the eggs, it is necessary to obtain a state permit and take a class. Several members complained about the mess and nuisance of the geese. After discussion, it was decided that nothing could be done this summer, but we will continue to monitor numbers of geese and attempt to disrupt their nesting in the spring. Bill Shucart offered to liaise with the state and assist with geese discouragement.

Board members and volunteers were all thanked for a successful year, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30, followed by a potluck dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hennig  
Secretary, Messer Pond Protective Association

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