

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 10, 2012

Present for the meeting:

Nancy Stetson, President
Terri Bingham, Vice President
J.P. Paquette, Treasurer
Dick Denise, Director
Rody Denise, Director
John Doyle, Director
Frank King, Director
Barbara Troxell, Director

Absent:

Alison Hennig, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Bullet style minutes are presented below.

- Minutes from the February 21, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.
- Business Items
 - 7/28 Annual Meeting at First Baptist Church Update - Terri and Nancy to visit to review venue layout and setup for our meeting. During the business meeting children may use the Library area off of Cleveland Hall.
 - Speaker – It was decided to eliminate the guest speaker from the Annual Meeting agenda and to focus more on the business reports presented by the board members. An educational speaker would be selected for a separate educational event instead. The Annual Meeting agenda would then start at 3:30pm with registration, followed by the business meeting at 4:00pm for as long as required, and finally followed by the picnic.
- Membership
 - Website PayPal Button – The MPPA PayPal Membership Page is near completion. It was decided to add a Fixed Donations option to the “Add to Cart” page and maintain the other open donations page. It must be plainly understood that a PayPal account is not required in order to use PayPal.
 - 2012 Membership Letter – Nancy will compose and it should be distributed via email and mail to those without email by May 1. Dick will compose a membership solicitation letter to be distributed to our greater watershed residents between May 1 and July 28.
 - Newsletter - Nancy will try an e-news letter format instead of a hardcopy published format in order to reduce the time required to edit and publish.
- Finances
 - Current Balance - JP reported a current bank balance of \$8,324.98 which includes a \$1,085.66 lake host account carryover.
 - New London Book Keeping - JP and Dick met with Donna Miller of New London Book Keeping on 2/24. She made several very good suggestions for simplification of our chart of accounts

within QuickBooks. The changes will be implemented and then JP and Dick will meet with Donna once more for her to review the changes. A motion was made and unanimously approved to authorize Dick to purchase QuickBooks 2012 Premier on behalf of MPPA.

- First Tax Filing May 15
 - NH DOJ Form NHCT-2A : JP and Nancy to do filing.
 - IRS Form 990-N: Nancy to file online
- Treasurer's Request – Prior to retiring this year, JP would like a written statement from the board that the books are in good order and JP is hence free and clear of retribution.
- Weed Management
 - Lake Hosting – Terri has submitted the 2013 Town application for a grant and it has been approved by the Budget Committee and Selectmen. MPPA received a \$1300 payroll grant from NH Lakes.
 - Volunteer Recruitment Campaign for Lake Hosting & Weed Watching – Several enticements were discussed including a raffle, 10% membership discount, tee-shirt or note cards. Terri will draft up a Volunteer Recruitment notice and run it by the board before distributing to the membership. Prior to the annual meeting, the campaign's success will be judged and then presented at the meeting accordingly. Terri will offer training sessions for Lake Hosting and Weed Watching.
- Water Quality
 - Update on New VLAP Reporting Format – John has been in touch with Sara Steiner of DES and she is waiting on some GIS data before releasing the new reporting format.
 - Annual VLAP Workshop 6/2 – John and Nancy to attend. John will ask Sara about availability for bathymetric charting equipment.
 - Jody Connor Memorial Fund – DES has requested donations. Terri will distribute an email to the board with more information and requesting approval to make a donation.
- Watershed Management
 - Lake Conservation Corps Project Update – Dick to schedule site inspection with NH Lakes and the Boy Scouts
 - Spring Cleanup 5/5, 5/12 rain date – JP offered to deliver and drop off the resulting debris at the Town Garage. Dick, Terri and Nancy to do culvert review.
- Fish/Wildlife & Water Safety
 - Wood Duck Boxes & Decoys – Frank has cleaned and prepared 3 Wood Duck Boxes: 1 in the inlet; 1 in Little Cove; and 1 near the outlet in front of the Kaufmans. Frank is constructing a 4th box and deciding where to place it. The Wood Duck Decoys are in place near the mouth of the inlet but 2 of them have disappeared. Will email membership to watch for them.
 - Bat Houses – Frank asked if there was any interest in hanging some bat houses.
 - Beavers – Frank discovered a new beaver lodge on Clark Pond and very apparent beaver damage at the boat launch.
 - Fish – Frank caught perch, pickerel and bass while ice-fishing this past winter. Nancy will front the money for stocking of 200 trout and coordinate with Hy-on-a-Hill Trout Farm.
 - Loon Legislation – The NH Senate passed SB224 which increases the restrictions on lead tackle. However, NH Fish & Game Commissioners opposed the bill 5:3. The bill goes to the House next.

- Water Safety – There was lengthy discussion on whether or not to survey the membership about possible restrictions on the pond. The topic was tabled until the next meeting. A reminder about NH Boating Laws should be emailed to the membership.
- Education & Activities
 - Weed Cutting Workshop – Proper Weedinator use will be demonstrated at a workshop on the pond. Date and place to be determined.
 - Educational Event: Turtle Talk with David Carroll – Nancy has emailed but not received a response.
 - July 4th Barbecue – Barbara and Rody will organize
- Board of Directors 2012-2013
 - Return Status of Current Board – JP and Frank are retiring at the Annual Meeting
 - Nominating Committee – Nancy will ask the Hunts and Cavallaros to form a committee to recruit new board members. The board must have 5 to 12 members and a minimum of 5 unrelated board members is required per our Bylaws.
- Fundraising
 - Note cards - Morgan Hill Book Store has offered to sell our note cards in the summer. Nancy to coordinate.
 - 2013 Calendars – to be discussed at next meeting
- Facebook
 - Alison has been doing a terrific job with the Messer Pond Facebook page
 - NH Lakes has offered to highlight a pond/lake each month on their Facebook page. Nancy will ask Alison if she can coordinate with NH Lakes.
- Upcoming Events

NH Lakes Congress: 6/22 in Meredith. All are encouraged to attend. Lakes Congress is always educational and a great opportunity to network with our NH Lakes, DES and LPC contacts.
- Meeting Schedule

Remaining meetings this year include the 7/28/12 Annual Meeting. The new board meeting schedule will be determined after the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stetson
President