

**MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2011**

Present for the meeting:

Nancy Stetson, President  
Terri Bingham, Vice President  
J.P. Paquette, Treasurer  
Dick Denise, Director  
John Doyle, Director

Absent:

Marie Rossachacj, Secretary  
Frank King, Director

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. It was recognized that a quorum was present. Bullet style minutes are presented below.

- The minutes from the 04/14/11 meeting were approved.
- 2011 Membership Solicitation letter was mailed out early May to everyone on and near Messer Pond. Current membership count: 54
- Ability to Pay/Donate Online via PayPal – Security was researched. PayPal’s pay button is encrypted. New London Historical Society’s usage of PayPal to be queried. Other PayPal specifics to be researched.
- Financial Report – Checking Balance \$10,133. JP to send \$2,000 check to NH Lakes.
- Discussed seeking an accountant/bookkeeper who is familiar with 501(c)(3) organizations and QuickBooks. Terri to ask our lawyer, Michael Wood, for recommendations, and also Dick to ask Tom Stark, Fells Treasurer.
- Lake Hosting started Memorial Day weekend. Terri to send out a solicitation reminder to volunteer lake hosts.
- Permanent Boat Launch Signs – Not up yet. Richard Lee to be asked for a status.
- Weed Watching has started. 7/16, 9am - On pond training with Amy Smagula
- VLAP Workshop – John, Nancy & Bruce Stetson attended. MPPA was presented a Volunteer Limnologist Award. John to enquire about bathymetry equipment. Chloride should be monitored at 2 locations.
- Annual Biologist visit – 6/22, 10am, Nancy to touch base with John Harris and Bruce Stetson
- State Budget Cuts – VLAP program will be reduced for at least the next 2 years. Biologist visits and reports will be every 2 years instead of every year.
- Messer Pond Spring Cleanup on 5/7 was a success.
- Conservation Corps Project – Dick to distribute project proposals to Hunts and Troxells. Dick to check with NH Lakes about status of Kearsarge High School involvement.
- Watershed Membership Solicitation Letter – Dick to compose letter and contact Norm Bernaiche about mailing list.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Septic Discount Program with Byron's Septic Service. Nancy to send out reminder email to membership.
- Loon Sightings – Nancy to send out reminder email about contacting Donna Doyle with loon sightings and all wildlife sightings.
- Loon Ambassadors – Derek and Debbie Hunt have volunteered to be Loon Ambassadors to the Loon Preservation Committee. Loon sightings to be reported to the Hunts as well as Donna Doyle.
- Annual Loon Census – 7/16, 9am, Nancy to email soliciting volunteers.
- Wood Duck Boxes and Decoys – Frank to research Wood Duck nesting season and whether or not the decoys should be moved periodically.
- Island Rope Swing – Still up; Stetsons to try to get it down or cut it.
- Brown Trout – 250+ are now residents of Messer Pond. Terri to remind lake hosts to ask fishermen about their catch.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Barbecue – Rick Aseltine and John Doyle will be the cooks. Nancy to send out notice and solicitation for help.
- Annual Meeting, 7/30 – JP will work registration desk with an assistant, possibly Marie Aseltine. Speaker will be Gary Spaulding of Wastewater Alternatives. Nancy to solicit youth supervisor(s) and someone to manage the picnic. The board provides the appetizers. As a 501(c)(3) organization, our annual meeting must be open to the public. Nancy to invite new town administrator, Kim Hallquist, and prepare and distribute meeting notice.
- Fundraising – JP, Terri and Nancy will work on new notecards and 2012 calendar.
- 2011/2012 Board – All are returning except Marie who is retiring as Secretary. Alison Hennig has volunteered to be our new Secretary. Activities Director position still vacant – Nancy to solicit membership. Nancy to ask Glenda Cavallaro to give Nominating Committee report at annual meeting.
- Upcoming Education/Training Event: NH Lakes Lake Congress – June 24<sup>th</sup>
- NH Lakes Request for Additional Support - John Wilson, NH Lakes board member, contacted Nancy about the possibility of MPPA donating additional monies. All lake associations have been contacted similarly. We discussed the value of NH Lakes' work on lake protective legislation and managing the Lake Host payroll. Terri and Nancy are attending the NH Lakes Lake Congress and will listen for any further details on this request and then contact the board via email with a recommendation.
- Next Meeting – September 8th

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Stetson  
President