

MESSER POND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Present for the meeting:

Nancy Stetson, President
John Doyle, Director
Barbara Troxell, Director
Dick Denise, Director
Alison Hennig, Secretary

Absent:

Rody Denise, Director
Terri Bingham, Vice President
J.P. Paquette, Treasurer
Frank King, Director

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with a quorum present. Bullet style minutes are presented below.

- Minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.
- Business Items. New London Historical Society now requires proof of liability insurance in order to rent their venue. Other lake associations (Pleasant, Little Sunapee) do not have liability insurance and think it is unnecessary. Historical Society would already have insurance, and many individuals carry personal liability insurance, so we do not understand this new policy. Nancy will call Jody Cooper at NLHS to see what we can do and if it can be worked out.
- Membership. Currently we have 129 members; an updated membership list will be distributed to all MPPA families. The PayPal feature on the MPPA website is in the works and should be ready to go live in a week or so.
- Treasurer. No report provided; J.P. will be asked to provide one. Dick Denise announced that he would like to take over as Treasurer once J.P. retires from this position next July. Board members are grateful, and the membership will be informed. He will begin using the new QuickBooks program to be implemented and structured for our organization by Donna Miller from New London Bookkeeping.
- Weed Management. No formal report. The season is over and there is nothing new to report. In February we will start a phone call campaign to recruit new lake hosts for summer 2012. To get creative, we will consider a cross-promotion (example: offering half price discount on MPPA merchandise to people who sign up for three lake hosting slots).

- **Water Quality.** John distributed a handout comparing water samples taken in June 2010 and June 2011. Phosphorous levels at various points around the pond are displayed (see Attachment). Our numbers are not bad, with only one measurement at the Brown inlet in the “excessive” range, but the point where streams come in to the pond are always high. There has been some noticeable water darkening from tannins in the wetlands since Hurricane Irene, but should dissipate with time. The pond has a typical flush rate of five times per year, so we may see a change by spring. In any event, the rates on the chart are representative of the usual state of Messer Pond. John wants to ask Sara Steiner of NHDES to do another set of bracketed sampling measurements at Brown inlet or Nutter inlet. Numbers will be posted in Nov-Dec in her database, and then we can pull them. We also need to ask John Harris if he is doing three yearly samples, and whether he wishes to continue being the water sampler. If not, John Doyle will do it.
- **Watershed Management.** Boy Scouts Troop 71 will be the labor force for our Conservation Corps projects at Troxells, Denises, Hunts and Stetsons. All can be done on the same day. Dick is working out exact dates they can do the work, and will coordinate with the property owners, and he will also handle the paperwork with NH Lakes. Fall cleanup was successfully completed in October with only a small board crew; this year it was easy with only a couple of areas needing attention. Note was made of new bluestone road material on Fieldstone provided by the town which is a great improvement.
- **Fish/Wildlife & Water Safety.** Frank submitted a report, which will be summarized here. Duck boxes will be replaced and relocated as needed, including a new mount at water’s edge at the north end near the inlet. The box near Bog Road (in Messer Pond) had been used over the summer by a hooded merganser, as evidenced by the egg shells left behind. Hooded mergansers arrive early in the spring, and wood ducks arrive late, giving the hooded mergansers first choice of duck boxes. Wood duck decoys will again be set out next spring after ice-out.
- **Activities.** The Fall Luncheon on Oct. 14th at Pleasant Lake Inn was a great success. For this year’s holiday gathering (Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30 pm), we will ask everyone to bring something, to reduce the burden on board members. Discussion was held regarding ideas for a winter activity. We are thinking of buying a block of tickets for a theater production at Northern Stage or Center for the Arts. A progressive dinner (“Tour de Tapas”?) is also being considered. But let’s keep in mind that our mission is a protective association, not a social club.
- **Education.** For an educational program we plan to hold a workshop on the proper way to harvest weeds. This will include a demonstration of the Weedinator. Pulling weeds out by the root is not allowed as it disrupts the ecosystem, so weed cutting usually needs to be done once a year. Maybe the workshop could include a log pulling party to remove the log deadheads.

- Fundraising. About two-thirds of the Messer Pond calendars were sold so far this year.
- Facebook. Messer Pond now has a Facebook page; administrators will be Alison and Nancy. Spread the word to your fellow Facebook users and ask them to add Messer Pond to keep up with news, pictures and events. This form of media does not replace the usual website or emails, but is just another way to stay connected with others who are friends of Messer Pond.
- Meeting Schedule. 2/21/12, 4/10/12, 6/12/12, 7/28/12 (Annual Meeting).

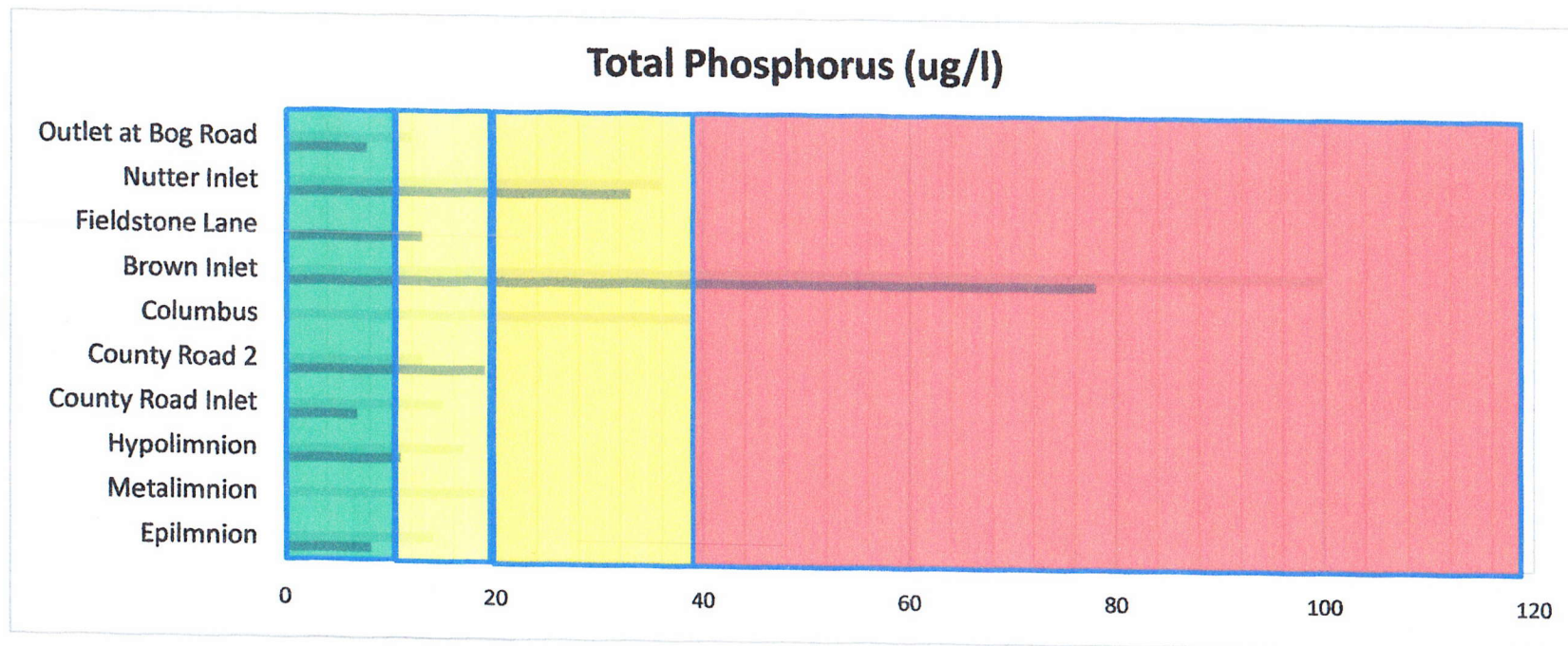
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hennig
Secretary

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Epilmnion	8.1	14
Metalimnion		19
Hypolimnion	11	17
County Road Inlet	6.8	15
County Road 2	19	13
Columbus		39
Brown Inlet	78	100
Fieldstone Lane	13	
Nutter Inlet	33	36
Outlet at Bog Road	7.7	12



Ideal Average more than desirable excessive