

## **Range Pond Association Annual Meeting - July 30, 2023**

- Welcome and Introduction
  - Introduction of board members and introduction of Scott Williams and Barry Kutzen.
  - Approximately 47 members in attendance
- Financial Report
  - As of 5/31
    - Membership dues are not covering expenses. We brought in about \$4900.00 and expenses are \$6800. We need to increase the awareness of what our dues support.
  - Net cash out flow of almost \$2,000.
  - Water testing is twice per year.
  - Watershed testing will be upwards of \$10,000.
- Water Report - Scott & Barry Kutzen
  - Barry Kutzen explained the process of how he's monitored the lake clarity - 5.2 there has been a slight improvement. In the past it has been 7 meters - right now we are in mediocre range.
  - Barry goes out every two weeks May through October.
  - If anyone is interested they can get certified they can reach out to Barry.
  - The Algal bloom range was in the 3 meter range.
  - Scott has been coming in July and August to monitor the ponds. Scott studies weather and watershed development.
  - Conditions look average or slightly below average. Water clarity is a bit down. Color of the water is impacted by stormwater runoff. Implications for high color level are that less of the sunlight is absorbed.
  - Power boat activity can impact shoreland.
  - Questions raised about the camp boat traffic. There is no legal way to stop the camp boats.
  - Headway speed within 200 feet of shoreline is the law.
- Watershed Survey
  - Emma Larusso's report is in the newsletter.
  - Purpose of the survey is to look at problematic areas - stormwater runoff. This information could lead to funding to help improve watershed areas.
  - We can hire Emma & Scott and involve the Maine DEP. Underneath the technical leadership we need volunteers to get some training, via zoom, to help do the survey.
  - This survey could take 1-2 days to identify runoff issues that could be addressed.
  - Last survey was in 2004.

- This past spring Thompson Lake completed their watershed survey and we can reach out to support.
- We would like to hit the target of doing this watershed survey in May of 2024. We would like to vote to authorize the funds to make this survey happen.
- Will the survey look at roads? Yes and we would hope to get funding to support road improvements.
- Can we get corporate funding? We can try to reach out to Poland Spring Bottling?
- Middle Range would be the priority of the survey. There is some interest in doing the survey at Upper Range.
- We will collect an email list to recruit volunteers.
- DEP - there is some funding - and Lake Stewards of Maine may have some grant funding to support the project. Scott has others that would possibly be willing to support funding.
- Ken Knight (Board Director) will help us to organize this effort.
- Data collected last summer shows that the phosphorus likely came from an external source.
- If we have resources to do both lakes we will, otherwise start with Middle.
- Could we add signs to go headway speed in the channel between upper and lower?
- Question: Can the town contribute to the survey? They do give us \$1,000. Can the town spend some funding or a donation toward the survey?
- Resident mentioned - Birch Drive has an effort to repair drains/culverts
- Raise awareness and donations toward the watershed survey.
- Trash and dirty diapers over by Schellinger and 26 and bottles. One member volunteers to clean up multiple trash bags throughout the summer. Thank you!
- There are Port-a-Potties at Upper Range Ramp.
- Inspectors for the ramps? - We do not have inspectors? Horsepower/Jet Ski? These are state issues for the great ponds.
- To limit parking at the boat ramp - there would need to be an ordinance. The parking lot is a state matter.
- There are no speed limits nor enforcement. Inland Fisheries has jurisdiction - it's a state matter.
- A Motion was made to authorize the the board to spend up to \$10,000. For the watershed survey. We have a unanimous vote from membership to approve the funds to complete the watershed survey.
- Election of Board Members

- Bill Williams resigns from the Board and is no longer president. We thank him for his dedicated service to the Range Ponds.
- Barry Morgan resigns his position from the board.
- Ann Gagne is unanimously voted in for another term.
- Matthew Andersen (Upper) , Matt Monaghan (Middle), Kimberly Grant (Middle), Barry Chandler (Middle), and Susan Salaman (Upper) are unanimously voted in as members of the board.
- Questions/Comments
  - Upper Range Boat Launch - the no parking signs were put into the lake. The town will need to pass an ordinance to repost the road.
  - Sign asking boaters to look for milfoil. Ann is working with the state regarding the signage at the public boat launch.
  - Questions regarding boat ramps and mooring ordinances - state issues.
- Board of Directors Meeting Immediately Following Public Meeting
  - Elect Officers - John Armamondo unanimously voted as President. John Armamondo is signer for Range Pond Association and Bill Williams is stepping down from his position and is no longer on the board.
  - Lina Lambert - unanimously voted in as VP
  - Ann Gagne - unanimously voted in as Treasurer
  - Shannon Dwyer - unanimously voted in as Secretary
- Watershed Survey
  - John will set up a meeting for early September. We'd like a small sub committee to get the Watershed Survey going. A big topic for discussion will be funding sources. (Town of Poland, Poland Spring, Unum, DEP?).
  - We have authority to spend up to 10,000 of our money and would be good to get some outside funding as well.
  - Subgroup: Linda L, John, Ken, Matt M. & Matt A, Richard N.
- New Board Members:

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