

Jenness Pond Shore Owners Association
Annual Meeting July 14, 2018

The annual meeting of the Jenness Pond Shore Owners Association (JPSOA) was held at the home of Michael Moore, 533 Jenness Pond Road, Northwood, NH. President Michael Moore called the meeting to order at 10:49 AM.

In his opening remarks, Michael announced that Dave Copeland would be the President of the JPSOA for a two year term starting at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year (July 2019).

New Members/Meeting Participants

Steve Steiner asked for any new members to the JPSOA or new attendees at the annual meeting to introduce themselves. Rich Lombara, Jeff Marsh and Karen Maynard, Dick Daniels and ?, Chris and Gary Burton and Sally Seltzer introduced themselves as new shore owners. Rick and Paula Sykes reported being shore owners for three years but attending the annual meeting for the first time. Michael welcomed the new members.

Minutes

Michael read last year's minutes in absence of Irene Kreider, the Recording Secretary. Pat Doyle moved to accept the minutes as read. Steve Steiner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read. Tom Chase made a motion to distribute this year's minutes by email in advance of next year's meeting and forego reading them at the meeting. Dave Copeland seconded the motion which was passed with a unanimous vote.

Board of Directors

Michael asked that the Directors and other board members stand and be acknowledged for their service. He then requested that all of the Directors provide their email addresses for a communication from him to all JPSOA members so that members can reach each director with questions or concerns.

Ice-Out Contest

Michael explained how ice-out is defined and that he called ice-out on April 12th. The winners of the ice-out contest were Dave Copeland, Donna Metcalf, Trisha Doyle, Don and Carmen Gagnon, Bill Cofill and Hank Sweisthal. Michael explained that the prizes would be announced and awarded when Hal and Irene Kreider return to the area and are available. Michael reminded everyone to participate in next year's contest. The cost is \$1 per guess, \$5 for six guesses and \$60 for all dates on the form.

Treasurer's Report

Mel Lincoln reported that as of June, 20, 2018, the end of the fiscal years, there was a balance of \$25,204.60 in the JPSOA account and a balance of \$10,377.88 in the Lake Host account. Dave Copeland made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Pat Doyle seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Water Sampling

Dave Copeland reported that water sampling was done on July 2nd. The report is not yet available. Dave said that his visual inspection of the clarity of the pond was the best he has seen in both sun and shade. He reported 6 to 6 ½ meters of visibility.

Dave reported that there will be a meeting with the state biologist on August 16th. Anyone interested should contact Dave.

Dave reported that Ann Bailey is the contact person for taking any suspicious weeds to the state for inspection. A request was made for contact information for Ann.

Water Levels

Dave Copeland reported that he has received complaints that the water level is too high and too low. He explained that in his opinion, the perfect scenario is that the water level be even with the dam. If shore owners want to change the existing dam placement, there would have to be a formal vote taken.

Lake Host Report

Mike introduced Cheryl, one of the two paid lake host inspectors and invited everyone to stop by and meet Cheryl and Joan. Mike reported that the boat ramp is staffed on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. JPSOA received a \$1700 grant from New Hampshire Lakes for the lake host program and seventy-five percent of Northwood voters passed a warrant article giving Jenness Pond \$4500 for invasive species prevention. We received \$2250 in May. We will receive the balance in August. These two grants amount to about half of what we spend on the lake host program. The balance comes from JPSOA dues and contributions to New Hampshire Lakes. Last year, the payroll for the lake host inspectors was \$11,120. They logged 527 hours and did almost 900 boat inspections. Cheryl stated that they have done 300 inspections since Memorial Day and have not found any invasive species on any boats.

Rama Klug is taking over for Lorna Patey as the weed watcher. Lorna Patey explained that we have bladder wart on the pond which resembles milfoil but is not invasive. The only way to tell them apart is with a DNA test. Don Gagnon requested that Mike send out an email to shore owners with pictures of bladder wart and milfoil.

Doug Briggs asked whether the algae blooms are harmful. Dave Copeland advised that they occur when the water gets very warm and that they are natural in all ponds.

Mike reminded everyone that if Jenness Pond were to become infested with any invasive species that property values could drop as much as twenty-five percent. He asked that we encourage our neighbors who do not participate in the association, to consider the importance of paying dues and supporting the efforts to keep the pond clean.

Donna Metcalf asked if we could cover more hours if we had more funding from shore owners. Mike reported that we added Friday mornings this year. He suggested that if someone would agree to coordinate volunteers to staff the ramp, we could cover more hours during the week.

Rules of the Water

Doug Briggs asked if jet skis are legal on Jenness Pond because he has seen several. Dave Copeland explained that what he has seen are jet boats because they can carry three people. He stated that the rule is that all water craft must stay one hundred fifty feet from shore. There is a map of Jenness Pond on the New Hampshire state website.

Loon Information Presentation

Mike introduced Owen Brenick, a Junior at UNH studying marine biology. He also works for the Loon Association's loon preservation committee. He is responsible for tracking and supporting the loon populations on 75 lakes from Concord to the Maine border.

He gave information on the loon populations, the risks of illness and death from the use of lead anchors, some of the more unusual loon behaviors the biologists have observed, the dangers of interlopers and eagles to chicks and loon migration habits.

Elections

No officers are up for election this year.

Paul Dunleavy and Dave Turner's terms as directors are up. Ann Bailey is not able to fulfill her commitment to be a director.

Rich Lomba, Tony Leeds and Bill Cofill were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term. Dave Copeland moved to approve the nominations and Tom Chase seconded the motion. Both were elected unanimously.

Other Business

Dave Turner asked for anyone who has ever served as a director or officer for the JPSOA to stand and be recognized for their service. He asked everyone to reach out to neighbors who are not involved in the association to encourage involvement and service to keep the association going.

Tom Chase reported that the New Hampshire legislature failed to pass a \$10 million budget proposal to protect the states lakes and asked that people contact our representative to tell them they should vote to protect our natural resources.

Hank Swiesthal asked about installation of danger signs on the rocky areas of the pond. Dave Copeland advised him to call marine patrol.

Paul Dunleavy reported that it costs \$150 annually to maintain the Jennesspond.com and Jennesspond.org domain names. Mike proposed that we maintain the sites for another year and include a link to the sites on all emails sent to the association to see if that generates more visits to the sites. We will evaluate whether to continue maintaining the sites by vote at the next annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21.

Respectfully submitted,
Trisha Doyle
Corresponding Secretary