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Jenness Pond Shore Owners Association

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Our **annual meeting** was held on Saturday July 13th at 41 Bell Cove. Below you will find a brief summary of the key takeaways:

1. Annual water testing was done by Bill Colfill in conjunction with the state. Overall condition improved from last year. Full results will be posted on our Facebook page sometime in the near future.
2. Volunteering - We have had a good increase in the number of people volunteering as Lake Hosts and are covering busiest times (early am, late afternoons, weekends) . Every hour of volunteer time as a Lake Host gives us \$29 towards next year's paid hosts who cover our weekends. We also continue to have an Active Weed Watcher program. If you see something suspicious in our waters, contact a Weed Watcher directly.
3. When making a donation to NH Lakes please ensure you use the link on their website that will give direct credit to Jenness Pond's Lake Host program. <https://nhlakes.app.neoncrm.com/forms/lhcg>
4. Our guest speaker this year was Nisa Marks from the Department of Environmental Science. She made a number of good points on how we can protect our pond.
 - a. Biggest concern tends to be stormwater.
 - b. Vegetate your waterfront- it's the last line of defense before runoff goes into the pond.
 - c. Prevent erosion through water barrels,rain gardens, or step system using pea gravel.
 - d. Have a well designed and maintained septic system
 - e. Try not to use fertilizer at all; if you feel you must use it, only use fertilizer that is approved for lakefront usage.
 - f. Question was asked about increased use of road salt hurting the water. Nisa suggested reaching out to town/state in regards to designating areas as "low/no salt" areas.
5. There was discussion around the recent cyanobacteria bloom on the pond. The state issued a watch not a warning and the bloom dissipated overnight. Our facebook page has information on how you can sign up to be notified of any blooms or you can go directly to this site <http://www.des.nh.gov>
6. Board member changes:
 - a. Dave Ostrander stepped down as President and the current Vice President, PJ Maratos will take on that role effectively immediately.
 - b. The Vice President role will be taken on by the current board member Tony Leeds
 - c. Two new board members were voted in to take the place of Tony Leeds and PJ Maratos- Dave Copeland, and Tim Bishop.
7. Motions
 - a. Motion made by Brenda Dunbar to keep the dues at \$250 annually, but based on hardship, people could pay what they feel is appropriate and still be a member in good standing and with voting rights. Motion was seconded by Tom Chase. Motion was voted on and approved.
 - b. Linda Savinelli moved for an amendment that volunteer hours at the boat Launch (Lake Host) will still count towards the dues, without a minimum of hours required. Motion was seconded by Pat Doyle. Amendment was voted on and passed.
 - c. Motion made by Janet Paris that people be allowed to donate any Lake Host volunteer hours to someone who feels they can't afford the dues. Motion failed to pass.

- d. Tim Bishop made a motion to keep the \$250 dues or one hour minimum of volunteering. There was no second and motion failed to pass.
- 8. Treasurer's Report - Rana Klug-Leeds said the Association's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 of the next year. As of June 30th, 2024 there was \$102,842.43 in the account which is an increase of \$16,285.53 over the previous year. She noted that the check from the Town of Northwood for Aquatic Species prevention is not accounted for in that amount.
- 9. Ice Out - This year's Ice Out date was March 10th and the winners of the pool received drinking glasses with the outline of Jenness Pond on them.

JPSOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: PJ Maratos

Vice-President: Tony Leeds

Corresponding Secretary: open position

Recording Secretary: Anne Barton

Treasurer: Rana Klug-Leeds

Directors: Tim Bishop, Tom Chase, Dave Copeland, Pat Dowst, Erin Farleigh, , April Treat