

Joe's Pond Association Meeting 5/28/2022

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Hebert at 10:02 am.

Opening: Joe welcomed everyone to the meeting. Approximately 65 people attended our first meeting of 2022. New members were welcomed. They were Todd & Susan Palmer, Denny & Ann Kearny, Alex & Erin Wood, and Mike & Norma Segale.

Ice Out Report: Michelle Walker told of the success of the contest with over 13,000 tickets sold. This was the second highest ticket sales in the history of the contest. In 2015 over 15,000 tickets were sold. When the ice did go out it dragged the block/pallet & flag north by 17 camps. Thanks to Jamie Dimick for finding it.

Board Actions: It was a quiet winter. The State inspected the Fishing Access ramp and will need to repair it. The bids were sent out with an estimated September completion timeline. The access ramp will be closed for 2 weeks. The Board will monitor this due to concern that if a late September timeline occurs, pulling boats for the winter will be delayed.

Fireworks: Joe recounted the history of Fireworks and thanked everyone for their input this winter via email. It was voted by 66% of the respondents to continue the show for 2022. Further discussion of the future of Fireworks will happen at a subsequent meeting. Comments centered around competitive pricing, how many donations received to date, many individual camps put on their own show and increasing costs are legitimate. Barry Cahoon commented that while dollars are one issue; are there higher priorities for the JPA money? Is spending this money for a 20-minute show the best use of this money? What about milfoil, cyanobacteria, silt and sediment issues. Gina Kurrle suggested setting a limit of dollars and not being over a barrel. Per Jack LaGue, the minimum price for the show is now \$10K. Joe Cassani asked if donation jars can be placed at several vendors since many local people come and park on Rt 15 to view the show. Joe Hebert commented that no decision is needed now for the continuation (or not) of the fireworks.

Secretary's Report: A condensed version of the 8/28/2021 was given by Jamie Stewart. The full meeting minutes can be read on the Joe's Pond website.

Treasurer's Report: Jack LaGue reported that in 2021, we spent \$30K more money than we received income, due to the repair of the tennis courts and the new website. The 2022 Ice-out revenue was \$6200, and he stated that the \$10K to be spent for Fireworks is earmarked. Overall, we are in good shape. In March, Jack moved the money in the CD over to the new I-Bond for a better interest rate.

Water Quality: Pam Hebert reported that the JPA received the State grant (\$3000). The Greeter program will start Memorial Day Weekend then daily, beginning Father's Day weekend. The invasive species survey will be done this year (\$2400). Pam said that we are fortunate that the Agency of Natural Resources is so committed to water quality issues and has been a great resource whenever she has a question or concern.

JPA Events: Sue Bouchard spoke on the new schedule of events and asked for raffle items to be donated. She welcomed people to play Mahjong on Wednesdays from 1pm to 4pm and Yoga on Mondays beginning July 11 at 10 am. The Silloway/Webber camp is donating a Sunfish to the

JPA and anyone interested in purchasing this boat can contact Sue. Jeremy Grenier spoke about the card game (Pitch) event. It is on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4-6 pm. It will cost \$5 per person and at the end of the summer the lowest score wins the 50% of the pot, with the other 50% going to JPA. Tom Segale spoke about Pickleball and welcomed everyone to come and learn to play. The tournament is the 2nd Saturday in August. For more information, text Tom. There is no sign up for the use of the courts.

Maintenance: Larry Rossi pointed out the new curtains for the Pavilion. A round of applause was given. Larry said that some of the fencing rails need to be replaced but not much else. If anyone has some concerns about any maintenance issues to please come and see him.

Lake Wise Program: Paige Crosby introduced Emily Finnegan who is the district manager for the Caledonia County Conservation District for the Lake Wise Program. Paige said that her property and Caroline Porter's property were given an assessment last year on how to lower the impact of water run-off of their property going into the lake. Joe's Pond has a high percentage (20%) of developed land around the lake. In fact, it is one of the highest percentages of any lake in the State. Water run-off increases silt and contributes to the forming of cyanobacteria. Agricultural land is not a big contributor to phosphorus in the Joe's Pond watershed. Her program is non-regulatory and involves a 1 to 1 ½ hour visit where your property will be inspected for run-off, septic, plantings, retaining walls and how to minimize the run-off. Any plantings are at the expense of the landowner but there are State grants available for 'hardscape' projects. The goal is to change the culture of lakeshore habitat. Dorothea Penar asked if a group of people in their cove got together, could the assessment be for a group and not an individual owner? Emily said yes. Emily said she would hang around after the meeting to answer any further questions. It is noted that many people signed up for this assessment after the meeting.

Member Questions: Shawna Foran asked if the JPA will sponsor any more bands to be played at camps this summer. Joe answered that this was an activity paid for during Covid Summer and is not planned for this year. Andy Rudin complimented Jane Brown for the 'Great Book' of West Danville. Applause was given. Shawna also asked who was responsible for overgrown trees obscuring the camp roads. The town is responsible.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am after a motion was made and seconded.

Respectively submitted,

Jamie Stewart
Secretary