

## Joe's Pond Association Meeting, July 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Hebert at 10:04 am

**Opening:** Joe welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were approximately 80 members attending.

**Board Actions:** There were no board actions. Joe mentioned that there are boat launch ramp problems that are damaging boat trailers. The State is taking a look and will repair but this will not happen this year. New JPA members were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. Mark and Patricia Farr (Rt 2) introduced themselves along with Michelle Lewis (Island Drive).

**Remembrances:** Don Sherwood gave his usual touching remembrances of members and extended family members we have lost. Due to no meetings in 2020 two years of lost members were mentioned. Don, who is retiring as VP this year, mentioned that in the 24 years of his being the vice-president that there have been 270 members and extended family who have passed away.

**Secretary Report:** Jamie Stewart gave a condensed version of the May 29th meeting. He also mentioned that annual dues will be gladly accepted. Of the 227 paying members; 139 have paid already (thank you) which was 61% of the total and 56 of those paid did so on-line. The JPA accepts checks, cash, and on-line payments. Checks can be mailed to the PO Box 111, West Danville or left with Jenny Rafuse at Hastings Store. The traffic on the new website showed that for the last 30 days an average of 60 people per day view the site with the Events page, Camps for Rent page, Comments/Notices page and the Newsletter getting the most visits.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jack LaGue went over the financial statement. Revenues are in line with past years. Expenses are reasonable and there is \$50,504 in the fund balance. Jack commented that interest earned will be less since a CD has come due and the new rates are dismal. There is \$14,000 still owed for the upgrade of the tennis courts.

**Nominating Committee:** Don Sherwood, Cyndi Rouleau, and Richard Hackett did the search for a new Vice President; the committee's recommendation for the slate of officers were: Joe Hebert (Pres), Richard Gagne (Vice Pres), Jamie Stewart (Secretary), Jack LaGue (Treasurer), Sue Bouchard (Events), Pam Hebert (Water Quality), Larry Rossi (Maintenance), Peter Crosby (Memberships). There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers by Andy Rudin and seconded by Diane Sherwood. By a voice vote the motion passed. The next election of officers will be in 2023.

**Appreciation:** Joe Hebert thanked Don Sherwood for his 24 years of service and a gift of appreciation was handed to him. There was a rousing round of applause of appreciation for Don.

**Water Quality:** Pam Hebert stated that boat inspections started on 6/20. Three areas of the Pond will be inspected regularly for cyanobacteria. They are the public beach, Clubhouse Circle cove, and the Penar/Hackett cove. Pam has information if anyone wants to learn to spot cyanobacteria and help is always welcomed. Dorothea Penar spoke and mentioned that cyanobacteria shows up more in the fall and can be driven by run-off into the lake. To mitigate

cyanobacteria it is best to slow down the runoff into the water. Anyone interested in learning more to contact Pam or Dorothea.

**JPA Events:** Sue Bouchard talked about the boat races (see event calendar for dates) and asked members to stay away from the race with their boats. On 7/10 is the Steak Dinner and see Larry Rossi or Sue Bouchard for tickets. July 24th is the Italian Dinner and see Pam Hebert for tickets. On 8/7 is the Pig Roast and Bo Keach /Mary Anne Cassani have tickets. On 8/21 is the Cocktail Party and see Linda Livendale for tickets.

Tom Segale spoke about Pickleball and 8/14 is the annual tournament. All levels of players are welcome. Tom said that he will be leaving by the courts a bin with 4 paddles and balls for people to use to try the sport.

Kate Chatot mentioned that Mahjong is played every Wed at 1:00 pm and all abilities are welcome.

Jeremy Grenier asked if the JPA would sponsor more bands similar to what happened at the Gagne camp last year. It was mentioned that Fella and Nancy Buttura are sponsoring a band on 7/4 and come by boat. Sue said that no JPA sponsoring of bands was planned for 2021 but will consider it for the future.

**Maintenance:** Larry Rossi talked about the newly repaired Tennis Courts and the new wood chips at the playground. The project of new side curtains was postponed earlier this year. Larry mentioned that he has a price from Dana Turner for new curtains. An estimate of \$8500 to \$9500 was given. Larry said no vote is requested at this time.

Andy Rudin made a motion to approve the purchase of new curtains in 2021. Butch Bouchard seconded the motion. Further discussion occurred. The motion was passed by a voice vote. The expectation was this work would be completed in 2022. A hilarious conversation occurred about the color of curtains. Since the majority of the pavilion rental is for weddings or funerals the choice could be white or black!!!! White was favored.

Larry ended his report by wishing his sister Lauren Van Deren a happy birthday and a happy retirement!!!

**Fireworks:** Don Sherwood said that a decision later that day would be made to keep or cancel the Fireworks scheduled for this evening. If canceled the news would be posted on the blog and the website. He asked that all boaters not come closer than the two islands and be safe. (Later that day upon recommendations by the 'shooter' the fireworks were canceled. Rain date is Monday 7/5)

**Member Questions:** Brad Towne mentioned that a kayak washed up on their shore and the owner can come and claim it.

There was a podium-like structure at the front table and Joe mentioned that if anyone could guess what it was could have it. It was the original structure to house the clock for the ice-out contest.

Carmen Gagne asked why the board chose not to be part of the statewide effort to ban wake boats. Considerable discussion ensued and Carmen agreed to head up a JPA effort to join the State effort to ban wake boats. Members were asked to contact Carmen to be part of this and Joe Hebert will give Carmen the contact information of the statewide effort. Members are very concerned for the shoreline erosion occurring with these boats.

A member questioned why the lake dropped by 4 inches a couple of weeks ago. Joe said that he contacted Green Mountain Power and got a bit of a run around. It is suspected that a repair was occurring at the dam. The water level is back up to normal heights.

Patty Powell Nichols asked if the pavilion was scheduled to be painted any time? There was no schedule for this to be done. It was suggested that members would volunteer to do such painting. This was agreed to.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectively submitted,

Jamie Stewart  
Secretary