

# DRAFT - TO BE APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING



## **Saturday Pond Watershed Association**

40 Ridgewood Terrace

Otisfield, ME 04270

### **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2020**

**Attendees:** Ellen Attiliades, Bill Bramswig, Amy Brown, Susan Haber, Jerry Haber, Sue LaFleur, Geri Markarian, Steve Markarian, Eric Williams, Julie Ywoskus

- **Review of the November 2019 Fall Planning Meeting Minutes - Julie Ywoskus:** Minutes were reviewed & approved
  
- **Treasurer's Report – Amy Brown:** Amy reviewed the Treasurer's Report
  - Balance: \$1544.47
  - Membership: There are currently 51 members; 2 new members
  - Dues: If a member pays more than \$20 yearly dues, need to indicate whether extra is for future years or donation
  - Treasurer's report was accepted
  
- **Watershed Updates:**
  - **Wildlife:** Various wildlife sightings so far this spring include bald eagle, beaver, hawks, hummingbirds, barred owls, Canadian geese, mallard ducks, loons
    - A Canadian goose is nesting on the pond
    - A pair of loons in on the pond; update 6/11/20 - Loons are nesting
  - Ice In: December 3, 2019
  - Ice Out: April 2, 2020
  
- **Watershed Associate Plans for FY2021: (7/1/20-6/30/21):**
  - **Implications & Realities of Covid19 on SPWA:**
    - **Annual Meeting:** Will be held via Zoom
    - **Communicating with Public about Annual Meeting:** Will put Zoom meeting link in newsletter or tell readers to go to website where meeting link will be posted; decide before newsletter is printed, check website to confirm; watershed members could put signs in yards announcing the annual meeting

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- **Voting for SPWA Board:** Voting will take place via Zoom
  - **Lake Surveyor Training:** All LSM training is online for summer 2020
  - **Association Organizational Needs - Preparing the Trustees Slate for Fiscal Year 2021:** Proposed trustee slate: Amy Brown, Susan Haber, Steve Markarian
  - **Water Conditions:**
    - **Water Testing – Clarity & Phosphorous – Steve Markarian:**
      - **Water Clarity:** Steve has done 2 clarity tests so far this year; tested April 20; 5.1 meters possibly due to rain; will test again before the end of May
      - **Phosphorus:** Steve will test in July
    - **Surveyor & Testers for Summer:** Amy & Sue will continue to monitor along with other members; Sue will update article about invasive plant monitoring for this year's newsletter
    - **Pond Levels:** Pond levels are high right now; good for this time of year
  - **Watershed Association Communication - Newsletter Plans - Bill Bramswig:**
    - **Content:** Email content to Bill
      - **Articles:**
        - Water Testing & Conditions: Steve
        - Invasive Plant Survey: Sue L.
        - President's Letter: Susan H.
      - **Other Content Ideas:**
        - Social distance kayaking photos
        - Wildlife photos
    - **Mailing - Email &/or Snail Mail:** Snail mail this year; will ask members for email addresses in newsletter and on website so we can email next year
    - **Mailing Date:** Will mail out in late June
  - **Watershed Outreach:** Members will encourage neighbors to join the SPWA.
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- **Annual Meeting Plans:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 @ 10am

By: Julie Ywoskus