



Saturday Pond Watershed Association
40 Ridgewood Terrace Otisfield, Maine 04270

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2021

Attendees: Ellen Attaliades, Bill Bramswig, Amy Brown, Susan Haber, Jerry Haber, Sue LaFleur, Steve Markarian, Robin Nureck-Bramswig, Will Young, Julie Ywoskus

- **Fall Planning Minutes:** Minutes from the fall planning meeting were reviewed and approved.
 - **Treasurers Report:** The account balance is \$1652.31. Collected \$600 in dues this year. Donated \$100 to LSM (Lake Stewards of Maine). There are 56 SPWA members. It is best for members to pay their dues year by year; good idea to pay when you get the newsletter. Treasurer's report was approved.
 - **Watershed Updates:**
 - **Wildlife:** We have seen a variety of wildlife including, loons, turtles, a beaver, mallards, a bald eagle, deer, foxes, a skunk, raccoons, a porcupine
 - **Dam:** Steve checked the dam & cleared beaver cuttings that were jamming it in late April; water was 4" over top of board; water was high; dam looked good; Pond View retention pond was full & flowing into lake; water gauge is being ordered by town & Dan Peaco will install once received; the water gauge is not essential, but nice to have & to record history
 - **Ice Out:** April 1, 2021
 - **Watershed Plans for FY 2021**
 - **Preparing the Trustees Slate for Fiscal Year 2022:** Proposed Trustees: Sue LaFleur, Robin Nureck-Bramswig, Julie Ywoskus; all trustees will accept nominations; will be voted on at annual meeting
 - **Water Conditions**
 - **Water Testing – Clarity & Phosphorous:** Steve recommends test for phosphorous once a year; Steve has device to collect oxygen level at bottom (DO); Steve will research with Jerry/Will & figure out how to use device and how to get water sample to lab; Steve will bring device to annual meeting; we are above average for water clarity over time
 - **Surveyor & Testers for Summer:** LSM continues to have webinars for training; Sue, Robin, Julie, & Amy will continue to survey for invasive plants; LSM is less worried right now about surveyors having certifications
 - **Pond Levels:** Water was high at the time of the meeting; normal for spring
 - **Floating Logs:** New logs pop up occasionally; Jerry will tow new floating log out of area close to dam
 - **Watershed Association Newsletter:** Robin & Bill will put together newsletter; other members will provide content and photos; members should email newsletter content to Bill
 - **History on Saturday Pond:** Otisfield Historical Society archives our newsletter; Eric Williams will make sure that archivist has access to all newsletters
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- **Boating Safety Info:** Boating safety information will be included in newsletter (for renters & owners); trustees will put on docks & reference PDF file on website; major issue is boat wake; Jerry will put together noticeable paragraph on implications of your boat wakes; information to educate new owners about boats appropriate for Saturday Pond & to warn about floating logs
- **Ice In/Out Dates**
- **Water Testing**
- **Printing Date and Date of Mailing:** Mail by end of June, early July; Eric has updated labels
- **SPWA Clerk of Corporation:** Amy volunteered to be the new Clerk of Corporation (Bruce LeBlanc is giving up position); Eric will continue to do the work; trustees approved Amy as agent; SPWA needs to pay state fee
- **Annual Meeting Plans:** Live annual meeting; Sunday, July 25 at 10am; board members will bring something to eat (finger food)/drink; wearing masks & social distancing required; bring chairs; broadcast if WIFI works; weather permitting only, otherwise remote

By Julie Ywoskus
