



Saturday Pond Watershed Association

40 Ridgewood Terrace

Otisfield, Maine 04270

SPWA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2024

Attendees: Ellen Attaliades, Steve Markarian, Eric Williams, Julie Ywoskus, Jerry Haber, Susan Haber.

Julie Ywoskus was asked to chair the Meeting.

- **July 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes - Julie Ywoskus:** Minutes were amended and approved.
- **April 2024 Spring Planning Meeting Minutes- Julie Ywoskus:** Minutes were reviewed and approved.

- **Treasurer's Report –** Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

- **Balance:** \$1453.60
- **Dues:** \$468.00
- **Donations:** \$190.00

Outgoing: \$100 – to Lakes Stewards of Maine (LSM) and \$100-Maine Audubon (one time donation for help with Loon raft and other information).

- **Members:** 69 (5 new members)
- **Revenue from Stickers:** \$27.00
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- **Election of Officers-**

Julie Ywoskus-President (to replace Lourdes Engel who resigned as Trustee on July 19, 2024)

Amy Brown reaffirmed as Treasurer and Clerk

Susan Haber to replace Julie Ywoskus as Recording Secretary

Susan LaFleur reaffirmed as Corresponding Secretary

Steve Markarian reaffirmed as Vice President

SPWA By-Laws and Organizational Structure-Eric Williams distributed and reviewed the By-laws which were adopted in 1993, and described the reasons why the SPWA was formed. The Association is a non profit corporation registered with the State of Maine. Membership was set up giving 1 vote per deeded lot. The Governing Board is made up of 6 Trustees. From their number the following Officers are elected-President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The Trustee's terms alternate every 2 years.

The need to re-examine the organizational structure of the Association was discussed. In making changes, some can be incorporated in the By-law while some would be adopted as policy. Any change in the By-laws must be voted on at an Annual Meeting and only by the Membership. Topics for future discussion are:

-Establishing a plan for succession. Who takes over when the President wants to step down and/or the term is over?

-Expanding the number of Trustees

- Ways to encourage non-Trustees participation in watershed activities such as water testing, loon monitoring, invasive plant surveying

- Adopt minimal requirements for President-attendance at a certain number of meetings, basic understanding of watershed issues.

The Trustees will meet after the holidays to continue the discussion.

SPWA UPDATES:

- **Steve-Water Quality-** Phosphate levels are the lowest they've been since recordation at 3 ug/L
- **Invasive Plant Monitoring-**it's been a normal year with no invasives. Julie and Amy noticed whitish floating matter that was unrecognizable. State suggested lake jellyfish? TBD.
- **Julie-Maine Audubon Loon Restoration Project-**unsure of the status of program. In the Spring, the nest will need additional dirt and moss. The pros and cons of an avian guard was discussed. What is the best way to discourage boat traffic near the nest- placement of additional signage? Dock drops providing information about loon safety, behaviors, distance to view the nest will be done again-perhaps twice a summer.
- **Ice In-Ice Out** will be reported by Steve and Julie to State and to Eric to put on the web.
- **Saturday Pond Dam-** No progress to date, however, Rick Micklon will contact a welder he knows to do the work. Steve will be the Town's contact for the dam.

SPWA COMMUNICATION:

- **Newsletter-**Does Bill prefer to have the articles edited by the Trustees or does he want to do it himself?
- **Email account-** Should we set up a new account that focuses on Saturday Pond? Julie will research. Once it's set up, Eric can put it on the web and it can be put in the newsletter.
- **Saturday Pond Stickers-**Steve had extra stickers to distribute.

Submitted by,
Susan Haber, Recording Secretary