

Round Pond Association Meeting Minutes July 7, 2018

The first meeting of the 2018 season was held at Dick Steinhoff's house - there were forty-two people in attendance including the committee members:

President - Dick Steinhoff

Vice President - Dave Robinson

Treasurer - Jerry Luke

Secretary - Sharon Coyne

Membership dues were collected; several new residents joined - Jerry Luke would have those details.

The meeting was called to order by Dick Steinhoff who made the offer of a free motorized lounge chair to anyone who is in need of it FREE - be in touch with Dick after the meeting

There will be elections of the position of President and Secretary - anyone interested in joining the team is encouraged to come forward. Dick is looking for someone to step up and take over the presidency; Sharon is willing to stay on as secretary.

Jerry gave the financial report that of the current balance in the RPA accounts is \$13,304.00 including the regular account and the special fund account where the money is being held aside in case of some type of lake disaster such as the invasive milfoil.

Dick noted that we are in need of a couple of weed watchers to do the ongoing monitoring of the lake. Jerry and Dave have currently been doing it but sharing the responsibility would be greatly appreciated. Roger Spoerry has stepped up and is willing to take over the task - Thank you Roger!

WEED Watch - Anyone who sees a suspicious type of weed should take a photo that can be sent by the RPA Chairperson to our State of New Hampshire point of contact who is trained to identify the plant.

Bob Franceschini mentioned there are a couple of local lakes where milfoil has been found (Lovell and Balch lakes) - let's hope it doesn't make an appearance at Round Pond/Lake Ivanhoe. There was a brief discussion about whether or not the state would help financially with staffing boat launch areas. For Ivanhoe it does not appear feasible due to the low frequency use of public boat launch areas. But it is not an option.

Everyone needs to be aware of trash finding its way into the water - please be diligent about removing any bottles or cans you see.

Dave Robinson gave the water testing results stating they are conducted on the last Monday of the month during June through August by interns from UNH. Water conditions remain mostly stable against long term trend. This summer, the water has been greener than normal caused by algae growth. Residents are urged to control rain runoff from their property and refrain from using fertilizers containing phosphorus. Testing will continue next year for the presence of e coli found where septic systems may have failed.

Discussions continued about ways to help prevent this problem and it was recommended that people make contact with the local Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance AWWA. Simon, Jerry and myself have all used these resources - it's a great program.

Jet skis vs personal watercraft is an ongoing issue on the lake - more research and clarification needs to be done and signage at the launch sites is highly recommended - signage costs would have to come out of our budget. More to come on this issue.

The unwritten rule is that all boaters should be traveling in a counterclockwise direction - for the safety of all residents.

Beth Luke informed everyone that the annual social will be held on Saturday, July 28th at Sharon Coyne's house at 34 Middle Road. The RPA will cover the cost of hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, water and paper goods. Please contact Beth about what you will be bringing to the event - Hope you all can make it - it's a great way to get to know your neighbors.

A big shout out to Bob Franceschini who has provided professional attention to our webpage. Bob is happy to add any information regarding jet skis, water quality, local plumbers, electricians - please email him at www.ivanhoeroundpond.com

New Business: Although the 4th of July has already past - there was a discussion of the new rules in town that fireworks are now considered illegal in Wakefield without users obtaining a Certificate of Competency and permit by the Town of Wakefield.

Elections for President and Secretary will be held at the next meeting on Saturday, September 1, 2018 - everyone is encourage to attend and stay involved.