

McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association

Annual Meeting

North Belgrade Community Center

July 14, 2011

Prior to the formal meeting, Nona Purnell welcomed attendees and gave away raffle tickets for the drawing for new members. Paula Raymond was the raffle winner. Additionally, photos and tee shirts were available for sale. Refreshments were also available, courtesy of the board as arranged by Nancy Loomis

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Rick Swanson. Present at the meeting were board members; Jay Wietecha, John Loomis, Don Borman, Doug McCafferty, Jane Marden, Rick Swanson, Ron Purnell, and Rock LaCroix. There was a quorum. Also, in attendance was Sue Gawler from the Audobon Society, Peter Kallin; executive director of the BRCA, Maggie Shannon; Maine Congress of Lakes and intern Rachel Mack; Colby College Intern, John McPhedran; DEP and 23 MPSLA members and guests.

As an introduction to the formal gathering, Pete Kallin updated the Association on BRCA activities. Everyone is invited to the official opening of the new center in Belgrade on July 30th. Additionally, the BRCA Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 10th. There are still openings for the MPSLA foursome and all are invited to the reception following the tournament. Anyone interested in the tournament or reception should contact Don Borman (465-2860).

BRCA Activities for 2011

- Milfoil Inspections Memorial Day to Labor Day – there have been two dives by DEP and nothing was found in Kozy Cove – Variable Milfoil was discovered in Great Meadow Stream of Great Pond (Barriers and handpulling have been employed to date)
- Invasive Plant Patrols and surface surveys – The plant scare in McGrath turned out to be a look alike plant
- Conservation Corps (Project applications available)
- Educational Programming and Research
Septic System experiment is now being undertaken at the new center and two research and educational vessels are being docked at the center

Loon Presentation – Sue Gawler; Maine Audobon Society

Sue provided a 45 minute slide show presentation on the life and behavior of loons. From migration to loon sounds, the audience was treated to a well documented and informative presentation. (A complete summary will be included in our annual newsletter)

Lakesmart – Maggie Shannon and Rachel Mack

Rachel provided a review of the benefits that the Lakesmart programs has for the water quality of our lakes. Maggie reviewed the process and Mal Dawson shared his experiences as a property owner who has undergone the Lakesmart program. Don Borman is the immediate contact and

Jane Marden will fulfill the role of Laksmart coordinator for MPSLA. We will meet with Maggie Shannon to review the process.

DEP update

John McPhedran updated the association on the three years of involvement by DEP. This year, two separate dives have occurred using a grid like pattern to best cover the area. To date, NO milfoil plants have been discovered. John continues to be cautiously optimistic. The Cove area is now open, but boaters should take caution and the net remains at the dam. DEP plans one more dive in late summer.

John Loomis provided a treasurer's report indicating that the Association has managed finances well with \$13,575 in our bank accounts.

Jay Wietcha reviewed membership numbers and activities. There are 93 current members.

Doug provided a brief review of the lake water levels, the dam release is in line with DEP guidelines thanks to a good rain season. Two new buoys have been installed in a revamped narrows crossing. Boaters are reminded that only one boat should enter the narrows at any time.

Doug reported that the nominating committee was recommending Don Borman and Z Necevski, for three year terms. The vote was unanimous. One board position remains open,

The nominating committee also recommended the following slate of officers who were voted unanimously.

President – Ron Purnell
Vice President – Z Necevski
Secretary – Don Borman
Treasurer – John Loomis
Clerk – Doug McCafferty

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15

The first meeting of the new association board will be August 11, 2011 at Williams Elementary School, 6:30 PM