

**MILES POND CAMPERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING/CHICKEN BBQ  
JULY 10,2010**

At 5:10PM Chairman Todd Picken asked for a motion to open the meeting. Dave Richardson made the motion and Tom O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Todd said next year there would be a newsletter mailed to everyone regarding the Annual Meeting and BBQ. Garrett Picken is gathering information from members for a data base. The new Kiosk will also have info regarding the Annual Meeting/BBQ, as well as other events.

Tyler Briggs thanked everyone for participating in the boat parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked Betsy Cutting for donating prizes for the winners and then announced the winners. The winners were:

Row Boat – theme "AT CAMP"  
Speed Boat – The Sylveria Family  
Pontoon Boat – The Picken Family  
Best- In -Spirit – The Richardson Family

Special thanks were given to Roger Joslin, his daughter and her husband for judging the event.

Peter Sylveria read the Treasurer's Report. Print-outs were available for anyone who wanted one. Todd asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. A motion was made by Dave Hamond and seconded by Dave Richardson. The minutes were accepted.

Todd Picken spoke of the passing of several people who lived on Miles Pond, Herman Venheim, Ed Renfrew, Daniel Baldwin, David Conner and Arlene Conner. Todd expressed heartfelt sympathy to the families and everyone shared a moment of silent prayer.

Todd said that Gareth Picken would be compiling a MPCA Directory, which would be on the website milespond.com. Gareth was thanked for all his work designing and maintaining the website.

Todd thanked everyone who participated in building the Kiosk at the pavilion - Trevor Szymanowski and his brother, Todd Picken, Gareth Picken, Tom Briggs, Tyler Briggs, Gary Corliss and Cliff Cutting. Roger Joslin provided the materials.

A video will be available for purchase this year, but not enough pictures had come in to do one for the annual meeting, so it will be available for viewing and purchase at Desert Night during Labor Day weekend, on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Please get your CD's with pictures to Gareth Picken as soon as possible so he can prepare the DVD.

Nancy Darrah talked about the "Lay Monitoring Program" and expressed a need for volunteers to test and record water samples to send to the state. People can go online to view the statistics. Nancy expressed thanks to Bob Briggaman for his continued dedication to the Eurasian Milfoil program. He works very hard to do all the paperwork for the grant for monitoring at the state access on Miles Pond. She explained that the state has trainings for user friendly greeters to aid in keeping boats clean. So far, Miles Pond has no Eurasian Milfoil. She explained about "Bladder Wort", a non invasive plant that was tested last year, due to concerns by some who had seen it in the pond. She explained the need for

campers to fill out in-kind sheets for their time monitoring the shores and pond for signs of plants that may be invasive, and reminded everyone of how important it is to help, as we need to match our grant with 25% in-kind services. This year's grant was \$6,000.00. Please get these sheets to Sharlene Corliss 786 Campers Lane or Bob Briggaman 860 Campers Lane by the end of August. Thank you.

Reg Garand gave a report on the loons. He said the loons nested in a different place this year, he was not sure where. There was one chick born around June 26 or 27, the exact date is not known. He reminded everyone to stay at a safe distance from the nest, so as to insure the loons are not disturbed during the nesting period. Reg said the loons generally mate for life, but he feels there might have been a different loon this year, stating something might have happened to one of the loons over the winter, and that may be the reason for a different nesting site.

Sharlene Corliss gave a report on the ice-out. The ice went out from the beach toward the beaver house this year, which is unusual. Most years it starts at the beaver house end, and is pushed toward the beach. There was still a skim of ice near Darrah's and Briggaman's during the morning of April 1<sup>st</sup>, and by mid-afternoon the ice was completely off the pond.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Desert Night – Todd asked if we would prefer August 28<sup>th</sup> or September 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed, with a motion to have desert night on September 4<sup>th</sup> made by Fred Laferriere and seconded by Peter Sylveria, motion passed.

Todd asked if anyone had ideas for other events, etc. He said people could e-mail Garet with suggestions at [milespond.com](http://milespond.com). Some suggestions were:

- 1) An ice out with ½ the proceeds going to MPCA and the other ½ to the winner.
- 2) A marked path through the rocky portion of the pond from the boat access through the sandbar, using floats of some sort, which would make it nicer for everyone when they put their boats in and take them out, as well as cruising around the pond.
- 3) A photo contest was suggested, and will be done next year at the BBQ. There will be two categories, children and adults. Get your photos to Sharlene by Mid June, so she can mount them for viewing at the BBQ.

Officer Status – Board Member's positions that are up are Dave Duncan – 3 year term and Gary Corliss 3 year term. It was noted by Todd, that Gary would be willing to remain on the board if no one else wanted the position. Sharlene Corliss made a motion to nominate Stephanie Sterling for Dave Duncan's term and Dave Richardson seconded the motion, motion passed. Trevor Szymanowski made a motion to have Gary Corliss remain on the board, seconded by Peter Sylveria, motion passed. Peter Sylveria nominated Sharlene Corliss for Secretary, seconded by Trevor Szymanowski, motion passed.

Questions were raised about the geese population and what to do about it. Trevor said the geese are federally regulated. Goose Season is during the month of September.

Dave Richardson mentioned what great fireworks there were on the pond this year, and thanked everyone who provided them.

Stephanie Sterling told everyone about AmeriGas' Co-Op price for those who sign the contract. See Lynn Conner if you are interested.

With no other business, Sharlene Corliss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Richardson seconded the motion, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5PM.