

Miles Pond Campers Association Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting

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The meeting was called to order at 4:15 by Chair Nancy Darrah.

The full Board was in attendance and was introduced: Nancy Darrah, Katheryn Laferriere, Judith Willey, Gennie Lawrence, Dave Richardson, Ben Favazza and Garrett Picken.

Bob Briggaman gave the Invocation.

There were approximately 55 members present for the meeting; Nancy asked them to introduce themselves and they responded with name, spouse as appropriate and camp name/location. Attendees included Theresa Kelsey – at Miles Pond for 40+ years, and Audrey Penniman and Ron Villeneuve for 50+ years!

Old Business

Peter Silveria gave the **Treasurer's Report** (see attachment 1) showing a 2017 previous balance of \$7, 249.70 and a current 2017 balance of \$7, 070.38. Sharlene Corliss moved for approval, Fred Laferriere seconded and the report was unanimously accepted.

Dave Richardson as Acting Secretary, presented the **Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting**. Peter Silveria moved for approval, Mary Richardson seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

Sharlene Corliss gave the **Loon Report**: The ice went out Friday April 21st. and Saturday the 22nd. there were 2 loons plus a third on the Pond. No nest to date this year. There was a brief discussion about the pros/cons and MP history of nesting boxes/rafts. Sharlene read a letter from Eric Hanson of the VT Loon Conservation project which advocated staying with the natural nesting approach. Sharlene announced the Annual Loon Watch is scheduled for next Saturday, July 15th., 8 to 9AM.

Garrett Picken circulated a sign-up sheet for **Member Contact info**. Members were reminded of the website: MilesPond.com and the Facebook page: Miles Pond Campers Association. Both are available for contributions and to be followed for announcements, etc. Nancy also mentioned that Memorial Announcements were appropriate for listing.

Nancy Darrah reported on the **Water Quality Monitoring Program**.

She mentioned the 12-year history of the Monitoring Program initiated by herself, Bob Briggaman and Dave Connor.

Volunteering is required for matching the grant for the Boat Wash Station. The grant is written by Carolyn McConnell and the monies administered by the Town of Concord. Volunteer forms are available and easy to fill out per Nancy and Bob Briggaman.

Shoreline Protection was touched on and control of invasive aquatic plant species discussed. The Boat Washing Station will be refurbished. Tony Willey, Joel Fitzgerald and Ron Villeneuve volunteered to help Gennie Lawrence with that effort.

Judith Willey and Ben Favazza presented awards for the **Boat Parade**: Most Patriotic was the Luther's "Red Chevy"; Life on Miles Pond was awarded to the Cuttings for the "Giant Beer Cup"; Most Enthusiastic was "It's a Great Day on Miles Pond" from the Richardsons; Most Original was the Robinson's "Men in Black"; and the Buoy Award went to "Non-motorized" Fred Laferriere. Judges and Mary Richardson who supplied the awards were thanked.

New Business

Two openings for new **Board Members** were announced: Nancy Darrah (who offered to serve as Secretary) and Garrett Picken (who will continue as Webmaster) are leaving the Board. Their slots will be filled by Joel Fitzgerald – who volunteered, and Mary Jane Russell – nominated by Bill Rodriguez and seconded by Fred Laferriere. Both were unanimously elected to serve.

The **End of Summer Event** is scheduled for August 19th. at 5:30 and will be headed up again by Terry Commack. It will be a "Christmas in August" event with Yankee

Swap, DJ/dancing and BYO snacks and drinks with “some to share”. Sharlene Corliss motioned and Fred Laferriere seconded allocation of funds for the party; unanimous approval voted.

Nancy raised the issue of other **Fund-raising** and possible **Association projects**. A 50/50 Raffle was discussed and it was generally agreed the Pavilion Roof is a worthy project, with Association research on work and costs, and a matching grant of some sort from the Town of Concord.

A spirited discussion of the **Main Course for** next year’s **Annual Meeting** took place and a vote produced “chicken” as the winner over the Pork Roast, Burgers and Dogs, and a Pot Luck. Peter Silveria offered to supervise the cooking of the chicken and the Carpenter family subsequently offered to manage that work. Side dishes, hors d’ and desserts will be brought by members. Bob Briggaman suggested earlier notification of the Annual Meeting adding some sort of “tear-off” on a newsletter or other means of an RSVP which would be helpful for planning.

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 5:21PM by out-going Chair Nancy Darrah.

Dave Richardson thanked Nancy for her many years of service on the Board of the Association with enthusiastic agreement from assembled members.

Respectfully submitted by Volunteer Note taker Gennie Lawrence