

**Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**  
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting  
January 8, 2019

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Deb's home in Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with the following Board Officers, Associate Board Members, and General Members present:

Deb Herath	Board Officer, President
Penni McEleney	Board Officer, Treasurer
James Ogletree	Board Officer, Secretary
Jerry Crane	Associate Board Member, President Emeritus
Sharon Jones	Associate Board Member, Hospitality Co-Chair
Sandra MacDowell	Associate Board Member, Hospitality Co-Chair
Steve Schmid	Associate Board Member, DOPE (Director of Pond Ecology)
Drew Seibert	Associate Board Member, Social Media
Ron Greene	Associate Board Member, 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Committee
Janeene Crane	Associate Board Member

Those Board Officers and Associate Board Members absent:

Kevin Maloney	Board Officer, Vice President
Ginny Graves	Associate Board Member, Babb's Project Treasurer
Linda Champagne	Associate Board Member

**New Business**

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Jerry discussed this year's mailing campaign and getting an updated contact list for around the Lake and using a software program to contact people. \$156 cost by Southwick, \$212 cost by Suffield (an additional \$98 for another zone, ~\$300 total for Suffield). Is the cost worth getting an updated list? Options were discussed for bulk mailing. Drew suggested using his Realtor software to perform "robo calls" around the Lake; he can leave voicemails on people's cell phones and land lines. Drew will test for the next Board meeting to solicit feedback from the Board members.

The Board reviewed last year's letter and the reasons people join the CRC to discuss ideas for this year's letter. We discussed topics around our Charter and what we were organized to do to support the Lake and we discussed activities to support that Mission. The Board really liked the idea of focusing on "fun" things to bring in younger members to help secure the future of the CRC and fundraise – canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, Babb's excursions, fun runs (5Ks), etc. Deb needs to get drafts submitted ASAP – to be reviewed at next Board Meeting. Attendees were asked to send changes to letter ASAP.

Penni presented the Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$3,593.42, Savings: \$1,777.73, Investment Account: \$33,317.20. Jerry requested a change to the report in the future – share this month's report and last month's report at each monthly meeting to show how the budget has changed month over month.

Jerry wants to promote "darkening" on the Lake as well as proper usage of dock lights, etc, which can actually affect boating safety. People also aren't using their boating lights properly and a reminder talk should be helpful.

The Board discussed this year's speaker series and schedule for the General Meetings. It was proposed that Ron be speaker for July 10 General meeting to give a presentation on outboards and regatta. We also discussed potential presentations by Steve on Lake updates.

The Board discussed locations of the General meetings this year. We are still not sure about the future of Jenn at Louie B's. Jerry and Deb will talk to Jenn and report back at the next Board meeting.

Janeene proposed that for the Boat Parade this year we do shore lights again at all 3 Ponds. People could put up their tiki torches around the shore line. She volunteered to head up the committee to put up and hand out flyers. The Board discussed taking professional photographs of the Boat Parade, how much it costs, and how we can raise funds to support it as well as a possible night photos of the 'lit' lake. We agreed to propose the idea to the General membership at first General Meeting for discussion.

The Board discussed planning and committees needed for the Boat Parade and how to solicit volunteers.

Deb suggested speakers as follow and Jerry and Ron were added:

April 9 – town officials invited

May 14 – Jim Putnam re: 250<sup>th</sup> Southwick Town Anniversary celebrations

June 11 – Jerry, Lighting Safety on the Lake/Ron Greene 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
(Boat Parade Sat. July 6)

July 10 – Ron Greene – engine motor history on Congamond & Regatta

August 13 – (Bird discussion if he accepts)

Sept. 10 – Eric Mueller – lake health

Oct. 8 – CRC Elections /possible wine tasting

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:30pm at Deb's home.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary