

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting
July 10, 2018

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Nora's Restaurant, Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with the following Officers, Directors and members present:

Deb Herath	President
Kevin Maloney	Vice President
Linda Champagney	Secretary
Steve Schmid	Director of Pond Ecology
Ron Greene	
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Drew Seibert	Social Media
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Ginny Graves	Babb's Project Treasurer
Beth Thomas	

Those absent:

Rick Seaman

Rob Tatro

Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair

New Business

Deb called the meeting to order at 6:07 and went over the agenda.

Deb presented the Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$6,770.14, Savings: \$1777.28, Investment Account: \$34,779.56. The bill for \$10,156.57 for lake treatments, which includes some items we don't usually pay for and that we should question were questioned and Deb got the balance due down to about \$6,000.

Ginny Graves gave the Babb's Treasurer's Report. She said that there was basically no difference from last month (Checking: \$322.30; Savings: \$37,839.30) except for minus \$300 for the boat parade plus \$150 from CRC.

CRC/Babb's Storage is not on the top of Suffield's list of things to do. Todd is interested in the PA system. He does the Bluegrass shows and can make it available to us if we need it.

People couldn't hear Ron Greene at the boat parade and they couldn't hear the music, either.

A Fall moving day was suggested, moving the windows inside Babb's and selling the PA system to Todd and buying a smaller, less expensive system.

Ron has a box of 208 boat parade stuff and \$74.97 in expenses for cards. He thanked Jerry for his help, Ginny for standing by Ron through the event, and Christina for singing. He suggested there was a judging problem, suggested we start earlier promoting the event and starting a committee. We need people (our usual problem). When we have judges, they need to be in both locations because some boats weren't clearly visible to the judges at Babb's, for instance.

Rules for next boat parade: The Grand Marshall can't win. The Board Members can't win. And we need to make it VERY CLEAR about the theme.

James was introduced as someone who would like to be Secretary. Welcome James!

Penny was introduced as someone who would like to be Treasurer.

Beavers: Apparently the beaver's sac is being used to flavor whiskey and ice cream.

Suffield on the Green was mentioned and Deb asked if we wanted to staff a booth this year. No one did.

Foot Golf at Copper Hill Country Club using soccer balls. Details to follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney, Secretary

General Meeting

Attendance: 34+ plus the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Deb Herath, President.

The Board Members introduced themselves. New attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Ron Greene reported that the Boat Parade was the biggest ever with 82 boats. It went from Babb's West to Saunder's Cove. 17 boats were judged. 1st Place: Dennis & Katie Goldie; 2nd Place: Scott & Ginny Graves; Christina sang. Boat 15 – Josh Dillinham was 3rd. Special Award went to Laura Stoper – the Duck Boat.

Deb gave the CRC Treasurer's Report.

Linda Champagney reported on the Savers fundraiser, which made \$157.05 plus about \$40 from volunteers buying donated items for more than Savers would have paid us for them.

Babb's Beach is available to non-Suffield residents who are CRC members free of charge.

Jerry Crane spoke on Janeene's idea for Foot Golf at Copper Hill Country Club. 9 or 18 holes with soccer balls, golf cart, adult beverages in October.

Bob Andrazek suggested resurrecting the burgees for Admiral Club, etc. for higher donations to CRC.

A jog-a-thon was mentioned as a fundraiser, also a tag sale. Volunteers, as usual, are needed.

Status of land on North Pond: The owner is giving us another year to come up with a little more than a million dollars we're short.

Muck. What to do? Rake! LMC is working with the state to buy a dredge. MA decided to buy a large and a small dredge to share among all the lakes. There's a company that has a sucker machine. Any dredging or sucking needs to be approved by the EPA, Conservation Committee works with the State, and a permit is required.

Liz Patria stated that fundraisers are wonderful but we need to encourage new members and volunteers are needed.

Someone asked about algae blooms and Steve said the water is tested 3 times a week to catch it before it starts. CRC is so important. You didn't see an algae bloom last year because we caught it before it bloomed. Stockbridge Bowl is shut down! If not for CRC, that could happen on Congamond.

319 Grants can be applied for every 3 years.

Our next meeting is August 14, 2018.

As there was no more new business, the Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Champagney
Secretary