## Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.

Minutes of the Executive CRC/Babb's Board Meeting July 9, 2019

The CRC/Babb's Board Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Southwick Inn in Southwick, Massachusetts.

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

| Deb Herath       | Board Officer, President                                  |
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| Kevin Maloney    | Board Officer, Vice 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              |
| Drew Seibert     | Associate Board Member, Social Media                      |
| Ron Greene       | Associate Board Member, 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Committee |
| Ginny Graves     | Associate Board Member, Babb's Project Treasurer          |
| Linda Champagne  | Associate Board Member                                    |
| Beth Thomas      | Associate Board Member                                    |

Those Board Officers and Associate Board Members absent:

| Steve Schmid  | Associate Board Member, DOPE (Director of Pond Ecology) |
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| Janeene Crane | Associate Board Member                                  |

## New Business

Deb called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Penni gave the Treasurer's report. Checking has \$5,590.20 (does not include outstanding check of \$950). Savings has \$1,778.17. Commonwealth Financial has \$36,039.04. James motioned to accept Treasurer's report. There was a second. The Board voted and the motion passed.

Ron gave a report-out on the July 6<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade. It was cancelled in the vision of safety due to severe weather conditions. It was received well by the community and most agreed that we did the right thing. It was suggested that we have a rain date in the future, which will be discussed at a future Board meeting. There are a lot of other factors to consider – must work with the local and state police, the Harbor Master, etc. Requires additional planning in advance. Next year is Southwick's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and the CRC Boat Parade is on the official agenda – July 4<sup>th</sup> will be on a Saturday next year.

Ron discussed the Regatta planned for September – there are still some approvals to work. Buoys will be out of Babb's to support extending the course. Ron needs help with planning and meeting with town officials and recommends starting a committee to solicit volunteers and share in the help that is needed.

Planning kayaks, paddle boats, and canoes for racing events (slalom, double slalom, drag race, "NASCAR" type laps) out in front of Babb's. Next step is to get Suffield town to approve the event, and then start looking at possible dates. Fundraising will be through entry fees, and possibly sodas and snacks (alcohol is prohibited on Babb's). This year will be "trial run" for possibly a bigger event next year at the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Jerry gave a report-out on the July 6<sup>th</sup> Light Up the Lake event – unfortunately it didn't happen due to the weather.

Today's speaker is Paul Killinger from UMass Amherst who will give a talk on tick prevention.

Beth asked if we wanted to do the cookie fundraiser again this year. The majority of the Board agreed it's a good fundraising opportunity. Last year we made around \$400. It was suggested we request the membership to get involved as well to help sell more cookies and make a larger impact. Beth will hand out forms at the August meeting, collect orders in September, and deliver in October.

The August meeting speaker will be Ron Greene, discussing Congamond Marine Engines and more. In September, Seth Kellogg will speak on birds of Congamond. In October, Eric Muller will speak on lake health. Elections for President and Vice President will also be in October.

Deb asked if there was any further business. Deb motioned to adjourn. James seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary

## **Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**

Minutes of the General CRC Meeting

July 9, 2019

The CRC General Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc., was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Southwick Inn in Southwick, Massachusetts.

A quorum was established with 27 members present, including the Board.

## New Business

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Board members introduced themselves to the membership.

Penni gave the Treasurer's report. Checking has \$5,590.20 (does not include outstanding check of \$950). Savings has \$1,778.17. Commonwealth Financial has \$36,039.04.

Deb recapped the successful Save North Pond initiative.

Ron gave a report-out on the July 6<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade. It was cancelled in the vision of safety due to severe weather conditions. It was received well by the community and most agreed that we did the right thing. Next year is Southwick's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and the CRC Boat Parade is on the official agenda–July 4<sup>th</sup> will be on a Saturday next year.

Ron discussed the Regatta planned for September – there are still some approvals to work. Buoys will be out of Babb's to support extending the course. Planning kayaks, paddle boats, and canoes for racing events (slalom, double slalom, drag race, "NASCAR" type laps) out in front of Babb's. Next step is to get Suffield town to approve the event, and then start looking at possible dates. Fundraising will be through entry fees. Ron will be asking for volunteers to join the planning committee via our website; we really need help from our members.

Ron discussed his Congamond Lakes stickers fundraiser. \$1 per sale will be donated to the CRC. There are blue, white, and red/white/blue stickers.

Deb discussed upcoming meeting speakers. The August meeting speaker will be Ron Greene, discussing Congamond Marine Engines and more.

Janeene gave a report-out on the July 6<sup>th</sup> Light Up the Lake event – unfortunately it didn't happen due to the weather. We will give it a try next year, so asked the members to keep their torches and lights.

Deb introduced Paul Killinger from UMass Amherst who gave a talk on tick prevention.

Deb asked if there was any further business. Deb motioned to adjourn. There was a second. The Members voted and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by James Ogletree, Board Officer, Secretary