



**CRC MEETING MINUTES  
7-12-22 BOARD MEETING - BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Pratt –President, Mike Orszulak -Treasurer,  
MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Deb Herath–Emeritus, Jerry Crane-Emeritus,  
Sharon Jones-Hospitality, Ginny Graves, Kevin Maloney

**Absent:** Scott Snyder-Perusse-Vice President, Linda Champagney, Penni McEleney

**DISCUSSION:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

Michelle announced that a video presentation Reflections on the Congamond Lakes will be shown at the General Meeting.

Beth Thomas has resigned from the CRC board effective immediately. Thank you to Beth for her help and support.

The minutes from the 6-11 Board and General Meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Michelle discussed the current issues happening on the North Pond Property. The town of Southwick purchased the property, and the State of Massachusetts bought the conservation restriction which dictates what can happen there, so it's a shared responsibility. Currently the rules are unclear as to what is allowed on the property so there has been little enforcement. Michelle is hoping that CRC can help to sort out what is allowed on the property and encourage enforcement of the rules.

Mike reviewed the Treasurers Report. There is \$14,690.84 in the checking account, \$16,789.32 in the savings account, \$43,185.30 in the investment account, and \$2975.49 in the PayPal account. The checking account includes membership drive and donations total to date of \$10,280.02. There are 169 paid members in 2022 and there were 154 paid members in 2021.

Deb discussed Lake Management Committee (LMC) happenings. The Southwick Police Department in conjunction with LMC is working on a prototype plan to get lights on the buoys which will make nighttime navigation on the lakes safer. Deb will ask about the progress on this and report back at the next meeting. The Southwick Police Department plans on building a boat house on the north ramp that will store the Police Boat. This will prevent trailering and launching the boat, allowing for a faster

response time to calls. Hopefully this will encourage more officers to volunteer to patrol the lakes. Michelle will find out the details and costs of the boat house and present at a future meeting.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CRC Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood Golf Course, with dinner following at the Brass Rail. Michelle has compiled a financial spreadsheet for the 2021 tournament which can be reviewed if anyone is interested. The entry fee for this year's tournament will be \$100.00 and the committee will be seeking donations from local businesses. A DJ has committed to a reduced cost, and the person who printed the signs last year will print the new ones that are needed. The photographer that took the pictures last year has volunteered again, and Curt Saunders has agreed to give \$500.00 for a hole in one. Volunteers will be contacted to help with this event.

The 4th of July boat parade was a huge success. There were 79 boats in the parade and the band played for over 2 hours and was enjoyed by all who attended. There were a few glitches that CRC will correct for next year, but overall, it was a very successful event. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Thank you to Deb who organized the CRC Committees: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade: Scott & Michelle; Yearly Lake Clean up: Scott; Golf Tournament: Michelle; Hospitality: Sharon; Suffield Liaison: Ginny; Membership: MaryAnn & Penni; Social Media/Outreach: Deb; Funraising: Mike and Annie Hanson; Give Back: Will Stenka

Sharon is arranging the Holiday Party to be held at the Brass Rail. The board agreed to Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> with Acoustic Thunder as the band.

Michelle will either organize information on North Pond for a discussion or invite a guest speaker for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55

## **7-12-22 GENERAL MEETING BRASS RAIL & ZOOM**

### **DISCUSSION:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

Michelle welcomed everyone and discussed the video presentation shown at the end of the meeting

Michelle briefly discussed the current North Pond property issues. There is trash left from the many people utilizing the property, especially on the weekends. There have been campfires and grills on the property which is a concern. The Southwick Select Board along with the Southwick Town Committees are aware of the problems and are searching for solutions. When the Boards and Committees come to an agreement how to manage and control the property, CRC will decide how to help.

Mike reviewed the Treasurers Report. Refer to the Board Meeting minutes for information. Please sign up for Amazon Smile to contribute to CRC and if you already have, check to make sure it is still valid, since Amazon may have done updates.

Deb did a Lake Management overview. Refer to the Board Meeting Minutes for information.

The 4th of July boat parade was a huge success. The date was postponed due to the weather forecast, which was posted on social media and sent by email to members. There were 79 boats in the parade and the band played for over 2 hours and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered.

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Edgewood Golf Course. Registration information is posted on the website: [Congamond.org](http://Congamond.org). Refer to the Board Meeting Minutes for details.

The annual CRC Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 3, at the Brass Rail. More information will be upcoming.

CRC is looking for volunteers to join committees and to help organize and plan events. Anyone interested should contact Michelle or Deb.

Michelle showed the informative and entertaining video Reflections on the Congamond Lakes.

CRC meetings will remain both in person and ZOOM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be August 9th at 7pm at the Brass Rail; ZOOM link available at [Congamond.org](http://Congamond.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm