



**CRC MEETING MINUTES
7-14-20 GENERAL MEETING (ZOOM & in person)**

ATTENDANCE:

Michelle Pratt –President, Scott Snyder- Perusse-Vice President, Penni MacEleney-Treasurer
MaryAnn Philo-Secretary, Deb Herath – Emeritus, Sharon Jones-Hospitality, Sandy McDowell-
Hospitality, Linda Champagnay, Ginny Graves, Ron Greene, Kevin Maloney, Rick Seaman

Absent: Jerry Crane – Emeritus, Beth Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2020 Meetings Schedule: August 11, September 8, October 13

DISCUSSION:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

The June 18th General Meeting Minutes were reviewed

Fred and Jean went to the canal and removed some debris, which helped the water to flow.
Scott will look and see if he needs to organize any future clean up.

Suffield is organizing a car parade in the fall and is looking for participation from antique car
owners. Since CRC postponed the car show in the fall, this is an alternative.

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved

Penni reviewed the treasurers report. There is \$18,915.83 in checking, \$1,779.06 in savings
and \$31,666.53 in the investment account. The board will review the investment account
portfolio and will update when completed.

Rick is heading up a committee that will look into purchasing a database for CRC membership,
to help keep track of membership and be more organized. CRC plans to purchase the software
in the fall so it can be up and running for our Spring 2021 start.

We are in Phase 3 of the COVID-19 regulations which still requires social distancing while on the lakes and boat ramps. CRC continues to be very concerned about boat safety on the lakes, and would like to see increased police patrols. CRC will continue to stay in touch with the Police Chief/Harbor Master voicing our concerns. The lake rules and regulations guidelines are given to people at the boat launches.

Deb did a Lake Management Committee update. LMC put up low clearance signs on the tunnels to remind people to lower their bimini tops. The Police Chief is aware of the concerns about lake safety and the reckless actions that are happening. Volunteer divers cleaned out the areas around both tunnels removing debris from the bottom of the lake. They removed appliances, motors, and debris, and Deb will send a thank you note.

CRC will be planning another North Pond clean up in the fall.

CRC worked on a process to resolve some issues that have been occurring regarding free entry into Babbs Beach. When people join or renew CRC membership, a letter will be sent explaining the process to get free entry into Babbs, and what identification and documentation the member needs to have in order to get in.

John Wilson took pictures of the citizens boat parade and some drone pictures over the lake on July 4th. He will put these on a shared google drive for viewing. He is willing to help organize some pictures from members to create an annual CRC calendar. John will post some pictures on Southwick.org and Facebook. He is also going to help CRC update the Facebook page. Sharon, John, Tammy, and Kelly will be on the photo contest/calendar committee.

There were 2 different T shirt sales that benefited CRC over July 4th weekend. Al Procoft designed a shirt about the parade, and donated \$180.00 to CRC, and MaryAnn Philo did a Congamond Lake flag shirt. There's a variety of CRC and Lake apparel on the Stitches By Me website, with 20% of the sales going to CRC.

CRC is looking for ideas/topics for future meetings. Michelle is working on using the LMC MA Lake and Pond informational package to do a presentation as well as a Farmington River Canal Video which may be available in the fall. John and Tammy will try to get information about having a presentation about the eagles on the lake.

Michelle will explore possibly moving the meetings back to the Southwick Inn, since the room is so large, but will still offer the virtual ZOOM option. CRC is hoping it will be able to organize a golf tournament in 2021.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45