

Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.
Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting
August 9, 2016

The Open Membership Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc. was called to order by Vice-President Kevin Maloney at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at Crabby Joe's Restaurant, 141 Congamond Road, Southwick, Massachusetts.

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

Kevin Maloney	Vice-President
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Linda Champagney	
Ron Greene	

Those absent:

Deb Herath	President
Rick Seaman	Acting Secretary
Rob Tatro	Secretary
Steve Schmid	Technical Advisor
Ginny Graves	Babb's Treasurer
Christine Pepka	CLEPO

Also present: Approximately 30 other members and guests.

New Business

Kevin Maloney asked if there were any newcomers and had them introduce themselves.

Dr. Eric Mueller gave a very informative presentation on the condition of the lakes. He noted there is 2.5 times more phosphorous than last year. Middle Pond is the worse. A pre-emptive treatment is needed to control algae blooms on Middle and South Ponds. Approval from the State is required. North Pond is in better shape due to having more springs. A grant has been approved but not funded for canal restoration to allow better draining in the one egress for the lakes. We will hear about a grant for phosphorous remediation in late fall (alum treatment). The alum treatment should keep the lakes in good shape for 15 to 20 years. The treatment would be done next spring.

Ann gave the Treasurer's Report.

Ron Greene spoke of the Great Congamond Kayak & Paddleboard Regatta.

Ron entertained everyone with his stories of skiing on Congamond "back in the day" and brought in old wooden water skis and saucers and ropes and whatnot, his trick skis, his stories of the Ski Club, and how he got grounded for trying the kite. He mentioned the parachute that was also utilized, but he didn't try it himself.

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Regarding Save North Pond: There is a website: savenorthpond.org. Sponsorships are \$1,000 for Platinum, \$500 for Gold, \$100 for Bronze. There's a match a nickel concept also. For a match for a platinum level it would be \$50/\$1,000 with a \$5,000 max. One-year goal is 147 acres. There are over 500 acres next to it and 250 in CT to be preserved.

Next Membership Meeting

The next open membership meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Crabby Joe's. (The Board will meet starting at 6:00 pm and those interested are welcome to attend.)

Adjournment

The meeting was held on the deck, and as it was getting dark, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by: Linda Champagney

Date: 8/16/2016