

Worromontogus Lake Association
Membership Meeting
June 22, 2007
Fox Glen Clubhouse
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45, allowing the gathering of approximately 40 people to complete a delicious pot luck supper.

President Patten Williams began by thanking Ken McNeill and Jerre Keller for their work at the Landing and repairing the gate, which had been badly damaged by a vehicle. They were able to keep the cost to \$122.23.

Environmental/Education Committee Chairman Dick Harvey introduced Roy Bouchard from the Maine DEP who addressed the subject of invasive plants in Maine lakes. Eleven plants are on the DEP's prohibited list, including Eurasian Milfoil, Variable Milfoil, Hydrilla and Curly Leaf Pondweed. Variable Milfoil exists in 16 Maine lakes to date. The state is promoting prevention, and Roy said that 40,000 boats were inspected last year by 700 trained volunteer monitors. He encourages lake associations to participate in the monitoring program. The state did a water quality test (secchi) June 21 on Togus Pond and had a 5.7 meter reading. Togus Pond's internal phosphorus load is at 40 percent -- no better or worse than it's been over the past few years. Dick Harvey informed members that flyers and brochures were available at the meeting for anyone interested in milfoil and how to prevent phosphorus loading from their properties.

Pat announced that the Association would like to send two youngsters to the Bryant Pond conservation camp this summer and requested nominations be turned in to him by the end of June.

Sandy Mason, chairman of the Bylaws revision committee, conducted the first reading of the final Bylaws. An issue arose from the floor, questioning whether or not membership should be open to everyone. Discussion ensued. Sandra said she would keep the issue into consideration. However, a motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken to adopt the amended Bylaws as presented by the Bylaw Committee. The motion passed with more than a 2/3 majority approval.

Liz Andrews, a member of the Environmental/Education Committee, gave a report on the pros and cons of stocking Togus Pond with alewives. It was agreed that an intensive comparative study of other ponds that have stocked alewives needs to be conducted before embarking on a program available through the Dept. of Marine Resources. Members may visit the website portaportal.com and enter - guest access - by using the password - toguspond - to learn more about the benefits and concerns of stocking alewives.

Jon Andrews, chairman of the Dam Committee, reported that a No Trespassing sign has been put up at the dam and has been vandalized, but is still standing. He said there is no need for a work party at the dam this summer; he will take care of small repairs.

Vice President Dennis Curtis (still in his role as chair of the Recreational Committee) announced that a cookout has been planned for 11 a.m. at the Landing for Saturday, August 4, with August 5 as a rain date. The Association will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and members are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share. He encouraged people to come by boat if possible. Dennis also announced that a volunteer to chair the Recreational/Entertainment Committee will be needed following the membership's approval of the amended Bylaws at the second reading. (Referring to the Vice President's duties no longer including chairmanship of the Rec/Entertainment Committee.)

Jane Coryell has agreed to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee and is seeking members for that committee.

Treasurer Betty Harvey reported a balance of \$5,977.76 in the Checking Account; \$9,098.10 in the Dam Account; and \$18,965.52 in the Fidelity Investment Account; for a total of 34,041.38.

A 50/50 raffle was held, and laughter erupted when Dennis Curtis drew his wife Laurie's name out of the hat!

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Davis, Secretary

