**Dudley Pond Association Executive Committee Board Meeting**

**November 9, 2020**

Attendees: Doron Almog, Eric Macklin, Jamie Pierce, Lisa Jacobs, Naomi Deutscher, Bob Smith, Tim Dreher via Google Meet.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Agenda:

* Fall Meeting follow up/feedback
* Financials
* Pond update
* Newcomers/buddy system

**Fall Meeting Oct. 25 recap**

Thanks to Eric for running a very efficient, professional meeting on Oct. 25. We got great feedback and the DPA community was happy to see each other after the April meeting cancellation.

The only problems were around voting- which wasn’t much of a problem since most of the votes were unanimous. There was one unknown person on the call so we’ll try to prevent that the next time. We need to tell the participants about the chat feature so it could be a useful way to handle questions. For future meetings, we will create a slideshow to be shared with the participants.

**Financials**

We received $2800m in membership/renewals for 2021. We usually receive around $3K in membership dues yearly. A question came up about offering a lifetime membership to an anonymous donor (a DPA member) who used its family foundation for the donation. Jamie will contact the person and offer it.

**Pond Update**

-Bob Smith reported an update to the Harvester purchase project. The original Harvester didn’t have a great reputation and a new source was found - Alpha Boats Ltd- and their FX-5 model. This model has a cutting blade. Norm M. and Bob will check out a larger version- the FX-6 which is more than we need but is currently operational on Morse Pond.

-The financial arrangements are being discussed with the town committees and Norm made an initial presentation to SWQ which showed a 3 year payback. The initial cost may be around $127K including delivery and training, of which the DPA may contribute 25%, as has been our long-standing, informal policy, if the membership approves. Realistic timeframe would be Spring 2022. There is discussion that Wayland ConComm may oversee this process.

-Bob emphasized that this isn’t the only solution that we will need going forward; we still need to rely on our other methods for milfoil and other weed control and removal. We are still hoping to use Charles River Rec’s Harvester next spring if the hydraulics get repaired.

**Buddy system**

Tim Dreher discussed his idea of a buddy system for newcomers and oldtimers, which he will present at the April meeting. We have received 6 new memberships this year.

Next meeting Dec. 7, 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jacobs

Secretary