Dudley Pond Association

Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017

Board Members Present : Doron Almog, Eric Macklin, Jamie Pierce, Ella LeClaire, Mike Margossian, Karen Lowery

The meeting was called to order at 7:40.

There were no corrections for the July 10, 2017 meeting minutes.

**Dudley Pond Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run Reports and Planning**

Karen Lowery reported that sponsoring is over. We have a total of 49 Corporate sponsors this year.

Jamie Pierce reported that the funds raised so far, including Corporate and Contributing Sponsors, is $10,075.

Karen described the 2017 official event t-shirt. It will be cardinal red with white lettering. Stoller Sportswear, Inc. will again print the t-shirts as they did in 2016.

The Run flyers will be printed, folded and mailed by Sir Speedy in Framingham.

Flyers will also be distributed to stores and businesses that sponsored the Run/Walk as well as to those who have an interest in the event (for example, YMCA, Longfellow Clubs etc.)

Board members went over the Pre-Race Day, Race Day and Post Race Day schedule and volunteered to take on many jobs.

Set up will begin on Race Day between 8:30-10:00. 10:30 will be the start time for Sylvia Greene’s Fitness Walk. Registration and Refreshment Tables will be open from 11:30 to 1:00. Kids Runs begin at 12:30 and the 5K Run and 2M Walk will both begin at 1:00. Medallion Presentations to winners will begin when times have been determined at about 2:00. Cleanup will be between 2:30-3:30.

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Ella offered to gather a group of students from Wayland High School to help on Run Day. They will be given Community Service Hours for their volunteer work.

Tom Klem has already opened an account with SignMeUp.com for runners and walkers to preregister.

Henry Stimpson has submitted photos and articles about the event to local newspapers and media.

Mike Margossian is our official event photographer. He has set up a place where people can share photos with the DPA. It can be put on the DPA website so people can upload their pond photos or fun run photos for others to see. They can even put a comment with their photo. Here is the link:

<http://www.smugmug.com/upload/ZZV2v4/Pond>

Try it out

**How should the DPA should spend the money raised**?

The Board discussed how DPA should spend the money we are earning. Jamie said we have stopped soliciting money for the Endowment Fund because it has reached its goal of $100,000. He also gave a brief history of heavy weed infestation in Dudley Pond. Jamie reminded board members that it would be important to have enough funds to cover the cost of weed control if needed in the future. He said the DPA pays the Town of Wayland one quarter of the cost of weed control. Last year, almost all the money earned from the 2016 Fun Run went to the Town for this purpose.

Doron Almog suggested the DPA have more activities for the Dudley Pond community. Band on Boats and the Church Ladies Concerts as well as the Ice Cream Social were enjoyed by all. Doron suggested we use Mansion Beach and the grassy area nearby for gatherings of neighbors and community members for a movie night.

Ella thought we could have more musical groups perform around Dudley Pond before the Band on Boats begins their concert. That way the audience would have time to attend all performances

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Eric Macklin said we want to create connections to the greater community within the watershed. People outside the watershed can also participate.

Karen felt it would be important to reconnect with newcomers to the watershed after the Newcomer’s Pot Luck in the Spring. Jamie mentioned that a newcomer said he would be willing to be on the DPA Board.

**Annual Fall Membership Meeting - Sunday, October 29, 5-7:00PM**

The Fall Membership meeting will be held at the Senior Center in the Town Building. We need to reserve the room and apply for a health permit.

After the business meeting, Judy Currier will discuss the DPA’s 50th anniversary celebration in 2018. Judy has agreed to head up the committee. She will share her ideas and ask for suggestions from the membership.

The Board wants to have a speaker at the meeting to talk about the history of Dudley Pond. Karen Lowery suggested asking Cynthia Bryant who grew up and still lives in Cochituate. Her father spent his childhood on Dudley Pond when the Mansion Inn was a dining and dancing destination. Karen will ask Cynthia if she would be willing to share Dudley Pond history at the October membership meeting.

**Fall Newsletter**

The Fall Newsletter will be published and mailed to members early in October.

It will include:

\*A letter from the President

\*A short article about the Fun Run with photo

\*An article written by Judy Currier about the DPA’s 50th Anniversary celebration

\*Invitation to all members to come to the Fall Membership Meeting

Next Board Meeting: Wed., Sept. 13, 7:30pm. at Ella LeClaire’s, 9 Priscilla Path

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lowery for the Secretary