

The meeting of the GPPOA was called to order at 6:10 p.m. on August 2, 2008 by Paul Grant, President of the Association.

Paul asked for a roll call of members in attendance.
The GPPOA mission statement was read.

Reading of July 5, 2008 minutes

The secretary requested that we adhere to the agenda for easier minute taking
Minutes were read, corrections acknowledged, and accepted.

Treasurer's report:

- Opening Balance: \$2,804.39
- Expenses: \$42.00 for Post Office Box Rental
- Deposit of \$200 on 7/8/08
 - Hubene is holding 5 checks still to be deposited.
- Closing balance: \$2,962.39
- As of 8/2/08 there are 27 paid members.
- Treasurer's report accepted

Water Quality Report:

- Dana Shaw collected three gallons of pond water from different locations in the pond.
- Took them to the University of Maine. To date he not received a response.
- Noone had a copy of Joe Jordan's letter, so that will be presented at the September
- meeting.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Report on Town Beach/Boat Ramp/Town Meeting:

- Dana Shaw went to the Selectmen's Meeting on July 7, 2008.
- The 1st Selectperson seemed to be responsive, saying she would contact the DEP again.
- Issues that Dana brought up were:
 - Public boat ramp is not being maintained properly, liability for town if a boat or car gets damaged or if there is bodily harm to someone.
 - The edge of the road is dangerous due to erosion
 - The use of sandbags, as a temporary solution, was brought up.
- Beverly Schuster said she will write a letter to the Selectmen on this matter.

Picnic Report

Picnic was held on Tuesday, July 22nd at Lisa and Stuart Branch's camp with a pretty good turnout – 25 people.

Report on loons:

Both baby loons seem to be doing well and are losing their "fluff".

Report of Directors' Meeting held this month:

- Rocco Fucetola resigned as Membership Chair
- Diane Jordan volunteered and was appointed to fill the position

Activities;

- "Paddle around the Pond": first one will be on Saturday, August 16, 2008.
 - Meet at "middle ground" at 9 a.m.
- Dinner at Seafood Ketch in Bass Harbor, Saturday, 8/9
 - Meet at top of hill, Georges Pond road at 5 p.m.. Head count needed for reservation
- Dinner at Carmen Veranda's on hold until we get confirmation that Roberta DeMuro will be performing
- Second Picnic, Sunday August 24th at 11:00 a.m. to..... At Lisa and Paul Grant's camp, 136 South Shore Colony (editor's note: changed to Stu and Lisa Branch's same time).
- Please RSVP @ 565-2508. Kathi Kelly to make up a flyer for this event.

New Business:

- Picnic morning, August 24th, combine with a "clean-up" of Georges Pond Road, beach
 - From Bunker's Beach to Pulbic Beach
 - We will fill up bags, Danad will organize "bag" pick-up
- Beach Issues:
 - Want to suggest Porta-Potties at next Selectmen's meeting not just for summer use but in the winter, as well, for the ice fishermen.
 - Use of ATV's on the beach and in the pond; drinking
 - Trash can at the beach and make sure it gets emptied in a timely fashion
 - Parking signs
 - Paul to present these issues to Selectmen. If no response, then we might approach DEP.

- A flyer with beach and boat safety and courtesy tips will be created and circulated.

We need the help of the community of Franklin, not just people who own homes on the pond to contact Selectmen as well. Georges Pond and the beach are for public use, so everyone who uses them should be involved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Staub, Secretary GPPOA