

## **Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc.**

Minutes of the Open Membership Meeting

October 11, 2016

The Open Membership Meeting of Citizens Restoring Congamond, Inc. was called to order by President Deb Herath at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at Crabby Joe's Restaurant, 141 Congamond Road, Southwick, Massachusetts.

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

Deb Herath	President
Kevin Maloney	Vice-President
Ann Gustafson	Treasurer
Rick Seaman	Acting Secretary
Jerry Crane	President Emeritus
Sandie MacDowell	Hospitality Co-Chair
Ginny Graves	Babb's Treasurer
Linda Champagney	
Ron Greene	

Those absent:

Rob Tatro	Secretary
Sharon Jones	Hospitality Co-Chair
Steve Schmid	Technical Advisor
Christine Pepka	CLEPO

Others present: approximately 10 other members and guests.

### **New Business**

Rosemary Sandlin, who is running for State Representative in Southwick, Agawam and Granville, spoke about why she is running and asked for our support.

Eric Mueller, who serves on the Southwick Lake Management Committee, provided an update on lake conditions. He'll be doing the final sampling for 2016 on Wednesday, October 12. The water quality was bad all year due to the warm winter weather. One algae bloom was caught just as it was starting. Two grant applications are in: one for an alum treatment (\$850,000), and another for canal restoration, which has been approved but not funded. The weir gate damage earlier in the year resulted in the loss of three inches of water, which is part of the reason the lake level is so low now. Eric feels that a fish kill is unlikely this fall unless we have a big storm.

Treasurer Ann Gustafson reported that the checking account has a balance of \$2,704.19, the savings has \$3,775.66 and the investment account has \$32,254.03.

Deb Herath noted that the investment funds, while invested conservatively, have seen steady growth.

Babb's Treasurer Ginny Graves reported that the Babb's checking account has a balance of \$606.57 and the savings account has a balance of \$38,433.11.

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Janeen Crane reported that the Little Black Dress fundraiser was very successful. Preliminary results indicate that the total revenue should be about \$2900 and net profit should be around \$1400.

Linda Champagny reported that the Savers fundraiser held on October 1 to collect used clothing yielded 398 pounds of soft goods, 396 pounds of hard goods, and made \$101.40 for CRC.

Ron Greene showed a small (approximately four-foot long) hand-made wooden boat modeled on boats used by lifeguards at Babb's Beach many years ago, with a 1940 1 ½ horsepower Sea King motor that will be used for a fund-raising raffle. Tickets will be \$20 each.

Jerry Crane requested donations of items that can be sold on CraigsList, eBay or other on-line sites. He also discussed plans for meetings to share lake memories and memorabilia.

Deb Herath noted that a horseshoe tournament will be held at 10 a.m. on October 15 at Babb's.

Jerry noted that there will be an auto and boat swap meet and flea market at Babb's on Oct. 29.

Sandie MacDowell announced the Christmas party to be held at the Cove on December 3. Tickets are \$30. In addition to the dinner, there will be an entertainer from "The Voice".

Deb Herath announced that the CRC vacation will be the second week of March.

Deb asked if there were any volunteers to serve as President, Vice-President or Secretary. When there were none, she offered to serve again as President, and Kevin Maloney offered to serve again as Vice-President. Linda Champagny volunteered to serve as Secretary.

**Deb moved to elect Deb Herath as President, Kevin Maloney as Vice President and Linda Champagny as Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Deb moved to approve CRC making a donation to the North Pond Land Acquisition fund, with the amount and timing to be determined in the spring. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

### **Next Membership Meeting**

The next open membership meeting will be held in April 2017, at a time and place to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Rick Seaman  
Acting Secretary

Date: 10/13/2016