

BANTAM LAKE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2020

via ZOOM

1. Call to order - 7:00 pm by Connie Trolle

2. Members present: (via Zoom): Connie Trolle, Jamie Fischer, Rob Sherry, Kris Truta, Mike Lauretano, Kathy Hill

3. Approval of minutes from February 20, 2020. Motion by Mike L and seconded by Rob S.

4. Plans for upcoming events/fundraiser with regard to Covid 19 pandemic issues:

Due to social distancing requirements that may still be in place going forward into Spring/Summer will cancel the Preakness Party and look at combining Bantam Lake Day (scheduled July) with the 5 K run (scheduled August).

The State of CT boat launch is also a concern regarding social distancing issues - particularly the porto restroom. Connie will address with the State.

5. Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills April 21-22, 2020. We need to promote this event and remind our members to renew. Kathy will get a constant contact email out with reminders to renew, support and remind of cancellations.

6. Lake Treatments: Connie said the treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed is planned for May, 2020. We were unable to do this last year. The permit has not yet been issued but hopefully forthcoming soon. The State is still waiting for more information from well testing, etc. Allum treatments are being planned for Cyanobacteria and Blue/Green Algae for this summer

7. Everblue Lakes aeration and biological treatment at Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton, CT. Mike L. and Kathy H. have both been

in touch with persons on the lake authority for Lake Pocotopaug regarding this treatment. It's very similar to the treatment presentation we received from SISbio last fall. Lake P plans going forward with this treatment this Spring. Lake P. is about half the size of Bantam. Jamie Fischer said there is no State of CT DEEP approvals for this treatment as of yet. He feels they are still exploring it for smaller lakes but is doubtful it would work for us. Either way it will take time. Connie agreed we should stay in touch with the Lake P. board. If they get approval we could revisit the idea.

8. Pontoon Boat purchase for BLPA: Several boats have been evaluated for possible purchase. Ace Marine is assisting in the mechanical evaluation. Ace will make determination and also transport the boat to Bantam Lake. The funds for the purchase have come from an anonymous donor and stipulated for this use. The boat will be used for surveys, water collection samples and readings and also to transport State and local officials for engagement with our plans. We are also hopeful that we may get a regular population of local students for involvement with lake environmental studies.

9. Lake Clean-up Day: It was suggested that we hold a lake clean-up day. Possibly June 6. This may be challenging with social distancing regulations. We will re-visit next month.

10. Live Zoom meeting on the lake: Jamie suggested having a live Zoom meeting while out on the lake with Larry Marsicano. Early May. Approximately 30 minutes. We could allow members to join and ask questions about the treatments, etc while onboard the boat.

11. New book: Leo Kulinski just published a photography book called Soaring Back, The Return of Bantam Lake's Eagles. He is a wonderful photographer who has been shooting (camera) these beautiful birds for many years. We plan to promote his work on our next news letter.

12. Membership: Delivered by Kris Truta. Dues are presently down \$2075. Donations down by \$9000. Members down by 123. We need to promote renewal and donations. All agreed that times are difficult for many. Best to hold off on a mailed postcard reminder or newsletter but use constant contact and social media to remind. Kathy will ask daughter Kelly to get on the instagram and start promoting us more.

13. Motion to Adjourn: 7:45pm