

Echo Hill Board North
Meeting -- 11/4/15

Present: Paul H., Pippa C, Kristina F, Elizabeth L , Dick G, Steve B., Jerry H

Absent: Erin S, Steve E., Trudy, Faythe T

1. Meeting brought to order.
2. Thanks given to Kristinza for the directory and Pippa for putting up our website.
3. Previous meeting notes not copied. We will approve via email. Pippa will show to Elizabeth and then send them out.
4. Treasurer Report.
 - a. Balance of checking account is 14,468.85. This is slightly higher than at this time last year.
 - b. Kenda on Healthstone donates money to the EHN association. She is not a member but they use the pond and is connected to neighborhood.
 - c. People can be "members by choice" if not officially part of EHN. To change a house to be officially a member is laborious process that prevents us from adding people officially.
 - d. Testing of pond had excellent readings. E. Coli Bacteria – 4 CFUs; Phosphate .05 mg/l.
5. Date and agenda for our annual meeting
 - a. First Monday of February per our bylaws. February 1, 2016.
 - b. Need to book the Women's Club. Possible topics include traffic, pond. Possibly we do not need a topic. Elizabeth will book for 7pm.
 - c. Annual meeting is required by bylaws. At meeting, we do treasure's report, election of officers, and approval of previous year's minutes.
 - d. Faythe often does food and beverages for the event.
 - e. Elizabeth will send email out re: the event.
6. Closing up pond.
 - a. We would like to take dock out of the water again for the winter. People volunteered to do it. Paul, Jerry and Steve willing to spearhead it.
7. Pond strategy for next year
 - a. Get volunteers to haul weeds out during the Spring Clean Up. Discussion about letting the pond go this year (no major interventions) and see what happens. Many people spent time pulling weeds this summer. We have some herbicide left and discussed whether to use it. Consensus seemed to be not to use this year. Dick will leave canoe at shore so people can use for weeding.
 - b. Jim picked up items from the pond at end of the season and Pippa went through it to see what we keep and what we should throw out.
 - c. Sand was great this past year.
 - d. Discussed sending "best practices" note for new families re: taking care of the pond.
8. Discuss Board membership.
 - a. Board members will inform Elizabeth about whether they are staying or leaving the Board. Elizabeth will also check in with people about this.
 - b. Steve B. stated that he plans to leave the Board. His 3 year term is up.
9. Recognized Jim Soper's great contribution to the EHN Board. We will give a gift for him. Pippa will lead this.