## White Oak Pond Watershed Association

## Incorporated

## Holderness, New Hampshire 03245

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 12, 1981

Present were: Richardson Blair

Ann Ireland, as proxy for Blake Ireland

Sidney Lovett

Bill Perry, Secretary

Mary Perry, acting as Recording Secretary

Harold Taylor, President

Paul Whitman

Roger Wicksman, as proxy for

Robert Wicksman

Penny Whitman, observor

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm at the residence of the Secretary, and called for the Secretary's report (attached).

It was moved, seconded and VOTED to accept this report.

In regard to the Secretary's suggestion that certain records of the Association be compiled as a Directory to include the growing mailing list, the question of defining the term "Member" for such purposes was tabled, pending a more detailed plan for a Directory.

The President called for reports of Committees.

For the Nominating Committee (consisting of Ruth Knapp, Sidney Lovett and herself), Mary Perry raised the matter of rotation. Issues involved include representation, acquaintanceship, time, labor, and persuasion of candidates.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED that Sidney Lovett be Chairman and that Mary Perry be retired from the Committee to serve as its Secretary. Paul Whitman was then appointed to the Committee in her place, as By-laws call for three-year terms of office in the Committee with one member being replaced each year.

For the Conservation Committee, Chairman Paul Whitman reported that the Committee's investigation of the possibility of raising money from salvage of logs on the Pond bottom had found that the expense for divers would be prohibitive. This fact, together with thinness of the ice in recent years, convinced the Committee to report in the negative. Discussion followed at length on the possibilities of further preservation of Lamb Swamp, the proper ways of approaching or involving owners of underwater lands, and attendant complexities of boundaries, values, etc. (Reference was made to wetland studies already made and to alternative possibilities.)

It was pointed out that the altitude of the swamp exceeds that of the Pond, raising legal problems and issues involving the concerns of the Water Committee.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED to refer the problem of feasibility of WOPWA action regarding any specific next step to the Conservation Committee, in concert with the Water Committee, with a report to the Board in July, 1982.

The President then inquired about the work before the Nominating Committee. Leftover from the last Annual Meeting is the matter of scheduling rotation of Board members.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED that the Nominating Committee resolve this matter, including the question as to whether or not the question can be settled in advance of the Annual Meeting only two days hence.

For the <u>Water Committee</u>, Roger Wicksman, reporting for Robert Wicksman, raised concerns about water rights, control of water level, ownership of lands between "natural" (old) Pond and present. These matters were discussed with respect to status of the dam in the estate of the late Susan B. Keith.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED that the President should write to Rowland Keith thanking him again for past care and inquiring from him if there are others now involved to whom it would be appropriate for the Association to communicate its interests in the future of the Pond.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Perry, Jr.

Secretary