

# White Oak Pond Watershed Association

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Holderness, New Hampshire 03245

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

September 8, 1985

The meeting opened at 4:40 p.m. in the Science Center of New Hampshire, Vice President Harold Taylor presiding in the absence of President Paul Whitman. Nineteen members attended.

The Chairman first invited Richardson Blair to report as liaison with Squam Lakes Association. His report is attached.

The Vice President then reported that negotiations for the gift of wetlands by Camilla Kemple to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust were drawing to a successful conclusion. The issue of gift of wetlands at the Lamb Swamp end of the property was still in doubt. Regarding Lamb Swamp in general, President Whitman had taken soundings of opinion among abutters. At that time the Board had concluded that it was advisable to postpone the writing of letters and the soliciting of gifts and easements in favor of further face-to-face conversations.

The Secretary then reported the decision of the Board, as authorized by the membership at the last Annual Meeting, to join the Lakes Region Federation.

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Secretary then presented the Treasurer's Report (attached). It was then VOTED to accept the Treasurer's Report with special thanks to its author, Rita Reardon.

The Chair then called for the reports of Committees. For the Nominating Committee, Mary Perry, as its secretary, presented the following slate which was unanimously VOTED:

For the Board, Directors were elected for a second term of two years:

Woolsey Conover  
John Hanlon  
George Levin  
Edward Stevenson

For the Water Committee, Robert Wicksman spoke in behalf of Roger Wicksman, Chairman. There are two active beaver lodges on the Pond and Swamp. Milfoil remains a concern (two boats were stopped from being launched when weeds were observed on their propellers), but present growths in back of the island are the less harmful bladderwort. PH levels are still acceptable despite the brown shade which has always characterized the water. Methods of monitoring were discussed.

For the Conservation Committee, the Secretary reported that the Holderness Conservation Commission had installed two boxes on poles in the swamp for residential use by wood ducks. He added that he had in August observed a Cougar on his lawn for over fifteen minutes. No test of confidence in this report was attempted.

Bob Wicksman and Dick Blair then remarked on the spread of rabies among foxes, skunks, etc., and urged caution and communication with local health officers.

The meeting hastily adjourned in favor of wine and cheese.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Perry". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

William G. Perry, Secretary