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“Dedicated to promoting the welfare
of Pine River Pond and its environs.”

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: by Joe Carriere

“Wow.....what a long, hot, dry, fun and safe summer we had!” It was so good it reminded me of the euphoric 101 days of high school's endless summer. The water was warm and the fishing was good. Relaxation from sunset cruises with friendly waves from people sipping cocktails out on their docks, and serene evening campfires with family and neighbors made everything right in the world - yes, life is very good on PRP. When life is this good it's often hard to see a need for change, but after much reflection, I've decided (along with Big Papi) that it's time. I will continue with efforts we have underway, but the July 2017 annual meeting will end my term. When I accepted the nomination, I promised that I would find what was good and make it better. I hope you feel I accomplished at least some modicum of my promise and served this community well. The 8 July 2017 annual meeting will soon be upon us and with it brings the promise of new leadership with brighter, bolder and more innovative ways of community service. In parting, I'd like

to thank the ExCom and Board members for their leadership and dedication, and more importantly, the entire PRP Association membership for your support over these past four years. Thank you all!

ANNUAL MEETING: by Phil Valenti

The Annual Meeting was held at the Kolb residence on Saturday July 9, 2016 with 55 members of the PRP Association attending. After a pledge of allegiance to our flag and acceptance of last year's meeting minutes, we proceeded with our business. First, we had several new officers voted onto the Board. We welcome Bill Oatis as our Newsletter Editor, Diane Cobb as our Communication Coordinator and Patty Philbrook as our 1st Vice President. Welcome aboard! All other members of the board were approved to remain in office. Reports from the various Board members and committees were presented to the membership. Those reports in some form will be published in other areas of the newsletter. The meeting was very interactive with many questions and concerns being raised by the members. These ranged from having respect for boaters and land owners to concerns about Canadian Geese, private fireworks, high wakes/waves and the erosion they cause. There were several bylaw changes voted on and approved. Article XIV was a recommended change to the verbiage as to the meeting schedule of the Executive Committee and Article XIII was added to offer complimentary membership to executive board members who have served the association for seven or more years. The meeting ended around 11:15 a.m. I'd like to wish all a very good and safe winter and see you this spring!

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATION: by Tracey Hanlon.

I'm your new membership chair for the PRP Association and I'm having a really great time getting to know my neighbors on PRP. In case you haven't heard, we are trying to modernize everything we do and, thanks to the new website, we are finally making progress! Members can now access their membership information via the new website. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, please do so! There is a ton of great information on the website including the benefits to being a member of the association. We used the email addresses you each submitted on your membership form this year to build the website and that is the address we will use for any PRP correspondence. To log on, enter either your email address or username [lastname.firstname] and the password that you were sent. Once you are in, you can update all your information at any time to be sure you are getting the latest info. If you have any problems logging into the website, just email me at membership@pineriverpond.org and I'll help you out.

During the off-season your PRP Association will be hard at work preparing for the upcoming year. I will be working on our PRP Association Facebook page. For those of you that are on Facebook, you'll be getting your invite soon and I look forward to seeing what everyone has to share on that

page. It will be a good place to post pictures from around the lake, share information with your lake friends, and ask questions. Did you know we have well over 600 families living on or near the lake? I was amazed to learn that and as I talk to people I'm finding out many do not know anything about our PRP Association and all the good we do. Can you help us by talking to your neighbors about us? Make sure to mention the benefits of membership! In addition to supporting all the topics covered in the Newsletter, the PRP Association publishes a renter's information guide, manages the annual loon watch program, donates to the NH Lakes Association and the Loon Preservation Society and provides discounts to/from local businesses. So please, remember to talk us up to your neighbors and make sure they know about this association and ask them to join. Also, do you have adult children that visit you on the Pond? We encourage all adult children of property owners to have their own membership in the Association so they, too, can take advantage of the benefits of being a member. If you have any questions or comments regarding membership, please reach out to me! I'd love to get your input. Hoping you all have a great winter! Stay warm and we'll see you in the spring time!

COMMUNICATION COORDINATION: by Diane Cobb

For those that do not know me, I am your new Communication Coordinator, having recently taken this position over from Dave Lee. Think of me as your voice for Pine River Pond! I share any and all information pertaining to our beautiful lake along with relevant community information from the town of Wakefield and surrounding area lakes. From lake activities and events, to boat parades, to classified ads and to Lake Host programs, I will keep you all up to date on what is happening around the lake and what your PRP Board of Directors are doing for you. One of my goals for this coming year is to ensure that all PRP members are receiving my communication emails. I am aware of issues with members that have Hotmail accounts and I am sending separate emails to those users outside of our PRP website in order to make sure you know what is going on. Are there any other members not receiving any emails from me since I took over sending emails in July? If so, please contact me at communications@pineriverpond.org and I will work with the appropriate board members to get this resolved. One worthwhile note to make: communication only goes out to members. If you have not yet paid for your annual PRP membership, please consider doing so. It is only 25 dollars a year (we also seek a small fireworks donation), a very small investment for a wealth of information. Thank you!

LAKE HOST PROGRAM: by Tom Daniels

We just completed our 6th season of the Lake Host program on PRP. The Lake Host program is one of the three key programs that help to keep our lake clean and

free from invasive species. This year we had two paid Lake Hosts (Mike Wons and Matt Daniels) who covered the ramp from late May through early September, with Torey Woods jumping in for us in September. We thank the 6 volunteers (Jim Fitzpatrick, Guy Philbrook, Peg Naughton, Jen Ryan, Pam Madden and John Elwell) who handled Lake Host duties when our paid Lake Hosts were unable to cover the ramp. Lake Hosts not only make sure that there are no weeds hitchhiking on boats and trailers coming into Pine River Pond, but also that the boats have been "Cleaned, Drained and Dried". Your PRP Association dues help to pay for a portion of this program, along with grants from the Town of Wakefield and the State of New Hampshire. New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH Lakes) administers the program and provides a great deal of support and training. I am happy to report that no suspicious weeds were found coming into Pine River Pond via the ramp this year.

As we get ready to turn the calendar into 2017, I also wanted to make you aware of a new law in 2017. "When leaving waters of the state, a person shall drain his or her boat and other water-related equipment that holds water, including live wells and bilges. Drain plugs, bailers, valves, or other devices used to control the draining of water from ballast tanks, bilges, and live wells shall be removed or opened while transporting boats and other water-related equipment, if the vessel is so equipped." The failure to perform these tasks equates to negligence under the law. Although the law provides for a fine of \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$250 for a third offense, the primary emphasis of the new law is not to fine negligent boaters but to raise awareness.

To help provide more consistent ramp coverage, I am looking to create a "call list" of volunteers that would be willing to work 2-hour shifts when our paid Lake Hosts are unable to work. If you are interested in being part of our "call list" please let me know. By being part of the "call list" you are just volunteering to take my call (or email) in case we need coverage. If you are unable to help that particular day, that's fine and I'll just move to the next person on the list.

So, let's continue to be vigilant when bringing our boats in and out of all lakes and in doing our part to keep PRP clean and clear and our property values up. We continue to remain one of the few lakes in the area that are free of invasive species such as milfoil.

If you have any questions about the Lake Host Program or would like to be on the volunteer call list, please call (978-880-8055) or email me at tdanielsprp@gmail.com.

WEED WATCH PROGRAM: by Cindy Pfeiffer

We have purchased orange caps, t-shirts and flags to create more visibility for our group of weed watchers. So when you see someone monitoring the shoreline wearing an orange cap or t-shirt or with an orange flag attached to their kayak - this is one of our weed watch volunteers. They monitor the shoreline to locate any invasive species that attempt to take root. They detected many new varieties of

weeds this year and photos of all were submitted to DES. All were identified as native varieties through the photos and actual weed specimens were not required to be forwarded to DES for DNA testing.

Some of us attended the Invasive Species Roundtable in May which brought volunteers from all the lakes and ponds within Wakefield and Acton, Maine. We received a lot of information regarding invasive species and how they have impacted our neighboring lakes and ponds. We learned that the average cost to manage invasive species once rooted in a body of water was \$20,000 to \$40,000 per year – the #1 reason for our membership dues.

Many of the volunteers participated in a tour of Young's Brook at the beginning of August to help identify some of the native plants in PRP. Our pond has quite a variety of plant life and it can be very difficult to distinguish which plants need to be photographed and submitted as suspicious - especially in the coves where plant growth is abundant. During this tour we discovered an interesting species called bryozoan. Volunteers have found this gelatinous species throughout the pond, in coves, attached to submerged tree limbs and even under a dock. Bryozoan is an aquatic invertebrate, an animal with no backbone, which is sometimes called a "moss animal." They are sighted frequently throughout New Hampshire, although it is difficult to predict which lakes will have bryozoans in any given year. Bryozoans come in many different shapes and sizes. Some bryozoans are very small and wispy, while others form large gelatinous balls that can be up to two feet in diameter! While bryozoan looks very gross it is harmless to the lake water quality.

If you are interested in learning how you can become more involved with the weed watch effort - please contact Jim Fitzpatrick - 603-522-8404

WATER TESTING PROGRAM: by Dave Boisvert

The 2016 water sampling program has been completed and no measurements show any reasons for concern. The pond remains healthy and clean, and we will continue to monitor it for any changes next year and in future years. I would like to thank the volunteers Pam Madden, Kurt Pearson, Ken Cobb, Ted Bitomski and Dave Lee for their time and effort. It was a pleasure working with all of you, and hope to do so again next summer. I would also like to thank Bob Craycraft from the U.N.H. Cooperative Extension, for his help and knowledge.

THE PRP STORE: by Tom and Shelly Daniels

What a great season we had at the store. We kicked off the year with our free hot dog cookout, where we served almost 100 hot dogs! Our weekends were steady with returning and new customers. A new t-shirt design was available and sold well. We also added winter hats, women's t-shirts and a new, etched, 2016 Christmas ornament. As always, we enjoyed talking and meeting

many lake friends and learning more about the history of the lake.

We will be doing a Christmas mail order weekend on December 3rd and 4th. You will be able to call in your orders and they will be shipped out that following Monday. Thank you for supporting the store and helping to raise funds for the PRP Association.

FIREWORKS SHOW : by Doug Stewart

While I'd never wish for a rainy day on a Saturday in July, I was relieved that the weather forecasters were correct after we postponed the show this year. The weather on July 16 was fantastic and once again we were treated to a great display. We have already reserved Atlas Fireworks for the 2017 show, so please remember to donate to the fireworks fund when renewing your membership. Our finale this year was dedicated to Alton "Al" Bryant, a long-time PRP Association member who spent over sixty years with us. We thank the Bryant family for their generous donation to the PRP Association.

PARTY BOAT PARADE: by Tracey Kolb

The Labor Day Boat Parade was a huge success. We collected over \$600.00! Everyone in the parade, as well as several others, donated to help with the prevention of invasive weeds in our lake. The day was perfect and the decorations were great as always. The boat parade will be on again next year and I already know a few boaters that are planning their décor!

WINTER SPORTS: by Bob Lundgren

Thanks to Bill Oatis for assuming the duties of Newsletter Editor. I was ready for a break. I know he'll do a fine job and I'll assist him if needed. Anyway, as a current member and former president of the Seven Lakes Snowmobile Club, I encourage you to join this club. There are many clubs in NH and we have a great core group of active members maintaining and grooming trails in Greater Wakefield. Membership in a club entitles you to a discount on your registration fees and gives you a chance to get involved and meet new friends. Snowmobile clubs work with the NH Bureau of Trails. Without active clubs there would be little opportunity to ride.

With more and more construction and development in the area it's getting harder to keep trails open, so we appreciate the cooperation of the many landowners who permit this use. This is further made possible by NH's important landowner protection laws. The trails are also used by walkers and cross country skiers, so it's important for all users to use caution and common sense when traveling area trails. To learn more about the Seven Lakes Snowmobile Club, including how to join and how to help, check out the Club's Facebook page or go their website: www.sevenlakesnowmobileclub.com.

Ice fishing is also a popular pastime and it is requested (and is the law) that snowmobiles give ice fishermen a wide berth when passing near them. Ice skating is usually limited by snowfall but once in a while conditions permit it. Needless to say, whatever your reason to be on the lake, be sure the ice is safe, especially near any “bubbler” systems near the condo docks in “Dam Cove”.

2017 ICE OUT CONTEST: by Bob Lundgren

Last year’s ice-out date was the earliest ever March 18th and the winner was Tracey Hanlon the PRP Membership Chair. Will we be back to normal this winter or is this a new trend? Enter the ice-out contest and let us know what you think. The winner gets \$100!! Note: This is for members of the PRP Association, their spouses and dependent children.

- 1) There’s no formal application form again this year.
- 2) Simply e-mail me your best guess by including your name, address, phone #, as well as the ice-out month, date and time in on the hour or ½ hour. NOTE: One entry per e-mail to me. Please don’t send multiple names on a single e-mail.
- 3) For those of you without e-mail, simply snail-mail me a note with the same information.
- 4) My e-mail is robertlundgren1@roadrunner.com and mail is 94 Grenier Rd, Sanbornville, NH 03872
- 5) Ice out will be defined by the point when the lake is essentially free of ice. My call! The winner will be the closest guess either before or after the announced time. As respects this contest the ice never goes out after dark! If there’s a tie, the pot is split.
- 6) The guesses must be received no later than January 31. They will be filed and not looked at until after the ice out time is announced. Winner’s name is announced at the annual meeting. **WHY NOT ENTER NOW?**

DID YOU KNOW? by Joe Carriere

- There are less than 250 days until the new PRP membership year starts (1 July 2017). Mark your calendars to renew before June.
- We are hoping to work with road association presidents to ensure new owners are aware of the PRP Association. If you have a new neighbor, please tell them about us! If you are a Road Association president let us know!
- Members can post your own classified ads online? Go to: <http://pineriverpond.org/classifieds/>
- Members receive discounts for services from our small business partners? See our participating partners at: <http://pineriverpond.org/resources/>

- PRP membership provides legal access to the Lord Road access point for those with deeded PRP rights? We are exploring watercraft decals to help identify members and respect the private property owner's concern over trespassing. Ramp use is a privilege, not a right
- Manually removing your leaves, pine needles and other organic debris can help reduce the nitrogen load in the lake and help with our low O2 levels? Just remember that you can’t burn on the lake bed!
- New rules and regulations for fishing and boating have occurred and new ones are about to take place January 1st? You can keep up to date with all the latest information at <http://pineriverpond.org/blog/>
- That there were several 'near misses' from watercraft operating at night without proper lighting (in some cases any lighting)? See requirements at: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/legal.html>
- That you are responsible for your wake and any damage that it causes? Please respect the 150' rules and the impact your wake has on shoreline owners, water skiers and others trying to enjoy the lake. Keeping your boat properly trimmed is safer and more fuel efficient. Learn how at: <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2014/june/staying-in-trim.asp>
- We are looking for a volunteer to lead an effort to obtain a 'class action' permit for PRP waterfront owners to install protective equipment to address a noted increase in shoreline erosion? If you're interested or have any experience in NH waterfront permitting, please let the PRP President or Vice President know. Contact information can be found at: <http://pineriverpond.org/contact/>

EDITOR’S NOTE – by Bill Oatis

Thank you to Bob Lundgren for his many years editing the Newsletter and for his help and support to me in producing this one.

Happy Holidays to all.

