



# The Meccawe Club

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## MINUTES

Board members and guests in attendance: John Coco, President; Frost Hammond, Vice president; John Houlihan; Douglas Harp, Secretary; Don Neely; Laurel Tobiason; Bill Copeland; Tom Tomosovic; Chuck and Judith Honsinger; Jerry Robinson

### Approval of May 19 and June 16 minutes...

#### **Pond study presentation by Chuck Honsinger**

Concerning, “scary;” temperatures. With high temperatures, dissolved oxygen is down to 7 and 6 milligrams per liter. Hot water drives the oxygen right out of the pond. CO2 buildup resulting in sluggish fish. (hard time reviving the fish before releasing) It’s mystery to Chuck how these fish thrive here — he’s been unable to find springs. John Houlihan: at the end of the day, we need to have a deeper pond. One possibility is to spot dredge — 3 - 4 holes that are 20’ deep; dredge out at the mouths of the brooks. Or, more radical, ask Danaher or Hi-on-a-Hill if they’d capture the fish and hold for the winter if we drained it. Meh...

Huge thanks to Chuck and Judy for this thorough, invaluable study!

#### **D/O insurance premium paid**

Laurel paid \$1,107.25 for the D/O insurance on July 12.

#### **Treasurer’s report and membership update: Laurel Tobiason**

69 paid members. Mortgage balance: principal — \$16,981.88 — paid off as of June 21, 2022. Checking account balance: \$58,909.83 as of July 13. Largest expense this month \$1,125 for lawn care. Thanks to Gary Weeks for weed whipping the entire driveway.

#### **Acceptance letters and dues payments for new members**

Motion to charge the \$1,100 dues no matter when in the season the person is accepted. Those dues cover the current season, and ensure membership (when paid) for the following season. Motion approved.

#### **Caretaker report: John Houlihan**

We’re covered except for the week beginning August 14 and week beginning August 21. May need some additional -eople at the end of October, depending on how late we stay open.

### **Pine tree removal — bids**

Marcus Bradley recommended we remove two pine trees, especially the forked tree near the cottage. Frost will follow up on the bids that Marcus Bradley was seeking.

### **John Deere mower... sold? Thanks to Bill Copeland**

Agreed price, \$2,800; sold to a Bridgewater man who may be interested in joining the Club.

### **Roof replacement... schedule?**

This will happen end of next week. Probably will take a couple weeks.

### **Mortgage paid... next big projects. Priorities: boathouse, pond work**

They are done, and JC says they're really professionally done. They look great. Bill suggests spreading our pile of pine chips to the right of the steps.

### **Date for Annual Meeting. Burn the mortgage!**

Saturday, September 24.

### **2023: Officer turnover. Be thinking of new candidates.**

Fall of 2023 is the last year for Laurel, Doug, John, and Frost as officers.

### **Other business**

Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>, dumpster coming; Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> work party to clean out the attic, behind the barn, under the clubhouse, etc, finding a chimney cleaner in the works. Rick T. will contact the gas company to put the gas line underground. Need to send instructions to the membership to SHUT THE BLOODY GRILL OFF when you're done, thank you very much. Frost suggests we consider getting a DR for clearing trails.

### **Next meeting date**

Thursday, August 18

### **Adjourn**

Respectfully, Douglas Harp