



Minutes for OPC Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 24, 2021

Meeting called to order 4:02 PM

Michael Marnik, OPC President, kicked off the Annual Meeting by welcoming members and calling for a motion to approve 2020 Annual Meeting minutes: Eric Spengler moves; John Smith seconds; motion approved unanimously.

Jamie Demas delivered the financial report beginning with a review of 2020 financials. In spite of many activities being curtailed, financially 2020 was a good year. The board decided to delay the membership drive, nonetheless, OPC received approximately \$47K in donations. Moreover, expenses were lower than in previous years (\$27,718) and OPC ended with a surplus of \$19,500 for 2020 as well as just over \$72K in the bank.

Year-to-date through September 2021, expenses are higher than last year but so are donations. The biggest expense was \$8,800 for Celebrate Our Waters; \$8,350 was spent for pond protection, advocacy, and remediation (Sarah's Pond Oxygenation, Cyanobacteria Monitoring with Association to Preserve Cape Cod [APCC]); \$6,000 for Mutt Mitts; and \$1,300 was spent for the Orleans CAN/OPC partnership mailing; still to come will be the cost for publishing and mailing *Ponderings*. The 2021 membership appeal went out to all members as well as to non-member residents and property owners in Orleans. The appeal brought in just over \$36K in donations in addition to 110 new members. Overall, OPC can expect robust financial results for 2021.

Following the financial report, Michael Marnik welcomed new members to the OPC board of directors and announced new nominating committee members. The new directors are Jack Goff, John Piccione, Justin Alex, Scott Flood and Clyde Hanyen. He then continued with the President's Report in which he spoke on the past, present, and future of the organization. He reminded the members that the Orleans Pond Coalition was established in 2003 with the mission to promote and protect all salt and fresh-water ponds in Orleans through education and advocacy. He thanked Eileen Godin who has been on the board since 2009—the board will miss her humor and participation in OPC events and especially in Celebrate Our Waters, which from its inception has been dear to her heart. Addressing the present, Michael talked about OPC's ongoing mission of education and advocacy and reviewed the projects OPC is involved in: Mutt Mitts, cyanobacteria monitoring, the Sarah's Pond Oxygenation Demonstration, Celebrate Our Waters, the print publication of *Ponderings*, and the OPC website. Lastly, Michael assured everyone that OPC will continue to adapt and progress while meeting its mission of education and advocacy.

Jamie Demas then introduced the featured speaker, Andrew Gottlieb, Executive Director of APCC, who reviewed the APCC cyanobacteria monitoring program for the 2021 season. The program is in its 5th year and currently, APCC is monitoring ponds in all towns across Cape Cod by working directly with some towns and some nonprofit organizations such as OPC. Following the presentation, Andrew took and answered questions.

Michael Marnik then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting: Eric Spengler motions; John Smith seconds; motion carries unanimously; meeting is adjourned at 5:03 pm.