

Annual Meeting of the Chilmark Pond Association

August 14, 4pm, Chilmark Library

President's Report

We had a good 12 months for pond openings, with the pond open for a longer period this winter than in my half-century of memory. As a result, the pond is in excellent condition.

Some items for your consideration:

1. One consequence of the lengthy opening has been an inflow of additional sand, augmenting the existing delta around the cut. For a number of years now, we have been tackling the issue of sand removal at the cut on a year-to-year, ad-hoc basis, managing to accomplish something only every few years. This year has again demonstrated that the sand we take out, nature puts back. Maintaining the health of the pond is an ongoing effort. With the pond getting smaller every year, the Executive Committee recommends that the Association approve a standing authorization for extended sand removal at every opening of the cut. Our past experience has shown that, for various reasons, the likelihood of this additional work actually happening for any given cut opening is less than 50%. If Dale McClure, our contractor, knows that this work is something we want done at every opportunity and have pre-approved, then he can plan ahead, and the chances of the work actually happening increase. If we do manage to get it done yearly, then our ability to open and flush the pond will improve.
2. We want to make sure that all those who have a property interest in, and benefit from use of, the pond are on our tax rolls. Does your deed grant any right-of-way concessions, or deeded pond or beach access provisions to other individuals? If so, can you provide us with their contact information? They may be "riparian owners." Just note their name and contact info when you return your payment.
3. The same goes if you have sold your property - please tell us who the new owner is!
4. I have been sending regular emails with Pond news all winter and spring. If you are NOT getting these emails, please note your email address when you return your payment.
5. Don't forget to include your account number when you send your check. If you pay online, please use the "memo" or "notes" facility to reference your CPA account number so that you will get proper credit for your payment.

Peter Bruce, President

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