

Minutes for QQLA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 18, 2021

Location: Yorzyk Residence, 162 Lane 7

Moderator of meeting: Bill Seabourne

Welcome:

Members:

South Pond: Steve Lockney (Y camp); Meg Noyes (remotely), Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Bill Seabourne, Skip Nielsen, Judy Nielsen, Carrol Yorzyk, MaryLou Knight, Don Taft, Connie Montross

North Pond: Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss, Sue Sardi, Jeff Clark, Michele Mandella, Dawn Aguiar

Guests: Jennifer Yorzyk.

Meeting called to order: 6:45 PM

Co-recording secretary:

- Minutes from September meeting pre-approved electronically

Treasurer's Report: (Carlene)

- Report distributed electronically.
- Hard copy distributed. Motion made by Don and seconded by Skip to approve Treasurer's report. Unanimously approved.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lakes Preservation:

Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP)

Doug reported that the SWWTP exceeded its "million per day" numbers due to the levels of rain over the summer. Design plans for the tertiary treatment need to be developed, reviewed and posted in December. Concerned that the time frame may be a factor, Jeff made a motion to retain services of QQLA counsel to prepare and investigate the strategy related to the December report regarding the wastewater output.

Don seconded the motion and put forth an addendum to cap any costs regarding this not to exceed \$5,000. Motion approved unanimously.

Mary Lou also requested that the copies of this letter be sent to both Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Bill suggested reinstating the "Poop Group" to go to committee; meet with QQLA counsel; and make further recommendations if necessary. Doug made a motion. Marita seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Beach: (Jeff)

South Pond Beach Committee had monthly meeting.

Committee currently has three members (Jeff Clark, Michelle, Clark, Kaitlin Servant) but is looking for two more for a total of 5. Goal of committee is to make sure beach is safe and usable each year.

Committee is looking for volunteers for various tasks including spring clean up.

Jeff said the committee will work closely with the town of Brookfield on various points including clean up and finances. He noted that a volunteer presence is very important.

Don suggested speaking to the town of Brookfield to see if the committee members can have three-year (rather than one-year) appointments.

Membership: (Meg, Carlene)

No report was given.

Fundraising: (Bill)

Jennifer Yorzyk spoke to the committee regarding a potential fundraiser. Jen proposed a three-mile swim (in honor of Bill Yorzyk) in South Pond. Jen will work with organizers of other events to ensure safety protocols are put into place. She will also speak to governing bodies in the various towns to make sure the logistics of the event are a possibility.

Skip noted that the state “owns” the lake and will need to be consulted regarding lack of boater access and use of the boat ramp.

Don suggested picking a date and contacting town of Brookfield first. He also volunteered to work with Jen on the logistics of the event.

Communication/Education: (Randy)

Randy said he was looking for ideas for the upcoming newsletter. Carlene suggested capitalizing on the mushroom photo contest and have the newsletter be about mushrooms.

Several suggestions were discussed for the next photo contest but a decision was not made.

Social/Recreation/Community Events (Don, Randy, Michele)

Don noted that planning is in progress for a winter social. Event will be potluck. Don will investigate venues and availability. Possibility of dates in February/March.

Camp Frank-A-Day

Steve reported that Camp Frank-a-Day was very busy this year with the challenges of COVID and rainy weather. He is estimating a 10-week summer in 2022 with full capacity.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

South Pond Bridge Replacement:

Skip said the bridge may be opening on October 20. He also noted the ownership of the gate and the bridge will go to East Brookfield.

Don proposed an unofficial bridge opening ceremony on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with a “gathering of neighbors.”

Flow Barrier:

Closed due to construction but overflowing due to rain event and high water

Relocating of Sturbridge Senior Center to Cedar Lake:

Marita said the town is no longer interested in locating the senior center on that land.

319 Grant

QQLA has not yet been notified of a decision on this. Skip called Carl looking for information. An email was also sent to State Rep. Anne Gobi looking for information on a decision.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

QQLA Liability Insurance

Bill noted that the liability insurance for QQLA members needed to be renewed. Motion by Don to pay the premium. Skip seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Sturbridge Lake Advisory Committee

Marita said Nick McMahon of Pond and Lake Association will present a Q & A at the Sturbridge Town Hall on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm regarding methods of weed treatment. She suggested members from QQLA should attend if possible or submit questions.

Fundraising

Fundraising was temporarily put on hold pending the results of the 319 grant. Bill thought membership letters asking for donations should be sent soon.

Turkeys

Don is looking for donations for turkeys or gift cards for families in need. Turkeys typically go to the Brookfield and East Brookfield Food Banks as well as Burgess Elementary School and the Sturbridge Senior Center. Members can donate either a turkey or a gift card.

Next Meeting: Nov. 17 6:30 pm at Bill Seaborne's house (107 Lane 4).

Meeting adjourned: 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Michele Mandella
Recording Secretary