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Minutes for QQLA Annual Meeting
Camp Frank A. Day- East Brookfield, MA.
Sunday, August 27, 2017

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Doug Vizard of South Pond, Sturbridge at 11:10 AM.

President Vizard welcomed members and friends and thanked the YMCA for allowing us to hold our meeting at Camp Frank A. Day. The following guests, attendees and members were recognized:

Scott Peckins, YMCA Executive Director of Camping Services and Zac Broomfield, director of Camp Frank A Day were introduced and recognized, as well as the kitchen crew, and counselors in attendance who prepared and served a delicious pancake breakfast to all.

New residents of both lakes were invited to stand and be recognized by current lake residents and QQLA members.

The members of the QQLA Board of Directors were introduced and acknowledged.

President: Doug Vizard (South Pond, Sturbridge)

Vice-President: Bill Seabourne (South Pond, East Brookfield)

Treasurer: MaryLou Knight (South Pond, Brookfield)

Recording Secretary: Judith Nielsen(South Pond, Sturbridge)

Event Speaker: Dave Mitchell, PhD; Aquatic Biologist and Lake Restoration Specialist

Dave spoke regarding his recent efforts on the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee and its work assessing South Pond . He shared that although his work is only in the town of Sturbridge, all shallow lakes and deep water lakes share common problems and restorative efforts.

Mary Lou Knight of South Pond, Brookfield read the treasurer's report.

Expenses for 2016:

\$ 10,911 weed mapping, assessment and treatment

\$ 10,653 legal fees

expenses thus far for 2017:

\$5000 for weed treatment

\$4,470 legal

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Passed.

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A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes as electronically distributed. Passed. Judy Nielsen

Membership: currently; 120 family memberships (250 lakes abutters)
The passing of long time lake resident Dorothy O'Brien was recognized
Bill Seabourne

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

Doug Vizard, Don Taft and Randy Weiss

QQLA recognizes that the EPA and the DEP are functioning on a reduced budget this year. We still anticipate a public hearing to be held in Spencer with QQLA notified and in attendance. A notice will go out to all members when QQLA is informed of the public hearing.

QQLA submitted an "intent to sue" letter to the town of Spencer via our attorney; Jamie Vander Salm of Worcester, MA. Our substantiated claim is that SWWTP (Spencer Waste Water Treatment Plant) is out of compliance with the Clean Water Act related to significant water loss into the ground water without a required permit and necessary ongoing monitoring.

The treatment plant's NPDES permit renewal is past due since 2012 and as a federal responsibility, the EPA is the lead agency. QQLA has made multiple efforts to be influential in the requirements of that permit.

QQLA officers have met with the 3 towns leadership and our political representatives. Letters of concern from all towns have been submitted to Spencer.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

FLOW BARRIER: Doug Vizard and Skip Nielsen

East Brookfield Selectmen still retain control of the flow barrier. MADOT (MA department of transportation) has reviewed the bridge and have plans to build a new bridge in 2019 with the flow barrier as a part of it. QQLA, under the direction of East Brookfield, manages the raising and lowering of the barrier dependent upon the direction of flowing water.

There will be a public hearing in East Brookfield later this year regarding the bridge reconstruction and the replacement of the flow barrier. There is more detailed information regarding the flow barrier on the QQLA.org website and in print on the back table from today's meeting.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL QQLA ACTIVITIES :

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February :	Winter Social
April:	Earth Day Roadside Clean-up
Spring Date TBA	Boaters Safety Class/SLAC (Sturbridge Lakes Advisory)
May	Memorial Day Weekend Picnic on South Pond Beach
July 4 th	Boat Parade and Boat count
All summer	Saturday Night Raft-Ups
August 27, 2017	Annual Meeting and pancake Breakfast
September Labor Day	Illumination Night
September 9, 2017	Canoe/Kayak Run Fund Raiser
November/December	Holiday Helpers Food & Gift Cards

OLD BUSINESS:

Benches, Trash Bins and Porta Potties at both ponds financially supported by QQLA and managed by Randy Weiss, board member from East Brookfield, North Pond.

Phone Book Updates accepted by Meg Noyes.

Chicopee Water Shed 4 Rivers,(QQLA participates,)includes canoe paddling, development of the Blue Way canoe river access and water monitoring.

NEW BUSINESS:

items for sale: hats, shirts, photos, maps, history etc. Marita Tasse

50/50 Raffle: Won by Andrew Houle, donated the raffle winnings back to QQLA!

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Judith Nielsen
Recording secretary