

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 13, 2015

Location: Seabourne's home

Chair: Don Taft

Members Present:

South Pond: Don Taft , Pat & Bill Seabourne, Carrol Yorzck, Marita Tasse, Judy & Skip Nielsen, Scott Pickens, Doug Vizard, Bryan McLeary

North Pond: Peter Levine, Dan & Cindy Laporte, Randy Weiss,

Meeting called to order: 6:45pm

Minutes approved: distributed electronically and approved

Treasurer's Report: Pat Seabourne

Brookfield clean lakes: \$3,516

Stable treasury

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership; 146 household over 2 lakes
- Fundraiser; in progress: 36 donations received for \$4,740
- Website: Marita is seeking new business cards for local sponsor advertisements

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

SWWTP-POOP Group: (Don, Bill, Doug, Meg, Peter, Skip)

- In process, no new info

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

Flow Barrier: (Skip, Judy, Bill, Pat, Meg)

- Flow monitoring: flow barrier closed due to Lashaway drawdown
- Political support: committee members will attend the Oct 19 EB BOS meeting to see if they have selected a firm for hydrology study.

OLD BUSINESS

- Limno Barriers: SP resident borrowed them for use as a construction barrier
- SLAC report: Marita Tasse; Sturbridge conservation committee lake shore guidelines in progress. These will be generalized to

assist all lakes. Sturbridge safe boating courses very successful and 2 more all day courses will be held in the spring. Free for people over 12 years old. YMCA camp leadership considering attendance.

- Benches for both lakes nearly ready for placement

NEW BUSINESS

- Helping Hands of QQLA: Thanksgiving & Christmas food cards and turkeys. Don will distribute open invitations for all lake residents to participate as able. See facebook and website.
- 2015 Calendar of events
 - Winter Social: location and date discussed. No decision as yet. Consider date change to January?
 - Welcome packages for new residents; Meg managing: Randy suggested breaking the neighborhoods into smaller locations so QQLA members may welcome their neighbors.
 - Post the edited minutes to QQLA website and facebook pages. Judy will begin this with the September minutes.
 - History material from QQLA: Carrol Y. and Randy W. discussed compiling material and providing some of it to EB library for electronic storage.
 - 2016 annual meeting speaker: Don discussed potential of UMass graduate student doing water studies may report.
 - Brian McLeary would like to discuss posting marker bouys in South pond for shallow areas, in the spring.
 - Trash Barrels and Porta Potties on both lakes: Don/Randy:
 - VOTE: Skip Nielsen motioned that QQLA support year round porta potty management on both lakes. Seconded by Pat Seabourne. All in favor.
 - Discussion: Don discussed the porta potty cost is around \$1400/year. Some of the cost is covered by Fish & Wildlife and some by the Brookfield Recreation Committee. QQLA will consider using the Brookfield clean lakes money for the difference.
 - VOTE: Bill Seabourne motioned that QQLA support 1 barrel for trash at each lake for 6 winter months starting in November 2015. Seconded by Brian McLeary. All in favor.

- Discussion: Randy Weiss investigated the cost of trash barrels/emptying for both lakes. Concern discussed about some individuals placing household trash in barrels intended for lake users only. Evaluation of the effectiveness of this after 6 months proposed. Expected cost \$280 each lake, total \$560 for 6 months.

Don discussed lake projects that need support and volunteer committee involvement. He reminded the board that he retires as president of the board next summer.

Next BOD Meeting: Tuesday November 3 @ 6:30 pm

Adjourned 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Judith Nielsen
Recording secretary