

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: November 3, 2015

Location: Seabourne's home

Chair: Bill Seabourne

Members Present:

South Pond: Don Taft, Pat & Bill Seabourne, Carrol Yorzcck, Marita Tasse, Judy & Skip Nielsen, Doug Vizard, Trish & Bryan McLeary, Meg Noyes

North Pond: Peter Levine, Sue Sasdi, Randy Weiss, Bev Lund, Anne Mathieu, Annette Lazilli

Meeting called to order: @ 6:50pm

Minutes approved: October 13, 2015 approved

Treasurer's Report: Pat Seabourne stated 46 members out of 250 households have donated \$5,585 to our annual fundraiser.

Brookfield clean-lakes fund remains @\$3,516

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: 147 member households out of 250 total potential
- Fundraiser: last plea postcard to go out; Trish suggests a "don't forget your lakes this holiday" notice.
- Newsletter; please submit information to MaryLou, include recipes! Trish noted that the Center of Hope in Southbridge prints at a reasonable price and for a good cause.
- website: sponsors, new business cards to Marita to advertise for local businesses around the lake. \$50 annually to be advertised in the newsletters, phonebook and the website.

PROJECT REPORTS:

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

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

- current progress: Don will contact our environmental law firm and set up a meeting for December. The group will review and comment on the DEP letter and on the issues noted by QQLA. Confirm that McGregor will attend the hearing for the new SWWTP (spencer waste water treatment plant) permit.
Cc: Senator Gobi on this letter. Trish noted that Sen. Gobi chairs

the State Environmental Committee. QQLA committee will draft a formal letter to Sen. Gobi and her committee explaining and reminding them of our lakes concerns.

- QQLA data base will be updated with all local and state leadership contact information

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

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

- Flow monitoring: The flow barrier is currently closed due to high water level in NP.
- Political support: Larry Gordon and Ted Boulay are working on the RFP for a hydrology study for North Pond. QQLA is supporting this effort. Pat and Bill will attend the next EB selectmans meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

- Don met with the Brookfield Board of Selectmen to inform them of the supportive efforts by QQLA to maintain the SP public beach and NP boat ramp environment. ie: new benches in place/porta potty and trash pick up organized and partially paid for by QQLA monthly all year.
- Randy Weiss of North Pond is a member of the Chicopee Watershed Group with Keith Davies that is currently mapping the Quaboag River for a Blue Trails canoe/kayak map.

OLD BUSINESS

- Pat continually updates the QQLA database with new phone numbers and addresses. Email her with any new information @ seabbill@yahoo.com
- **Vote Winter Social** : raised by Don Taft & seconded by Skip Nielsen; approved by all. Our QQLA winter social will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016 @ 4pm at the South Pond home of Meg Noyes, 26 Tantasqua Shore Drive, Sturbridge; 508-347-3201; mmnoyes@gmail.com
- **Vote:** to approve monies needed for rental of tables and chairs at the winter social. Raised by Pat Seabourne and seconded by Skip Nielsen, approved by all.
- COLAP membership (congress of lakes and ponds) for Massachusetts, are we still members? Doug Vizard will inquire.

- **Vote:** to pay annual dues of \$60 to SLAC (Sturbridge Lakes and Ponds) raised by Don Taft and seconded by Marita Tasse; approved by all.
- Meg Noyes is chair of distribution of Welcome Packets
- Judy Nielsen is chair of the Nominations committee. Bill, Pat, Skip and Marita are on the committee. Judy will distribute information on current committees to board members in December.
- BOD minutes will now be posted monthly on the website and the facebook page.
- Carroll is working on providing our history scrapbooks to the EB library for microfilm storage. Bev and Randy are working with her.
- Helping Hands of QQLA: Don is collecting turkeys and gift cards for needy families for Thanksgiving and for Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2016 Annual Meeting speaker: Ideas are welcome; possible individuals include Gail Hansche Godin, Jason the graduate student working on the flow at South Pond and Keith Davies of Chicopee Watershed.
- QQLA Newcomers Party: to welcome new homeowners to both lakes. Held at Seabourne's house on December 10th from 6-9.
- **VOTE:** to provide monies needed for appetizers and wine, raised by Don and seconded by Brian. Approved by all.

Next BOD Meeting: No meeting in December. Tuesday, January 12 @ 6:30 pm. Seabourne's home; Lane 4, East Brookfield.

Adjourned: 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted
 Judith Nielsen
 Recording secretary