

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 22, 2015

Location: Seabourne's home

Chair: Don Taft

Members Present:

South Pond: Don Taft, Marylou Knight, Pat & Bill Seabourne, Carrol Yorzcck, Judy & Skip Nielsen, Scott Pickens, Doug Vizard, Brian McLeary, Meg Noyes

North Pond: Dan & Cindy Laporte, Randy Weiss, Bev Lund, Anne Mathieu, Annette Lazilli

(East Brookfield: 5
Brookfield: 7
Sturbridge: 5)

Meeting called to order: 6:45pm

Minutes approved: from August 2015, unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership; currently **150 member families**
- Fundraising;
 - Annual fundraiser in progress; **18 donations received** for \$2,780. 2nd reminder letter going out.
 - Jeppson Fund: apply by July 2016.
 - Brookfield Clean Lakes Fund: \$3,516 potential use for porta potties on both lakes. Money may be available from BOH and Recreational Comm. Also Randy Weiss and Bev Lund will investigate feasibility of trash barrels
- Newsletter; in progress, contact Marylou with articles
- Website; request for new business card ads on hold until Marita returns. QQLA.org Hank Bonney from North Pond is webmaster volunteer.
- Facebook : Quaboag and Quacumquasit Lake Association; volunteer creator is Trish McLeary from South Pond.

PROJECT REPORTS:

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

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

- Current progress: our plan is to contact our legal advisor; no new info. Don will report next month
- Robin Johnson from EPA walked the site; Don has spoken with her; she hopes to have the draft report by 2016 for the new permit for the Spencer Waste Water Treatment Plant (SWWTP)

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

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

- Flow monitoring: currently the barrier is open. Lashaway drawdown will begin October 1. Their lake currently has a huge algae bloom.
- Political support: EB members met with BOS on 9/21/15 seeking their decision for a hydrology study of their choice. BOS will report back to QQLA in 2-3 weeks.
- **VOTE:** a motion was made by Pat Seabourne to increase the amount of money QQLA will approve for use by EB when they hire a hydrologist to assess the potential high water impact, if any, on raising the flow barrier height by 18 inches. Maximum money for use should be \$10,000. Seconded by Judy Nielsen and approved by all present.
- Skip Nielsen took new state rep Don Berthume and new EB selectman Ted Boulay for a boat ride to see the issues with water quality in South Pond and North Pond. They both stated that seeing the problems close up, made a big impact.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Quaboag Street repair: Randy discussed potential impact on birdlife and endangered plant species. Don & Randy said the new bridge was intentionally designed with the channel and culverts in mind. Bev was concerned that the 7 mile river entry appears very silted and may raise a flood impact on houses nearby. No action at this time.

- Brookfield Campground is now town property. The town is seeking volunteers to help with campground clean-up.

OLD BUSINESS

- Phone Book distributed at annual meeting last August. Any corrections should be emailed to Pat Seabourne(seabbill@yahoo.com) and she will update the QQLA electronic data base.
- ConCom Guidelines: we await Marita's return for update: she is QQLA member of the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Council (SLAC)
- ByLaw review: Need volunteers to review and update for approval of board.
- Logo review: need volunteers to submit designs to board for review
- Benches: donated by QQLA for placement near both boat ramps for public relaxation. Bill Seabourne has saved money by ordering locally from Backyard Concrete in Spencer. Bill and Skip will mount the seats and Tim Elliot will secure the benches in place.

NEW BUSINESS

- Helping Hands of QQLA: Review holiday turkey donations at next meeting
- 2015 Fall & Winter Calendar of events
 - Canoe/Kayak Poker Run results: Bev Lund: profit \$434.02. this is \$91 less than last year. Weather was perfect, but press coverage and advertising could have been better.
 - Apple Country Fair: Randy has offered space for a booth on his property in Brookfield but at this time no volunteers have come forward to manage a QQLA booth.
 - Winter Social: in progress, likely in February
- Welcome packages: Meg Noyes and Carroll Yorcyk are managing. Randy suggests breaking the lake shore areas into smaller

portions so QQLA member might reach out to their new neighbors more easily.

- Brookfield Town Beach will NOT be for town residents only because it is a state owned property, not a town property. QQLA might assist with issues via seeking funds for porta potties and trash removal.
- Fund Raising Ideas: Flamingo Flocking; Ice Out Lottery; Community Yard Sale; Fishing Derby; cardboard boat race; could QQLA “piggyback” on the lions club fishing derby with a food booth? A warming tent? Valet parking? Etc.
- Dan Laporte wondered if the lions club supports QQLA in any way? Does the Lion’s Club patrol the lakes for clean ups, cars on ice or fires on ice?
- A search committee/nominations committee is needed for the office of QQLA president and also new board membership. Don will resign as of next August annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting speaker is needed. Send ideas to Don please.

Next BOD Meeting: second Tuesday each month: next meeting is October 10 at 6:30 pm @ Seabournes. All QQLA members are invited to attend.

Adjourned: 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Judy Nielsen
Recording Secretary