

QQLA September 13, 2016
Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Seabourne's home
Chair: Doug Vizard, President

Members Present:

South Pond: Bill Seabourne, Carrol Yorzck, Marita Tasse, Judy & Skip Nielsen and guest, Pat Seabourne

North Pond: Randy Weiss, Bev Lund

Meeting called to order: @ 6:39pm

Secretary's Minutes: Electronic approval obtained for August 13, 2016 minutes and posting on website. Minutes for August 21 annual meeting posted as a "draft" on the website to be approved by full membership at 2017 annual meeting. Randy suggests we post minutes as a PDF so they cannot be altered.

Treasurer's Report: Marita Tasse is acting as interim treasurer while MaryLou is on vacation. There is no change from the report given at the annual meeting at this time. Marita did note the receipt of a documentation of charges/expenses from our lawyer. Every contact elicits a charge.

REPORTS:

- Membership:
 - No report at this time due to MaryLou's vacation. Randy suggests any members lost from last year should receive a followup phone call. Bill will ask Meg or MaryLou if this can be tracked. Randy notes there is a new homeowner on North Pond.
- Fundraising:
 - Bev reported on the **Poker Run** of September 10. This continues to be a successful event. There were 57 entrants participating including the Lashaway Kayak Club. QQLA's net profit after expenses was \$784.17.
 - Randy suggests we make every effort to expand this event annually..
 - Pat Seabourne has volunteered to work on the **Flamingo Flocking**. So far 5 lake families have been flocked and donations are typically more than the asking price of \$25. A smaller "get well" flock will be placed on Peter Levine's lawn. It was agreed to make \$50 available to Pat for the purchase of more flamingos out of petty cash.
 - Bill Seabourne reports that **the annual fundraising letter** will go out this month. It will include a membership reminder.

PROJECT REPORTS:

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

- Skip spoke with Don before he went on vacation and QQLA had not received any reaction from Spencer to our letter of August 24.
- Letters of support for the new permit for the SWWTP have gone from all three towns to Spencer with copies to QQLA.
- Doug has noted there is a QQLA agenda item @ the sewer commission meeting tomorrow night. It was agreed that it will most likely be a closed discussion due to the letter from our lawyer. Doug is following on web info.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION: FLOW BARRIER:

(Skip, Judy, Bill, Pat, Meg)

- Skip reports no new activity after meeting with the engineers for the new bridge.
- Pat expressed concern that the East Brookfield selectmen may not move forward on purpose. The selectmen need to initiate the hydrology study and have not done so even though the State has agreed to fund the study.
- Skip, Bill and Doug will meet on October 3 with the EB selectmen.
- Randy will include an update on the flow barrier in the next newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Annual Meeting:** Great turnout with many new attendees from North Pond and wonderful support from Camp Day staff.
- **Newsletter:** Randy is preparing this next newsletter for mid-October. It will be a mailing to the full memberships.
- **ESS:** Will be consulting at any public hearing.
- **QQLA organization:**
 - Bylaws update, organizational chart complete.(Judy, Meg)
 - Logo is complete (Meg)
 - Sales of photos, tee shirts etc are on going (Marita)
 - Historical Info and paperwork storage complete (Tasse's)

NEW BUSINESS

- **Review of Liability Insurance:**
 - Questions were raised regarding our current policy; Does it cover directors (nonprofit) and non directors against liability as we prepare to bring a suit against Spencer?
 - Skip will talk with Louis Rocheleau and Steven Benjamin Insurance.
 - Our current policy is for 3 years: 12/14- 12/17 for \$1900, consisting of three year annual payments of \$640.
- **Suggested New Fundraising:**

- Bev suggests asking for funds on “Go Fund Me” to specifically raise money to dredge at the bridge on North Pond. Bev will talk with a dredging company for more information.
- Lotto Calendar Discussion: our particular history reviewed and donations decreased over time. Big effort by board members.
- Ice Out: Randy and Bev for a “Fun” project. Consider NP for good visual. Need to sell tickets and plan specific activity. Commitment by November?
- Bill suggested fishing for “tagged” fish. More discussion and information for a later agenda item.

Next BOD Meeting: October 13, 2016
second Thursday each month

Adjourned @ 8:50pm

Judith Nielsen, recording secretary