

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: December 14,2017

Location: the Nielsen's home

Chair: Doug Vizard, pres.

Members Present:

South Pond: Don Taft, Bill Seabourne, Marita Tasse, Judy & Skip Nielsen, Doug Vizard, Brian McCleary

North Pond: Randy & Carlene Weiss

Guests: Pat Seabourne

Meeting called to order: @ 6:45pm

Minutes approved: Judy Nielsen will complete minutes for both Nov/Dec. and once approved electronically, will ask to have them posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report: Carlene Weiss distributed hard copies to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Membership:** Carlene/Bill
 - 123 lake families
 - database: discussion by all; not on the cloud; 1 person controls it; 2 people can send info for updates (Meg & Carlene)
- **Fundraiser:** Bill
 - Our major fundraiser is in progress. Bill has sent out the second reminder note as needed to any families who have yet to respond.
- **Newsletter:** Randy
 - A winter letter is planned for after the holidays. Randy is still looking for help.
- **Website:** Randy
 - Discussion re: set up donations accepted thru the site? Via bank account and paypal?
 - Motion made, seconded and vote approved by all to make donations possible through our website.
- **Facebook:** Randy

- Photo contest for summer/fall complete with 27 entries
- Phonebook: Brian/Randy
 - General discussion; not to be placed in the cloud; but likely on-line; deadline May 1 for update.

PROJECT REPORTS:

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

SWWTP: Doug

- Mtg held Dec. 12 @ 3pm in Sturbridge with our lawyer. Questions reviewed re: public permit hearing.
- We have no date or draft of the permit as yet. Our formal written questions will be offered. The EPA answers in writing and are included as part of the completed permit.
- Discussion included Spencer breaking the law by discharging to ground water. (zone 2 drinking water) Question if we can sue for the cost of our weed treatments from 2007?
- Noted that MA is one of only 3 states still maintaining state control versus federal control of permit process.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

Flow Barrier: Skip

- Closed all winter; spilling North with our lake full. Public Hearing due for January 4 to present the 25% bridge engineering plan.
- Skip hopes to meet with B. Kechham of the DEP before the public DOT hearing.
- Can Claire Golden NPDES/EPA attend in “support”?
- Lengthy discussion re: Greg Berube @Pare Engineering, 18”/\$cost/9” addition automatic gate with new panels. Don & Skip meet with Mohamed @ DOT before the meeting? These seem like very important questions.

RECREATION AND NEW BUSINESS:

C4R: Doug

- Doug attended the summit meeting in November, discussion included the Connecticut River/Long Island Sound w/Mass DEP.

- Stream health using algae measurement is the measure of a dead stream.

Lashaway/Glen Echo/QQLA meeting:

- Skip & Doug met with leadership of local lake associations at the request of EB BOS to foster our relationships.

Suburban Y Letter: Marita

- Letter composed promoting our positive relationship and Doug will sign & mail.

Winter Social: Bill

- Will seek location and get back to the board. Possible date; January 27.

Next BOD Meeting: January 24, 2018 @ Seabourne's house

Adjourned 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted;

Judy Nielsen
Recording Secretary