

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: July 24, 2018

Location: Nielsen Home

Chair: Doug Vizard, pres.

Members Present:

South Pond: Bill Seabourne, Carrol Yorczyk, Marita Tasse, Judy & Skip Nielsen, Doug Vizard, Steve Lockney, Meg Noyes,

North Pond: Carlene Weiss,

Guests: Pat Seabourne

Meeting called to order: @ 6:40 pm

Minutes approved: Judy Nielsen; posted electronically

Treasurer's Report: Carlene Weiss; distributed at meeting

New Business Discussion: Pat Seabourne

- Pat described a frightening incident she experienced recently on South Pond when she was swimming with her grandchildren from her boat on South Pond. A speeding jet skier rounded the point from the camp and came within several yards of the swimming children. Pat followed the jet skier to the public beach and reprimanded him for his recklessness. Several things came to her mind:
 - To whom does one report such an incident? (Brookfield Police because they have a water response team)
 - Will QQLA sponsor a water emergency class?
 - Pat will speak with South Pond resident Matt Graves because he is a Brookfield EMS provider
 - Will QQLA improve its signage at the boat launch related to boating safety? (yes)
 - What does one do to improve the safety response on our own boats? (roped ring for floating; airhorns for alarms)

Thank you to Pat for bringing this to our attention, many of us have grandchildren swimming in the lake and using boats now that they have taken the boating safety class. This class does not provide emergency medical response however. We will continue to follow this concern.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership: Carlene
 - 123 currently
- Fundraiser: Bill and Randy
 - Poker Paddle; Saturday, September 8
 - Open to the public

NORTH POND PRESERVATION:

- Spencer Wastewater permit progress Doug
 - We have no current time table or contact
 - Doug will write a letter to Robin Johnson of the EPA and cc it to our lawyer
- Weed Treatment update Doug
 - Completed both lakes on July 10. Extra patch treated in south cove of So. Pond. We are awaiting the ESS/Solitude bill: expect approx.10K. 73% NP(mostly Brookfield) & 27% SP (near YMCA beach)

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:

- Flow Barrier: Skip
 - Currently closed due to rain. Flow is expected to overtop the barrier with the next rainstorm.
- Alum Treatment information: Skip
 - Suggest ESS to do a presentation to the board related to phosphorus sealing on the bottom of South Pond to increase water clarity and reduce algae.
 - Doug will speak with ESS
- Erosion areas on South Pond: (dirt roads with poor grading running silt into the lake with rain) Meg
 - South Shore Drive
 - Tantasqua Shore Drive
 - Pond View Estates
 - Discussion on approach with ConComs and Hwy Dpt.
- Invasive Weeds: Meg
 - reports her observation of the invasive Purple Loose Strife. Minor amount noted which hand pulling will manage this year.

RECREATION and NEW BUSINESS:

- July 4th Boat Parade: Thank you to all who supported this fun event.
- Luminaria Night Saturday September 1st. Light up your boats and docks! End of Summer fun.
- Annual Meeting at Camp Day Sunday August 19.
 - Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Camp begins at 10am!
 - Games for children during the business meeting
 - Speaker will be Ed Hood, director of the Opacum Land Trust
 - Annual meeting to elect QQLA board officers and review events of this past year. All are welcome!!!
- SLAC (Sturbridge lakes advisory committee) Marita
 - \$60 donation from QQLA to assist in the support of the boating safety courses.
- Brookfield Public Beach on South Pond
 - Don Taft is speaking to the Board of Selectmen in Brookfield tonight regarding the oversight of the beach with trash, supervision, clean-ups, cooking grills, pets and safety etc. QQLA has participated financially in the trash pick ups and porta-potties over the last several years. The suggestion is for the Brookfield Recreation Committee to assume responsibility.
- Place Buoys on the rock piles where water is shallow and props are damaged.
 - Skip will place buoys along the rock pile in the South Cove of South Pond.

Next BOD Meeting: Tuesday, September 11 @ Nielsen's home, Lane 8

Adjourned @ 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Judy Nielsen; recording secretary