

## October 2018 QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

**Date: October 16, 2018**

**Location: Weiss' Home**

**Chair: Doug Vizard, president**

### **Members Present:**

**South Pond:** Doug Vizard, Marylou Knight, Don Taft, Marita Tasse, Skip & Judy Nielsen, Steve Lockney, Bill Seabourne

**North Pond:** Carlene & Randy Weiss

**Guests:** none

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:40 pm

**Minutes Approved:** September minutes approved electronically and posted to the web.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carlene's report was approved as distributed.

Don stated the balance in the Brookfield Clean Lakes acct. is \$8.30.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** unchanged since last report

#### **Fundraising:**

- Bill will be mailing the request letter soon.
- A vote was approved for Don to request 5K on the warrant from the town of Brookfield.
- A vote was approved for Bill to request 5K on the warrant from the town of East Brookfield.
- Marita stated QQLA will receive \$600 from Sturbridge as South Pond's portion of the 5 lakes SLAC distribution.

#### **Communication & Recreation:**

- Discussion of septic systems:
  - Don learned of a new chemical for use in lakes to kill invasive weeds. It is not approved for use in Massachusetts yet. He will discuss its possible use for our lakes when it is available with ESS.
- January 25-27 possible weekend for Winter Social, venues discussed
- Reservations are made with Brookfield for 2019 Beach use;
  - Saturday May 25 Memorial day picnic
  - June 30 for July 4th boat parade
  - September 7 for the Poker Paddle fund raiser
- Newsletter for Fall is posted on the website
- More lake residents are submitting photos to our contests; summer winning photos are on e-display, Randy is working on cards for sale using our best photos in time for the holidays.

## **NORTH POND PRESERVATION**

### **SWWTP: Permit Progress**

- QQLA has received no information regarding the progress. Doug will call Barbara Kecham from the DEP before he speaks with QQLA's lawyer, Jamie Van DerSalm regarding the feasibility and judgment of a lawsuit at this time.
- VOTE: motion made and approved to advance a retainer of two thousand five hundred dollars to our lawyer.
- Follow up will be made and discussed by our "poop group".

### **Weed Treatment**

- Our final invoice to ESS for \$7000 is due soon

## **SOUTH POND PRESERVATION**

### **Flow Barrier update**

- The flow barrier is closed but the water is higher than the barrier by 2 feet. Several members have surveyed both lake shores for any signs of flooding and none have been seen. Photos have been taken. Summer rainfall has been twice the average and Lake Lashaway is scheduled to begin its drawdown on Nov. 1.

### **Bridge Renovation Update**

- Doug has just obtained the **400 page hydrology study** related to the bridge renovation. He will be reviewing it soon. Doug will ask the East Brookfield BOS if they have a copy of the hydrology study. Randy offered to compose a letter to EB BOS inquiring if they will accept this hydrology study to support the additional 18 inches to the flow barrier.
- Don has **the complete set of New Bridge Engineering drawings.**

### **Alum Treatment**

- ESS has taken samples from deep South Pond bottom areas as required for nutrient evaluation by the EPA.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>@ Nielsens

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Judy Nielsen, recording secretary