

## QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

**Date: September 11, 2018**

**Location: Nielsen's home**

**Chair: Doug Vizard, president**

### **Members Present:**

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

**North Pond:** Bev Lund, Annette Lazilli, Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss

**Guest:** Pat Seabourne

### **Meeting called to order: @ 6:45 pm**

**Minutes approved:** annual meeting minutes posted electronically as a draft until approved next year

**Treasurer's Report:** Carlene Weiss, report approved as distributed. New laptop purchased for QQLA. Randy volunteered to look into a CD or savings for a rate better than our current .05%.

### **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Carlene

currently 128 member families after annual meeting.

Annual Meeting attendance low this year (60 persons) discussion as to causes. Camp Day hosted the event with no concerns.

Fundraising: Bill & Randy

Poker Paddle success; 44 paddlers raised \$1040 minus \$400 in prizes

Bill stated he will distribute the annual letter request for donations before the end of the year. Other ideas for raising money included:

- Curtis Fazen's history of the lake for holiday sale; Randy will post info in the next newsletter
- Continue with hats/shirts (no fleece due to cost)
- Pat shared the idea from Carrol to seek writer for news articles highlighting the efforts of QQLA over the years.
- Pat will discuss local news sources with Joe Klimavich
- Don volunteered to write an article highlighting Earth Day in the spring
- Marylou & Marita will review QQLA photos for use as holiday cards
- Marita discussed using Drone photos of lake homes for sale

### **NORTH POND PRESERVATION:**

#### **SWWTP: Permit Progress**

QQLA has no information from the EPA regarding the final permit which was supposed to be complete "by the end of summer". Doug will send another email to Robin Johnson from the ERPA before contacting our lawyer.

## **WEED Treatment:**

We are waiting complete invoicing from ESS following our treatments to both lakes in early July.

- Don discussed the town of Brookfield funds in their Clean Lakes account designated for QQLA. Money will be allocated to the weed treatment completed this year but we will ask that \$500 remain in the account.
- Discussion held regarding 5K from Brookfield for weeds, mapping, trash pickup and porta-potties at the town beach and both boat ramps.
- Marita shared info regarding Sturbridge SLAC committee donating \$800 to QQLA as our share of their 5 lakes fund.
- East Brookfield uncertain regarding support at this time.

## **SOUTH POND PRESERVATION:**

### **Flow Barrier update**

- Currently the barrier is open and flow is to the north
- The Quaboag outflow is slow as the river is congested with weeds
- Doug reviewed a comparison of reversals for this time of year
- Bill and Pat visited the East Brookfield board of selectmen at their meeting this week to ask if the 18" barrier elevation was still an open discussion.
  - QQLA to get on the agenda for their Nov. board meeting
  - EB needs a hydrology study before they would agree to manage a higher flow barrier
  - Skip may join Bill and Pat at the Nov. meeting

### **Bridge Renovation Update**

- Don has a copy of bridge plans with 75% complete.
- Parr Engineering
- EB and B need approval for a temporary right of way from the special town meeting this fall before the plans are complete.

### **Alum treatment?**

- ESS proposal was reviewed
- ESS will assist QQLA with any grant application
- The board voted to amend our vote of approval for the preliminary alum study until we learn from ESS how long this study is valid. QQLA is waiting for the EPA report on the updated permit plans for the Spencer wastewater treatment facility.

## **COMMUNICATION & RECREATION:**

- Don discussed the responsibility for the Brookfield public beach lies with the town recreation committee. He has been in contact with them but little progress has been made. Multiple safety features are still not in place. QQLA would like to continue our share of the trash pick up and the porta-potties as

they have made a positive difference. Our appreciation goes to Don for his on-going efforts.

- The QQLA photo contest closes this week and Randy will be completing the newsletter soon
- Lake safety class with EMS Matt Graves will hold until next spring.

**Next meeting: October 16 at Randy & Carlene Weiss' home, North Pond**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Judy Nielsen, recording secretary