

July 10, 2019 QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Nielsen's home
Chair: Doug Vizard, president

Members Present:

South Pond: MaryLou Knight, Don Taft, Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Judy Nielsen, Skip Nielsen, Meg Noyes, Carrol Yorcyk,
North Pond: Jeff Clark, Sue Saldi, Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss

Guests: Susan Swanstrom

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40 pm

Minutes: approved electronically and posted to the QQLA.org website

Treasurer's Report: accepted as distributed

Announcements:

Discussion: a member questioned if QQLA was informed if the septic systems on the lakes were tested and if the results were available to the public? Volunteers from the board will inquire from each town regarding public septic records. Don, Doug, Randy and Sue will discuss for our September meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

Discussion: QQLA membership is only 50% of its potential family memberships. 109/228 families. Ideas: meet with other lake board members and inquire what they are doing; compile a list of lake abutters vs. members; Marita will bring up the topic at her next SLAC meeting.

Fundraising: (on hold while Bill Seabourne is on vacation)

Communication:

Randy Weiss has incorporated a "Donate" button to our webpage, QQLA.org. Randy has registered us as a nonprofit so we no longer pay a fee for any donations made through paypal. Our FaceBook has a revised mission statement and the summer newsletter will be out soon.

Carrol Yorcyk has arranged for Skip to be interviewed by our local news reporter.

Recreation:

- Public Beach and Boat Ramps:

Trash pick-up by Republic was missed over the last 2 weeks. Our costs are going up, from initial cost of \$44/week to \$100 /week now. **Doug** will check South Pond and

Don will obtain bags from the Brookfield BOH. Randy or Jeff will check the North Pond trash pickups. There is a \$30 refund if we call re the missed pickups. The board voted last meeting to continue to cover the cost for trash pickup for another year. Carlene will talk with Mrs. Banish about their company costs for trash pickups.

- Boat Parade:

Cancelled due to stormy weather. We will attempt a spontaneous parade when weather improves. Carrol has distributed a list of tasks associated with the event.

- Chicopee 4 River Watershed Council (C4RWC):

Provided info that the North Pond water sample for bacteria was very low. This is excellent news. "New" Blue Trail Canoe launch point at the parking lot associated with the East Brookfield transfer station (Stevens Road) is now designated with signs and a map kiosk. Randy notes this is a great paddle.

- Pancake Breakfast and Annual Meeting:

August 18 @ Camp Day; Don will speak with Steve re Camp Day support and what QQLA should provide for that morning. QQLA voted to offer a small donation to the kitchen staff; the amount TBA after Steve and Don talk.

Don will be the moderator for the annual meeting.

NORTH POND PRESERVATION

SWWTP:

The "Poop Group" will have a computer monitoring lesson at Don and MaryLou's on July 16 at 12 noon.

Weed Treatment:

July 9 the South Pond treatment was completed at the YMCA Camp beach. All signs are posted. Discussion: members have asked for information about the invasive weeds vs. native weeds. Meg and Carrol will look for previous photos and information. Randy would like to provide information on line.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION

Flow Barrier update

Skip reports that the barrier is currently closed due to a backflow from rainfall. Jeff Tasse has agreed to partner with Skip or Doug to do the work of raising/lowering the barrier.

Alum Treatment:

Sturbridge has agreed to 55K; Brookfield and East Brookfield have town meetings in the Fall and will be asked to make a commitment proportional to the number of residents in each town. QQLA will ask for 25K from Brookfield and 15K from East Brookfield. The QQLA has voted to add 20K from its treasury.

Carl Nielsen from ESS will be the speaker at our annual meeting and provide information regarding the proposed Alum treatment of South Pond.

Skip and Curtis Fazen will meet to create a written pamphlet regarding South Pond and its potential benefits from the Alum treatment.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 15 @ 6:30 pm @ Nielsen's home

Meeting Adjourned: 9pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Judith Nielsen, Recording Secretary