

## **June 2019, QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: June 10, 2019**

**Location: Nielsen home**

**Chair: Doug Vizard, president**

### **Members Present:**

**South Pond:** Skip & Judy Nielsen (summer residents), Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Carrol Yorzyk, Steve Lockney, Bill Seabourne, Don Taft

**North Pond:** Michelle & Jeff Clark, Sue Sasdi (summer resident); Randy Weiss

**Guests:** Sujoy Spencer and Richard Thorlakson ( NP summer residents)

**Meeting Called to Order: 6:50pm**

**Minutes Approved:** with corrections and posted on the website (Judy )

**Treasurer's Report:** approved and accepted in hard copy (Randy for Carlene))

### **NORTH POND PRESERVATION**

**SWWTP:** (Doug)

Doug reports that the data on the plant's website does not look in compliance with the new permit requirements. He is waiting to see the May data. The POOP group (Skip, Don, Doug, Meg, Bill and Jeff Clark) will be reconvened for tracking the SWWTP info.

The board has requested a summary/review of the permit issues be provided at the next meeting.

### **Weed Treatment:**

ESS has completed the weed mapping of both ponds. There is still very good response from last years weed treatments.

There were no weed patches along the shoreline of NP; there are no weed patches in SP except in front of the YMCA camp.

Weeds are heavy along the channel and in the center of NP.

Doug will speak to ESS about the cost and benefits of treatment in the channel. Heavy boat traffic in the channel spreads continued weed growth.

Plus, Doug will ask ESS to treat before July 4<sup>th</sup> holidays, also YMCA swim classes begin July 14 and the Y camp opens on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **SOUTH POND PRESERVATION**

**Flow Barrier update** (Skip) The flow barrier is open now but Doug and Skip will close it tomorrow after speaking to the EB selectmen. Heavy rains are due this week.

**Bridge Renovation Update:** no new news

**Alum Treatment:** (Doug)

**Sturbridge** has agreed to 55K in support of the Alum treatment for South Pond. Sturbridge will host the grant application.

**Brookfield:** QQLA is asking the town for 25K but its town meeting is not until this Fall.

**East Brookfield:** QQLA is asking the town for 15K but its town meeting is not until the Fall.

All agreed to form a committee to manage the Alum treatment process, volunteers include Doug, Skip, Marita, Bill and Meg. Marita will speak with Jeff and Patti King to see if they would like to participate on the committee.

Bill raised the discussion of our fall fundraiser. Discussion centered around a general vs. a targeted fundraiser for the Alum treatment. No decision finalized.

Education and information was discussed. Specific information regarding money raised and spent on the Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant in support of North Pond was recommended, in addition to education about the benefits of Alum to Southpond.

For a financial starter, the members of the old QLA (Quacumquasit Lake Association) voted to close its separate account and donate the money available to a special account with QQLA called the Alum account. In addition, QQLA voted to donate money from its general fund to bring the combined total to 20K., in the Alum account.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** 98/ y-t-d 2019; (133 for 2018); the annual meeting is a big membership opportunity

Sue Sasdi will invite her new neighbor on North Pond to join to the association; Susan Swanstrom.

### **Fundraising:**

Poker Paddle: September 7; both lakes participate in this fun-raiser! (Bill & Randy)

Bill's annual letter appeal is being prepared. See discussion under Alum Treatment.

Marita is evaluating whether QQLA qualifies for the Jepson Fund.

**Recreation:**

**Beach News:**

Brookfield has formed a committee to better manage the beach. Parking fees will be charged on the honor system; \$25 for a seasonal parking tag and \$5 for one time. QQLA has paid \$1800 per year for trash pickup and porta potties at both boat launch sites. There will be a beach clean-up this Saturday at 9am.

**Boat Parade: June 30**

Don has the town permit. The Y camp will provide the food. Skip will bring the tables from Jeff Tasse's barn. Sonja and Dick McKnight will chair the judging and prizes. Carrol Yorzyk is providing a standard procedure document for future participants. Marita and Sue will post the signage.

**Annual Meeting and Pancake Breakfast:  
Sunday, August 18 at 9am at the Y camp.**

Don has invited all the local political leadership.

Carl Nielsen from ESS will be the speaker.

**Communication:** Randy

Newsletter focus on birding; and include of our membership forms. Will be complete this week and distributed electronically and via postal mail. Facebook and Website frequently updated. Please view. **QQLA.org**

**Next Meeting: July 10 @ 6:30pm @ Nielsen's**

Meeting Adjourned: 9pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Judy Nielsen, recording secretary