

Minutes for QQLA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 3, 2020

Location: Seabourne's driveway; masks and social distance

Moderator of meeting: Bill Seabourne

Welcome: 6:30pm

Members present: (quorum 50% +1)

South Pond: Steve Lockney, Carrol Yorcyk, Don Taft, Meg Noyes, Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Bill Seabourne, Skip Nielsen, Judy Nielsen, Connie Montross (via zoom)

North Pond: Jeff Clark, Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss, Susan Sundstrom

Absent: Marylou Knight, Bev Lund, Annette Lazili, Sue Sasdi and Michelle Clark

Guests: Pat Seabourne

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

Co-recording secretary: (Judy) (Connie)

- Pre-approved electronically

Treasurer's Report: (Carlene)

- Hard copy distributed and accepted

Lakes Preservation:

Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) Doug

- Phosphorus level of discharge into the river system is 73% over the permitted level. It is now being reported as required.
- Current I/I is at a controlled level with repairs and current drought

Weed Treatment (Doug)

- North Pond: diquat treatment of milfoil is complete, resulting in dead weeds on surface and moving down river. Algae bloom not noxious, likely due to low water levels, resolving.
- Canal treatment: not at this time. Construction of new bridge on going.
- South Pond: New systemic herbicide (procellicor) applied to milfoil off the YMCA camp beach. Fanwort in South cove to be hand-pulled.

Bridge Replacement & Flow Barrier (Don)(Skip)(Randy)

- Flow barrier function is per EB leadership and construction needs.
- Newly built walkway and bridge will take 12-15 months to complete
- Center flow barrier is open

Alum Treatment: (Skip)

- ESS filed 319 application : without funds from Brookfield or East Brookfield; therefor our chance of receiving a grant of any substance is unlikely

- State response to our application should arrive in Sept. 2020
- Timeline for town meetings, warrant articles and redo of grant applications for next year include:
 - Bill and Skip are in contact with East Brookfield
 - Don and Jeff are in contact with Brookfield.
 - Skip and Carl will contact Sturbridge

Membership: (Meg, Carlene)

- Membership
 - Pat Seabourne volunteered to participate in organizing a membership drive for 2021. Our current membership is low @ 107 families. Our annual meeting on August may bring in more members.
 - Current membership will receive thank you notes for their support; reminder packets will go out to lapsed members and a welcome packet will be hand delivered to non-members and new neighbors.

Fundraising: (Bill)

- Our annual fundraiser will be delayed until January 2021.
- Randy suggested QQLA masks be ordered and sold at the annual meeting August 23. He will look into this fundraiser.

Communication/Education: (Randy) (Michelle)

- Newsletter: Randy and Carlene will get the newsletter out before the annual meeting and include a membership form.
- Photo Contest: Lake side insects! Randy has 43 photos and the deadline is this weekend.

Social/Recreation/Community Events (Don)

- Annual Meeting:
 - Sunday morning; August 23 @10am. Bring your own chair; No pancake breakfast due to camp closure; No family event: **Annual business meeting** will take place outside of the dining hall. We will take memberships and sell QQLA logo masks.
 - Marita will organize a committee to structure the meeting and place signs around the lake roads.
- Illumination Night: Labor Day weekend; Saturday September 5th. Beware of fire hazard if dry conditions persist.
- Poker Paddle: Cancelled due to Covid-19

New Business:

- Public Beach:

- QQLA has paid for a second trash barrel to be placed at each lake's location for the busier summer months. Randy made these arrangements. Volunteers are checking barrels to see if they are overflowing.
- Bill & Randy organized a signage committee to set up boating safety signs at each boat ramp. Joe Klimavich has created the sign designs. Bill now is in touch with the State to see where they might be posted. Bill and Skip will build the structures once approval is obtained.
- Brookfield has inquired how much money QQLA has spent on the safety and cleanliness of the beach.
- Maureen Mayotte has retired as our longtime volunteer tax accountant. Marita and Carleen arranged for QQLA to thank her with a gift card and small financial gift. QQLA is seeking another tax person to assist .

Next Meeting: Monday, September 21 at 6:30 pm in Seabourne's driveway; social distanced with masks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Nielsen

Co-Recording Secretary