

Minutes of QQLA Board of Directors Meeting
Date: January 16, 2020
Location: Seabourne's home, 6:30 PM
Moderator of meeting: Bill Seabourne (co-Vice President)

Members Present:

South Pond: Mary Lou Knight, Don Taft, Carrol Yorzyk, Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Bill Seabourne

North Pond: Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss, Susan Swanstrom

Guest: Pat Seabourne

Meeting was Called to Order by Don Taft at 6:35 PM; when Bill arrived he took over as moderator.

Temporary Recording Secretary: Susan Swanstrom

Minutes of November BOD Meeting were preapproved electronically; one correction was made (correct spelling of Susan Swanstrom's name)

Treasurer's Report: (Carlene)

Two reports for December 23, 2019 and January 16, 2020 were approved. The end of year fundraiser totaled a healthy \$14,555. The Treasurer announced new checks will be ordered soon: 500 checks @\$200. The two 8 month CD's were rolled over; the 15 month one will need rolling over soon. The up-to \$2000 authorization for winter porta potties will not be spent, as these are on hold as of now.

QQLA's commitment to the Alum project will be \$20,000 and the earliest we will need to spend the money will likely be March or April 2021. Brookfield has supported the project but their \$25,000 donation has not yet been approved by the town. (Scheduled approval is June 2020.) With the additional already approved monies from East Brookfield, Sturbridge, the YMCA, and QQLA, we have \$16,000 left to raise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lakes Preservation:

Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) (Doug)

Spencer was supposed to file a rationale statement by December 31st 2019 to show compliance with the new requirements. Doug Vizard called Spencer and talked with James LaPlante, who said the town had been told that the parameters spelled out by the CWMP were sufficient. The pounds of phosphorous per day allotment from June-November has not been held to, but progress has been made. They've been reducing total phosphorous by reducing total influent into the wastewater treatment. This has happened by blocking street storm drains.

Weed Treatment (Doug)

The Weed Mapped areas for treatment this year that we approved at a previous Board Meeting were sent to E.S.S., but their proposal for the work has not yet been received, though it is expected by February some time.

We had a lively discussion about weed pulling parties, group training days for weed identification at the Weiss' home, and other member/public educational opportunities. No firm decisions were made.

Status of flow barrier (Doug)

It is closed and will be until ice is melted in spring.

Membership: (Carlene)

We talked about the need for new welcome packets for prospective new members such as Edward Beale on Stone Road and Todd Gross. Marita will contact Meg Noyes to compile 10-12 packets to have on hand. Randy can provide old newsletters.

We also discussed the need for an updated phone book for members; should we just publish an additions/corrections page, or put out a new edition? We decided to print a new phonebook and send it to members by mail when they send in their dues. We plan to have them ready by Annual Meeting or sooner (Cinco de Mayo Spring Gathering).

A couple of new prospects were identified. Pay your dues and you'll get an updated phone book by mail seems like a good impetus to get people to inspire folks to pay their membership fees.

Fundraising: (Bill)

Year end fundraiser was a success, but we must not rest on our laurels. Bill passed around pictures of an idea for (memorial) benches that his son was building for another non-profit, but there was not whole-hearted buy-in. There were lots of ideas for events/memorials. A flagpole, a kiosk or two with plaques attachable over time, etc. We liked the kiosk idea as it could also function as an educational venue for the public. Randy and Bev were appointed to head up the Kiosk Committee.

Social/Recreation/Community Events: (Don)

Don passed out a handout of our QQLA Annual Events. Lakes Clean-up: Saturday 4/25 in 2020. Our Spring Fling Cinco de Mayo will be May 3rd at Oakholm Farm. The Boat Parade and South Pond Boat Count will be on July 4th. Illumination night: 9/5. Annual Meeting: 3rd week in August. Poker Paddle Run: The permit was applied for so the date was chosen: the Saturday after Labor Day, September 12, 2020. (N.B. This will conflict with the all day East Brookfield Centennial Celebration.) Don wants someone else to take over the Lakes Clean-up Coordinator position. A number of names were circulated and they will be asked.

Communication/Education: (Randy)

Newsletter timing was in December, "A year in review", nice job Randy. Next edition will come out sometime in mid- March. Randy asked Doug to provide information on the Alum Treatment Project. Also send out notice that road will close March 30th for bridge re-build at South Pond.

Next Meeting Date and Location: March 11th Wednesday at Susan Swanstrom's at 182 Stone Rd. East Brookfield (her phone is 406-529-6937).

Meeting Adjourned: approximately 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan Swanstrom