

Minutes for QQLA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 1, 2020

Location: Y-Camp barn; masks and social distance

Moderator of meeting: Bill Seabourne

Welcome:

Members present: (quorum 50% +1) 11/19

South Pond: Marylou Knight, Don Taft, Meg Noyes, Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Bill Seabourne, Skip Nielsen, Judy Nielsen,

North Pond: Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss, Susan Swanstrom

Absent: Bev Lund, Annette Lazili, Steve Lockney, Carrol Yorzyk, Jeff Clark, Sue Sasdi,

Excused: Michelle Clark & Connie Montross (internet zoom not available)

Guests:

Meeting called to order: 3 PM

Recording secretary: Judy Nielsen

- Pre-approved electronically and posted to the website for the August 3 meeting.
- Electronically reviewed the draft minutes for the annual meeting August 23; vote for final approval will be next summer at the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Carlene)

- Hard copy distributed and approved, attached to hard copy minutes

Lakes Preservation:

Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP) Doug

- Online graph available of daily influent and they may now design a treatment system in their upgrade.
- The schedule for the design upgrade completion is at the end of 2021
- State money should be available for the upgrade at that time.

Weed Treatment (Doug)

- North Pond: weed treatment was successful with multiple acres of weeds treated however there was a significant algae bloom
- Canal treatment not at this time due to construction
- South Pond: minimal weed treatment done, hand pulling of fanwort in the South Cove, algae bloom present at this time.
- Lashaway: algae blooms flow into North Pond; draw down scheduled for November 1.

Bridge Replacement & Flow Barrier (Don)(Skip)

- Currently flow barrier is closed and should remain so for the winter

Alum Treatment: (Skip)(Doug/Marita/Connie)

- 319 Grant: awaiting the results of our application with the state.
- ESS filed the application
- Bill is in contact with East Brookfield
- Don Is in contact with Brookfield. Special town meeting 10/15
- Sturbridge : administrative support

Membership: (Pat Seabourne, Carlene and Marita)

- Membership : 126 member families out of potential 225
- Reaching out to delinquent members, non members and new residents

Fundraising: (Bill)

- 2020 fundraiser delayed until 2021 after the membership drive

Communication/Education: (Randy) (Michelle)

- Newsletter: history is a special topic for this time, of particular interest is the 1938 hurricane. Please contact Randy if you have any great old photos.
- Photo Contest: New topic for Fall is all things Halloween! Contest continues until November 15, Sunday. Lake side insects contest had great photos..

Social/Recreation/Community Events (Don)

- The August Annual Meeting held outdoors at Camp Day was attended by 40 persons wearing masks and social distancing with 14 folks attending on line via Zoom.
- Illumination Night: Labor Day night was beautiful: beachfronts were lined with luminaria and campfires dotted the shoreline, both lakes participated.
- Status of the porta potties was discussed and will be voted on electronically once Bill and Randy research local providers and cost.
- Status of the Brookfield beach was discussed and a town committee will be formed with QQLA participation.
- Status of the boat ramp signage is frustrating, no approval from the state; Randy suggests we keep a computer image of our proposed sign for future attempts.

New Business:

- Blue Trail Launch (Randy)
There is a tree down at the East Brookfield transfer station blocking passage.
- We are actively seeking a volunteer certified accountant to submit QQLA's annual taxes
- Don Taft will accept frozen turkeys and gift cards (no money) for our food bank gifts this year.
- Susan Swanstrom will offer a zoom tutorial for our QQLA members on November 9th at 6pm. All our QQLA meetings will be on zoom this winter.

Next Meeting: November 16 at 6PM via ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Judy Nielsen
Recording Secretary