

Minutes for QQLA Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 15, 2021

Location: Nielsen's home

Moderator of meeting: Bill Seabourne

Welcome:

Members possible: (quorum 50% +1) of 20 members

South Pond: Meg Noyes, Doug Vizard, Marita Tasse, Bill Seabourne, Skip Nielsen, Judy Nielsen, Carrol Yorzyk,

North Pond: Carlene Weiss, Randy Weiss, Susan Swanstrom, Jeff Clark, Michele Mandella, Dawn Aguiar

Guests: Tim Gagnon

Meeting called to order: 6:45 PM

Recording secretary Report:

- Pre-approved electronically from July.
- Draft annual meeting minutes distributed, but approval will be at the annual meeting in 2022

Treasurer's Report: (Carlene)

- Hard copy distributed and approved by all
- Carlene distributed report from the Poker Paddle

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lakes Preservation:

Spencer Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP)

Poop Group & Doug

Doug reports that the plant has posted their numbers for flow & phosphorous levels from July. Due to high rainfall, the flow is greatly elevated. The plant meets their own standards for PHOS. Bill is drafting a letter from QQLA to local DEP and SWWTP officials. Our goal is to continue observing and notifying the officials of their own environmental standards. Randy suggests QQLA test a few locations and compare our results with SWWTP.

Weed Treatment

Troll Group & Doug & Randy

- North Pond: high water flow carried fanwort toward the east shore, a reported blue green algae bloom was dissipated by the high water before officials took samples.
- South Pond: rapid water flow carried fanwort from the canal to the south cove. The lakes might expect a fanwort outbreak this spring where these fragments have drifted.
 - A new chemical treatment off the Y camp beach, has been very successful. Procellacor may be useful elsewhere next spring, 2022.
- Canal: not treated due to high flow.
- Order of Conditions (OOC) needs to be ready to resume the operation of the flow barrier under EB control. Skip, Doug & Tim will meet with the EB BOS/ConCom.

Alum Treatment:

Awaiting the response from the DEP for our grant proposal. Alum is very expensive right now, there are other products available with good results. (Phoslock is one). We are also looking into a competitive environmental company to work with. More information will be available next month.

Bridge Replacement:

Should be complete October, 2021.

Flow Barrier:

- Closed due to construction but overflowing due to rain event and high water. QQLA operates the flow barrier under the direction of the bridge engineers until the bridge is complete. Once that is complete, QQLA operates the flow barrier under the direction of the EB Board of Selectmen.

Public Beach: (Jeff)

The first Town beach meeting was held this week. They are still looking for 2 more Brookfield residents to join the committee. There is a budget for the beach use and issues to resolve are porta-potties and trash barrels.

Membership: (Meg, Carlene)

Carlene reports an all time high of QQLA membership at 161 families

Fundraising: (Bill)

A fall fundraising letter will be mailed to all members in October, 2021, we are awaiting results of the 319 grant application.

Communication/Education: (Randy)

The last newsletter "Fishing on the ponds" was great. Carlene suggested a focus next be a history of local women. Randy discussed the inclusion of local business ads to cover the cost of expanding the newsletter. We will be making more note cards soon, ideas were discussed for new photos. Dawn reminded us of the 3 Facebook platforms in use; Dawn manages the North Pond FB page; Joe Klimavich manages the South Pond page and Randy manages the QQLA page. Thank you to everyone!

Social/Recreation/Community Events (Randy, Bill and Michele)

- Poker Paddle: Good response from North Pond as the only lake in use due to the bridge shutdown. Jeff Tasse was the lone paddle boarder from SP and the help of Phil Goodwin and Marty Bannish was much appreciated. It was really fun! The \$250 prize went to Leah Roderick, one of the youngest contestants.

Old Business:

Re: Letter of support for Cedar Lake. We are comfortable supporting environmental concerns. The need for recreational fields and a new senior center are not our expertise. Marita reports from the SLAC committee that there are town concerns from other lake associations. Carrol reports that the Senior center may stay on Main St. Illumination night was not well supported due to high water, no beach and few docks or boats in place.

New Business:

2022 phone book; send any updates or corrections to Randy & Carlene.

Judy asked for a volunteer for a new Recording Secretary and Michele Mandella offered.
Thank you Michele.

Next Meeting: Monday October 18, 6:30 pm @ Carrol Yorzyk's home on lane 7, East Brookfield.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Nielsen

Recording Secretary