

# Quaddick Lake Association



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MAY 20, 2007

**I. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Brenda Duchesneau. Current Balance is \$7,530.57. Disbursements were: \$150 for CT Federation of Lakes Memberhip, \$80 for State of CT Annual Report and \$6.95 for postage and supplies.

**II. MINUTES:** Membership voted in favor of tabling minutes from August, 2006 Annual Meeting until Jul 2007 Annual Meeting.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. FUND RAISING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Kathy Finn Campbell and Brian Howell. Committee needs updated email addresses, phone numbers, mailing addresses to [info@quaddicklake.org](mailto:info@quaddicklake.org). There are many upcoming Fundraising events that need volunteers.

**QLA YARD AND BAKE SALE:** 5/26/07 at the Thompson Common from 8am-1pm. (Rain Date 6/2/07.) Yard Sale Contacts: Shirley Rafferty – 928-2056 Kathy Finn – 928-7086. Bake Sale Contacts: Jane Howell – 928-5488

**HIGH END AUCTION:** September 23, 2007 from 1-5pm at the Raceway Restaurant.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Saturday December 1, 2007. K of C, North Grosvenordale.

**ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT:** Tentative date 2/08.

We can now apply for grants since we have obtained tax ID number and Determination Letter from the IRS. The CT Federation of Lakes has a small grant program (up to \$3,000). The BOD approved QLA to join this organization (fee \$150). Other sources of grants or information related to grants are being researched through the New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society, the Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corner, the New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund, the Last Green Valley and the Thames River Basin Partnership. Also, regarding government assistance. Gary spoke with Shawn Johnston. There may be a one time opportunity for funding for weed management to be split 3 ways (town, state and QL residents). This is being actively pursued. A membership drive is to be performed in the spring including a pamphlet to all those in the watershed area. Honorary members will also be sought. Organizations such as the Boy Scouts and various fishing organizations may become honorary members and assist the organization financially and with tasks.

**B. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Brian Howell. Lee Winchell is our new webmaster and she updates the web site monthly. There are @quaddicklake.org email addresses available for interested parties. We have been on WINY radio once. Articles regarding upcoming Yard & Bake sale are in the Villager, Putnam Crier and the Reminder newspapers. A QLA Newsletter will be out my Christmas. Members who wish to contribute photographs and articles must submit same by 10/31/7. The committee is creating a list of homeowners in the watershed and will create the pamphlets to send out.

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## **C. LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Overview: Ron Jolicoeur, Chuck Lee and Bill Bainbridge. Judy Rondeau is the Wetlands Agent. Focused on 4 topics. Number 1: The Watershed. The Committee has been working with the Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Thompson Together for the Environment and Last Green Valley Committees. Number 2: Monitoring. Volunteers are needed to learn how to do water sampling. Bioassessment (look under rocks for marine life-should be present if lake is healthy) and stream walks (determine source of pollutants) to be done this summer. Call your Wetlands manager if notice any pollutants entering lake. An Agricultural Experiment Station is to do an extensive vegetation survey this summer. Eventually, QLA will do our own study (recommended yearly by Chuck Lee). Continue lake draw down. Evaluate water quality by measuring nutrients (Phosphorous which encourages weed growth, and Nitrogen). Measure Oxygen: low Oxygen levels encourage weed growth. The approximate price for professional evaluation is \$1,500. It may be cost effective for QLA to purchase the equipment via a grant from the CT Federation of Lakes to do our own testing in the future. Members are asked to maintain their septic system and use lawn fertilizer that does not contain Phosphorous. Keep fertilizer as far away from lake as possible. Buffer gardens discussed (filter water running to lake and remove nutrients from fertilizer, deter geese). Information available on line from Candlewood Lake Authority. Number 3: Outside Resources. We are now a member of the CT Federation of Lakes. The North American Lake Management Society, New England Chapter Meeting is at U Conn 6/8-9/7. Register @ctlakes.org. Committee is also working with State Representative Shawn Johnston and Town Selectman Mr. Babbitt regarding Boat stamp (bill to be submitted, takes 1 year), weed treatment funding and creating a Tax District. Number 4: The weeds. Hydroraking will be performed the second, third and fourth weeks of July. WLA will pay machine rental. The homeowner pays \$170/hour to dredge 75 feet out. Sign up sheets distributed. Interested homeowner's must commit 3 weeks prior. Weeds will be left on beach. Town will pick up weeds from designated drop off areas.

2. Weed Treatment: Gary Bessette. Gary spoke with Shawn Johnston. There may be a one time opportunity for funding for weed management to be split 3 ways (town, state and QL residents). Treatment with Sonar is approximately \$165,000. QLA will request \$500 per household for weed treatment. Payment plans available.

**IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Kathy Finn Campbell. Nominations are being accepted until the Annual Meeting. Nominations to date are as follows. President: Gary Bessette. Vice President: Brian Howell. Secretary: Kathy Finn Campbell. Treasurer: Brenda Duchesneau. Board of Directors (2 positions): Barry McCarthy and Bill Bainbridge.

**V. TAX DISTRICT:** Volunteers for task force requested. Melissa Bonin, Brenda Duchesneau and Gary Bessette have volunteered. The town of Thompson receives money from the state for the state beach, known as PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes).

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**VI. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:** Brenda Duchesneau. Copies of proposed amendments distributed to meeting attendees. Vote at July meeting.

**VII. ANNUAL MEETING**

July 22, 1007, 11am-1pm at Thompson Town Hall

**VIII. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Finn Campbell