

Quaddick Lake Association



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JULY 22, 2007

I. MEMBERSHIP DUES ACCEPTED

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda Duchesneau. Balance \$8,555.74 as of June 30, 2007. Tag sale profit was \$1, 274.17. Disbursements included \$80 for hydro-raking permit and \$169 for postage and supplies. New membership dues have since been received.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FUND RAISING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Kathy Finn and Brian Howell. Items discussed included profits from Christmas party, Valentine's Party and Yard Sale. The Christmas party and Yard Sale will be annual events. Also discussed were short and long term goals. An Ice Fishing Tournament is tentatively scheduled for 2/08.

1. Grants: Shirley Rafferty discussed grant sources such as the CT Federation of Lakes, The Last Green Valley and the Quinebaug Shetucket Corridor. Grant writer volunteers requested. QLA needs water monitoring equipment and watershed evaluation. Funds for this may be available via grants.

B. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Brian Howell. Topics discussed included the 2006 and 2007 Newsletters (due 12/07), announcements in local papers and to area businesses, press releases, WINY appearance, logo contest, mailing of "Do's & Don'ts" postcards to watershed. Members are invited to submit items to the Newsletter. Examples of planned website updates include printable application forms and bylaws, local links. Melissa Bonin is the Liaison between the Communications and Lake Management Committees. Volunteers requested for a subcommittee to make an informational brochure regarding QLA and Quaddick Lake.

C. LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. State Funds: Gary Bessette and State Representative Shawn Johnston. State Representative Johnston requested \$160,000 from the state and submitted a 100 page document (prepared by Gary Bessette, Barry McCarthy, Ron Jolicoeur & Brian Howell), from the Governor's office and \$200,000 was granted. He stressed the need for a partnership between QLA & the State of CT. He will assist us in anyway possible. Details on how the money is spent needs to be worked out with the town and DEP. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Lake Management Committee and the BOD to determine the use of the funds.

2. Hydro-Raking: Ron Jolicoeur. To commence 7/23/7. Weeds can be brought to the Thompson Transfer Station. Anyone without a sticker can contact Dave Babbitt and he

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will provide them a letter to present to Elmer at the Transfer Station so they may deposit their weeds.

3. Lake Environment: Bill Bainbridge & Dave Babbitt. Volunteers requested for future stream walks to evaluate the quality of water flowing into our lake by looking at drain pipes, road runoff, hazardous debris, etc. It is an ongoing process and the data collected is reported to several state agencies involved in the environment. Signage for watershed area discussed. First Selectman Dave Babbitt discussed that he is concerned about conservation and keeping the town and its lakes clean, including limiting business development to the Route 12 corridor and monitoring the French River.

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kathy Finn

A. Resignation: Current President Rich Chevalier resigned.

B. Nominations accepted.

C. Election results are as follows. All positions were unopposed.

President: Gary Bessette

Vice President: Brian Howell

Secretary: Kathy Finn

Treasurer: Brenda Duchesneau

Board of Directors: 2 three year terms: Barry McCarthy and Bill Bainbridge

Board of Directors: 2 one year terms: Glen Wallen and Ron Binette.

V. TAX DISTRICT: Brenda Duchesneau. Formation of a tax district requires a petition to the town by registered Thompson voters. Geographic boundaries need to be established and statutes checked. Property owners can vote on a budget. Anticipated annual weed management cost is \$40,000 which cannot be done with fundraisers alone. In the past, bills were sent to 200 homes for weed treatment and only 60 paid. Volunteers for task force needed. Jane Howell volunteered to be the Liaison between the Tax District Task Force and the Communications Committee.

VI. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS: Brenda Duchesneau. Presentation of amendments. All amendments approved by voting members.

VII. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD: Items discussed included lake drawdown and its limitations, dam pipe size too small to drain lake, boat washing station and lake stickers. Rob Binette reported that Rawson was told to close the dam last winter which limited the drawdown.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Finn

Secretary