

## Quaddick Lake Association Membership Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:20am by Peter Bonin, President

1. **Minutes** - July 16, 2017 minutes. Jeff Bicknall made a motion to accept. Marlyn Cutler second the motion.

### 2. Committee Reports

- a. **President** - Pete Bonin - We need to get better communication with who does the drawdown. It was suggested that we talk with the campground, it's possible that we would get better cooperation.

- b. **Vice President**- Brian Howell. The Quaddick Lake Association website is outdated and needs to be updated. We need a better way to share the message of our mission with Thompson and the surrounding community, currently our communication is flat, possibly something on the radio. An article on weed control, what's good, what's bad, what's working and what is not needs to be created. Diane and Richard McMullen have volunteered to help with this marketing strategy.

- c. **Treasurer's Report** - Brenda Duscheneau - As of June 30 2018 the balance is \$38,704.43. Not included is the 2nd bonfire fundraiser of \$413.26 that will be deposited in July 2018, and also the solitude 2018 treatment of \$7,200 which is to be paid July 2018 bringing the total to \$31,917.69. Nancy Dauphinais made a motion to accept. Gary Bessette second the motion.

- d. **Donations** - We need to talk with our neighbors regarding the yearly donation. The percentages show that we are not getting to everyone. There are 240 homes on the lake and only 105 of those donated. That's only 43% of homeowners that donated. Next year our goal is to get to 50%. We need to figure out something for those who do not live on the lake, they do not have much of an incentive to donate.

- e. **Lake Management** - Jim Niedzialkoski - We had a very successful treatment (June 22nd) this year with Solitude. The drawdown that was done last year was not successful at all. We need to work on starting the drawdown earlier this year. If we are able to have successful drawdowns native species would not be killed and it would be very cost effective. It was suggested that we look into the agreement there is between the State and who runs the dam release and possibly draft a contract so that we all have a better understanding of the responsibilities. Last year we had trouble opening the dam and it was not opened all the way until October 15th. This year we would like to have the drawdown in place by December 1st and depending on the weather we could fill the lake back up by mid-January. It was also suggested that to work on preventing the weed fragments from coming down from Stump Pond, we could put some type of barrier or net under the bridge.

- 3. Fundraising** - Brenda Duchesneau, Kelly Johnson, Lary Pincince - There are currently 3 active campaigns running right now.
- a. The first is the August Calendar which includes \$1,500 of local donations from 25 companies, and 31 days of prizes. It is set to begin on August 1st for the first drawing.
  - b. Amazon Smile, which is set up to support non-profit organizations by donating 5% of what you spend, of their own money. As of March 2018, Amazon has donated roughly 431.25 to the Quaddick Lake Association. In order to help with the donations, you must access Amazon through the Smile website.
  - c. **bonfire.com**, which is a website that allows organizations like ourselves to customize T-shirt and sweatshirts through a campaign system where orders are taken and no investment or inventory is needed. The campaign is 3 weeks long and 11 shirts are needed in order for the campaign to renew. So far with the bonfire campaign we have generated over \$1,100.

In addition to the three campaigns that are running Lary Pincince has created Coozies reading “Quaddick Lake Association Weed Control”, with the goal to promote good management of water quality. To date, we have generated around \$300+. We have secured permission to conduct sales and distribution of information inside the State Park. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

#### 4. Elections

- President - **Peter Bonin**, nominated by Brian Howell
- Vice President - **Brian Howell**, nominated by Gary Bessette
- Treasurer - **Brenda Duchesne** was nominated
- Secretary - **Roxi Dahlin**, nominated by Gary Bessette
- Board of Directors
  - Ryan Booth** - nominated by Gert B.
  - David Citron** - volunteered to be part of the board
  - Gary Bessette** - volunteered to be part of the board

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 by Peter Bonin