

Quaddick Lake Association, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
July 19th, 2020

The annual Quaddick Lake Association membership meeting of July 19th 2020 was called to order by association president Pete Bonin at 11am. *This year's meeting was held via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. There were approximately 50 total Zoom meeting participants.*

Officers in attendance were: **President** - Pete Bonin, **Vice President** - Brian Howell, **Treasurer** -Brenda Duchesneau, and **Secretary**- Sarah Travers. **BOD members**- David Citron, Kelly Johnson, John Brissette and Jean Stratton (filling in for Nancy Dauphinais).

- President Pete Bonin welcomed Jean Stratton who has been filling in for board member Nancy Dauphinais who stepped down from her position on the board earlier this year.
- The meeting minutes from the July 21st 2019 membership meeting were read. A motion was made by Brenda Duchesneau to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Brian Howell. Motion passed with all in favor.
- Brenda Duchesneau provided a written treasurers report for the record and reviewed her figures with the board and membership. For the fiscal year ending June 30th 2020 receipts totaled \$23,533.78 and disbursements equaled \$15,596.24. The ending account balance was \$7,937.54. Brenda noted that the costs of the recent weed treatment was not reflected in this balance, as it would be recorded in the 2020-2021 fiscal accounting. The cost of the treatment was \$19,835.00 which will be paid out in July. That expenditure will leave an account balance of \$37,975.18. Jean Stratton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by John Brissette. Motion passed.
- Pete Bonin reported on the weed treatment that was completed June 26th by the new water treatment company Pond and Lake. Pete reported that the feedback on the results has been positive.
- Pete Bonin opened the meeting up to take questions from the membership. David Citron suggested allowing people to submit questions on our Facebook page if they were having difficulties with the Zoom application. Kelly Johnson indicated she would monitor Facebook for question submissions during the meeting.
- Jerry Markland from Brandy Hill Rd asked for an update on last year's lake draw down and our plans for this year. Pete Bonin indicated that an application to the state requesting a draw down was made last year as requested and voted on at last year's membership meeting. Pete indicated that based on feedback from the state and Mr. Rawson one of the issues influencing drawdown effectiveness is the insufficient pipe size of the drainage pipe at the dam. He indicated that regardless of who initiates the draw down, factors such as rainfall and weather will affect our overall results. Moving forward with this year's draw down our plan is to continue to try to communicate and work with Mr. Rawson to schedule a draw down at a time that is both convenient to Mr.

Rawson and hopefully most effective based on weather conditions. David Citron suggested board members and/or association members monitor lake levels this fall and providing updates on our Facebook page so residents can plan their boat “exit strategies” accordingly.

- Pete Bonin opened election nominations for the Board of Directors. David Citron and Jean Stratton indicated they would be interested in staying on for new two-year terms. No other member nominations were made. Carla Pincince made a motion to elect both David Citron and Jean Stratton for an additional term. The motion was seconded by Brenda Duchesneau. Motion passed.
- Board member Kelly Johnson gave an update on fund raising efforts. She indicated we were unable to have a raffle calendar this year due to Covid-19, however we are hoping to be able to reinstate our efforts next year. We do have a shirt campaign ongoing and open until next Monday for anyone who wants to place orders. She also wanted to remind and encourage the membership to use the Amazon Smile program. Entering the QLA on your account as your charity of choice results in a portion of all purchases made on Amazon going to the lake association. Kelly reported that last year’s Thompson Day’s raffle proceeds were \$340, we do not expect to be able to participate in that event this year due to Covid-19. Kelly reported that she anticipates donations will be down significantly this year by approximately \$7000. She also discussed that the pledge letter will be going out in August. David Citron suggested that dues paying members reach out to fellow residents to encourage them to donate especially with our fundraising shortfalls this year.
- Jean Stratton discussed her work on the welcome letter and progress updating the membership/resident list. She is working on getting this completed by the end of the month for our mailing. Pete Bonin encouraged people to reach out to any new residents and to make sure Jean gets their information for her records. Jean explained there is a delay at town hall with information being recorded on new residents so it’s helpful to get the word out and identify newcomers ourselves as opposed to waiting for updated tax lists.
- Brian Howell reported on planned updates to the QLA website. The individual who volunteered to assist with updating the website last year is no longer available to help, so we are currently looking for an experienced volunteer(s) to assist us with converting to new website software. Update of content is needed, as well as improving graphics, and addressing functionality and interactive options available for users. Our goal is to make more information more accessible to our members and residents, and our old format is not working well. A notice will be posted on Facebook looking for volunteers to help with this.
- Brenda Duchesneau reported that she is working on a mailing to go out at the beginning of August. It will include the membership pledge letter, 2019-2020 fiscal year treasurer’s report, and the minutes from this meeting. Pete Bonin offered to assist with the mailing.
- Pete Bonin opened up discussion for election of officers. Brenda Duchesneau nominated the current slate of officers in total to remain in their positions. No other nominations

were made. Brenda's motion was seconded by Kelly Johnson. Motion passed. All current officers will remain.

- Resident Tiffany O'Leary from Harris Island addressed the membership. She discussed issues occurring on the middle lake with jet ski operators. The violations occurring were reported as jet skis being operated too close to shore and other water crafts, no life jackets being worn by operators or passengers, and failure to follow basic required safety protocol and state laws. She indicated the main violators were out of state non-residents accessing the lake by the public boat launch. She wanted to know if the QLA could do anything to address the problem. Brian Howell clarified that the QLA charter defines our operating solely for the purpose of addressing water quality issues. He explained our organization does not have authority to take action regarding violations of the law.
- There was a general discussion of other avenues residents could take to address concerns related to water safety issues on Quaddick, specifically violations occurring by those coming in through the state park who were failing to adhere to state laws and safety protocol while using water crafts on the lake. Several residents indicated they had been documenting the issues taking pictures of operator violations and out of state car license plates at the state beach, and reporting violations to the DEEP. Several residents expressed frustration with a lack of action regarding their complaints. It was suggested that residents organize a separate group to address the problems and/or create a petition for residents to submit to the state or other local authorities. Brian Howell encouraged anyone with safety concerns to contact the DEEP and report issues to build a history of reporting safety and regulatory issues. Kelly Johnson provided the members with the phone number of the DEEP to report any problems and will follow up with a post and link to the DEEP site and safety rules on our Facebook page.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Citron and Seconded by Sarah Travers. Meeting adjourned at 11:49am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah K Travers
Secretary QLA