

# Quaddick Lake Association

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JULY 27, 2014

### I. MEMBERSHIP DUES ACCEPTED

II. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kathy Finn: posted online.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. FUND RAISING AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Kathy Finn: Kathy asked for volunteers to join committees, and assist with other tasks such as finding sponsors and raffle items for events. The first annual duathlon was a success and will be held again next year at a date to be determined based on the speedway's schedule. Some reported they didn't get email for duathlon.

**B. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Brian Howell: PayPal was set up to accept ticket fees. An email blast was sent for the summer party, but not the duathlon and will be sent next year. Contact information to report unsafe boating events to DEEP will be added to QLA website.

**C. LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Jim Niedzialokoski: There are minimal weeds this year, and are mainly in the Baker Road bridge area. Chemical treatment, successful drawdown and weather conditions contributed to this. Drawdown is affected when the dam outflow gets blocked. Jim or a designee will check the dam, and if blocked, call the DEEP to clean it. QLA has requested that the dam be opened a quarter turn on October 1, a quarter turn 2 weeks later, then open fully on or about November 1. There was a delay last year due to repair of a bearing.

It was suggested a no wake sign be added in narrow areas of the lake. Quaddick Lake has adopted a counterclockwise fashion for water traffic. It was suggested that a sign stating this be posted at the state park, though this is not enforceable by the DEEP. It was reinforced to the membership that QLA is not a policing organization.

Shirley reported that a \$150,000 has been approved through the state and will be available for any lake with public access and invasive weeds. The town will need to apply and it is a matching grant. Chuck Lee said the application will be sent to the town and Shirley will check availability of the grant. The last grant available was 7 years ago.

**D. EVENT COMMITTEE:** Shirley Rafferty: The first annual QLA picnic was held at the Thompson Rod & Gun Club and included a chicken barbecue, raffles, clown, DJ, display by Lakeview Marine and donations by Fort Hill Farms. It was discussed that it may be held the same day as the duathlon next year to make it easier for the volunteers. Members at the meeting were satisfied with the date the picnic was held this year.

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**IV. TAX DISTRICT:** Melissa Bonin: State legislation session ended in May and the items to be presented at the short session are limited. Our request to modify the legislation was not presented. We will again request a change in legislation so property owners can vote to form a tax district. Currently only those who are permanent residents in the proposed district would be able to vote. A tax district would assure equitable share for the cost to manage the weeds. The district would also have more political control than QLA.

QLA sent a letter to the Selectman for the Town of Thompson and the Finance Committee to ask for a line item in the budget. This was rejected. Several QLA members attended the meeting and the Finance Committee suggested that we form a tax district. Melissa requested more people attend the meetings to petition to ask for this line item. Melissa asked for names of volunteers to attend the meetings and QLA will send emails when the dates of the meeting are available.

**V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Kathy Finn

**A. Results:**

**President:** Melissa Bonin

**Vice President:** Brian Howell

**Secretary:** Kathy Finn

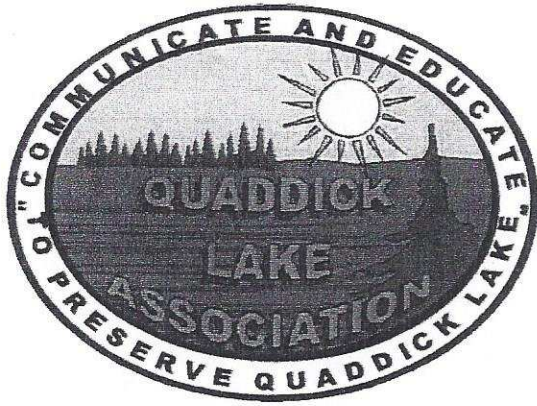
**Treasurer:** Brenda Duchesneau

**Board of Directors:**

**2 three year terms:** Glen Wallen and Ron Binette

**VII. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Finn  
Secretary, QLA



Treasurer's Report  
 Brenda Duchesneau, QLA Treasurer  
 July 15, 2014

Balance as of June 30, 2013 \$19271.57

Receipts

Dues	\$ 2550.00
Donation	\$ 1000.00
Du the Speedway Duathlon	\$ 3000.00
QLA Picnic	<u>\$ 1835.00</u>

**Total Receipts \$ 8385.00**

Disbursements

Postage & Supplies	\$ 1104.87
PO Box Annual Rental	\$ 58.00
Advertising	\$ 560.00
State of CT Annual Filing	\$ 50.00
Bank Charges/Check Reorder	\$ 121.10
QLA Picnic (venue/food, DJ, Face Painter)	\$ 2150.00
CT Federation of Lakes Dues	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

**Total Disbursements \$ 4193.97**

Balance as of June 30, 2014 \$ 23462.60