



FOLQ Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 2, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: WCAT Boardroom, Wakefield, MA 01880

Board Members in Attendance:

John Anderson, Bill Butler, Bill Conley, Karen Faler, Leeila Given, Doug Mildram, Jim Murphy, Mary Salois, Jim Scott, Ed Spaulding, Joe Twitchell, Rob Wettach, & **Associate Member** Philip Salois.

Board Members Absent:

Margaret Coppe, Frank Margherita, Betsy Rogers

Having verified that a quorum was present, President Leeila Given called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Review of Minutes of September 4, 2012:

- Motion by Jim Scott was Seconded by Ed Spaulding to Accept the Minutes of the September 4, 2012, Board Meeting. Vote was unanimous to Accept.
- Leeila will email the July Minutes at a later date.

Reports of Officers:

President:

- Leeila reminded the Board that since our next scheduled meeting would fall on Election Day, November 6, 2012, we should establish what the Board wants to do. A show of hands settled the question and the Nov 6 Meeting will be held as scheduled at 7:00 PM in the WCAT Boardroom.
- The Mystic Runners running club has offered FOLQ the proceeds from the collection they take up among their members on one of their regular running events on a Wednesday in October. They suggest that FOLQ in turn would reciprocate by adding a link on our web page to Mystic Runners' web site or any other publicity we might offer to benefit their events. Bill Conley will coordinate this effort.

Treasurer:

- Frank said he had to attend to some family medical issues and would be in later this evening.

Reports of Activities/Committees/Subcommittees:

Web site:

- Ed Spaulding handed out a sheet of instructions for Accessing the Board Member pages of the FOLQ web site. This page will be part of a handbook he is preparing. Ed welcomes any questions. Karen Faler working on update of the opening article of the home page and also is open to suggestions. Ed Spaulding will attempt to update the site with Karen's new data before we seek outside help.

Annual Breakfast:

- Jim Murphy announced that he has 12 students and 3 adults on his guest list for the Breakfast. Mary Salois reminded the Board that it was voted on at the September 4, 2012, meeting that only the honored junior members who will be receiving an award and the principal of Wakefield High School will receive a free ticket to the breakfast. In order to include two additional free tickets, a new motion will be required. A motion was made by Jim Scott and Seconded by Ed Spaulding that commencing with this year free tickets will only include the recipients of awards (12 this year), the principal of Wakefield High School, the Superintendent of Schools, and one Adult Volunteer. The motion carried with one opposed. Under the circumstances, Jim Murphy advised that he would be unwilling to send out the invitations as he had done in the past. Leeila agreed to talk with Jim about a resolution.
- Lee will send out raffle info for the BOD to use when they're out asking for raffle items from merchants. The list will include each Board Member's assigned merchants to approach. The list will also be on our web site.
- Various displays and posters were discussed. Jim Murphy will try to have a poster with this year's water testing results. Bill Butler will have a chart to show how much the numbers of geese has increased since no dog patrol. John Anderson will provide clean-up photos. Displays will include watershed field trips. Laptop video loop will be hooked up also.
- Vote was taken to elect the recipient of our annual Gertrude Spaulding award. Winner was chosen and name will be published at a later date.

Farmers' Market booth was successful.

Fall Mailing

- October 23 & 24 at Karen Faler's home, 222 Lowell St., at 7:00 PM. Articles are due by October 16/17.

Water Quality:

- Bill Conley reported that the pre-meeting was beneficial for data gathering and agenda setting.
- Bill Butler gave an update on the Solar Bee aeration system. The cost for one unit is \$50,000.00 and 7 units would be required for a lake the size of Lake Quannapowitt. Solar Bee working with Conservation Commission. The claim is that if installed, 7-8 units would achieve high quality of lake water. Discussion followed. Bill Conley advised us to see the web site for more information on water quality.
- October 13 is water testing day at 9:00 AM
- October 13 is also Lake Clean-Up day. Hard-working, ever-present Tim Green has advised that he is no longer available for cleaning up the lake. Karen Faler suggested we try to get more people and corporations involved in cleaning up around the lake.

Landscape:

- Karen Faler has an appointment with Rick Stinson on October 11th to discuss benches and design, etc. He has a volunteer interested in helping with cleaning the benches.

Goose Committee:

- Counts are up.
- From a note from Rick Stinson to Karen, he has hired Christopher Murphy of Atlantic Goose Management Services. His start date TBD.

Utility Poles:

- Karen gave follow-up of meeting with 3 legislators. Meeting with Town Administrator Maio and Selectman Falvey to inform them what team is working on and to encourage them to encourage Verizon to be a good participant and be on the lookout for any State funds. Town and DRT will pay \$300,000.00 over 5 years. Adm Maio actively working on this and will be reporting status to Selectmen.

As an aside to the goose problem, Ed Spaulding told the Board about meeting someone from Friends of Fresh Pond Reservation in Cambridge. They are working at rehabbing the Pond area. They are actively removing invasive growth around the Pond and replacing them with non-invasive native species. This is felt to be a real deterrent to geese landing on the lake/pond.

Karen passed out new calendar sheets for the years 2012- 2013 for our Handbooks.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 7 PM at the WCAT studios.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Salois
Secretary Pro Tempore