

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

BLPOA MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2016

The BLPOA meeting of March 5, 2016 was opened by President Rick Anderson at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present Rick Anderson, Mary Topelian and Diane Nowaczyk. Directors present – Diane Andrews, Diane Blais, Aileen Collura, A.J. Gappa and Rik Ritzler. Officer absent – Ron Vendl. Directors absent – Chad McDaniel and Gayle Smith. There were thirteen property owners in attendance.

Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Rick reminded everyone that the board welcomes questions and interactions from the audience during the meeting, but asks that before speaking, raise your hand, wait to be addressed and then state your name before proceeding, so the secretary can duly note your concerns. Diane N. stated that the February non-approved meeting minutes were sent out electronically to the board and via email to property owners. The following corrections were made to those non-approved minutes:

- Paragraph 7: Diane B. made a motion to give the Social Committee \$500.00 “seed” money to help with organizing and funding the social events and Gayle S. seconded it.
- Paragraph 8: Russ Blais offered his service to assist with the Pizza Party, not Russ & Diane Blais
- Paragraph 9: The Nuisance Ordinance has not passed yet, but has been sent to the Commissioner for revisions before being sent downstate.
- Paragraph 9: Spelling correction per Larry Collura – Unkempt instead of unkept

After these corrections were duly noted Mary T. made a motion to accept the minutes, Aileen C. seconded and motion passed.

The reviewing of the February Treasury Report will take place at the next meeting (April) per absent Treasurer Ron V.

Before proceeding with the meeting, Rick A. reminded that the annual BLPOA elections will be coming up in July at the Annual Meeting. All four Officers must run annually and this year, there are four Director Positions that are also up for election – Diane Andrews, A.J. Gappa, Chad McDaniel and Rik Ritzler. Those directors wishing to stay on the ballot, please let the Nomination Chairperson (the BLPOA Secretary) know your intention. All property owners are eligible to run for any position, except the President, which requires having served for at least one year on the board. Once again, please let Diane N. know your intentions so that she may prepare the ballots.

Rick asked Diane N. to give a membership registration update. Diane stated that the Annual Letter and 2016 Membership Form went out via email mid-February and to date, less than 100

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members have responded. There has been much positive feedback to the emailing, but to date, the numbers returned do not reflect that, according to last year's records that the Secretary and Treasurer keep. Another email and membership form will be sent in a few weeks as a reminder. As of February 27, Russ and Ron have been in contact with 176 potential advertisers for the 2016 Directory. Of that number, 104 have had positive results and have collected fees from 86 of their clients. The due date at the printer is March 18 and March 25 for the updated phone portion for the directory. Ron reported that we are celebrating the Bass Lake Sesquicentennial with this year's Directory since Cedar Lake became Bass Lake in 1866.

Rick asked Mary for a Social Committee Report and Mary stated that Coffee and Donuts will be served at the first Membership Drive (May 21) and at the Annual Meeting (July 9). The Social Committee is also planning an Ice Cream Social on June 11 and the Fall Soup Social on October 21. More information will follow for these events. Mary is eagerly waiting to hear if Kathy Carrier has any response to her pillow contest for proposed additional events. Once again, anyone interested in volunteering to help with any of these events is VERY welcomed!

Rick asked if there was any report from the Bass Lake Festival Committee. Mary stated that she can report and that the festival will take place July 29, 30 and 31 and that the theme will be Sesquicentennial, as Bass Lake turns 150 years old this year. T-shirts have been ordered and will be for sale later this month at various sites around the lake. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. For additional information, check out their website www.basslakefest.com. Ken McCormack asked the color and design – Mary stated dark royal blue with a sunset theme.

Rick A. took this opportunity to once again remind the audience about the “Taste of Bass Lake” Pizza Party on Saturday, May 21, 6-8 PM at the building. The entry fee for all you can eat pizza is \$5.00/person (under 10 free if accompanied by an adult). Contact Rick or any of the committee for pre-paid tickets or PAY AT THE DOOR!

Rick asked Diane A. for a Beautification Committee Report. Diane stated that the beds below the signs have been cleaned out and that bulbs have been planted and now it is a wait and see as we watch Mother Nature do “her” thing! Diane has no additional news on the Nuisance Ordinance.

Larry Collura gave a BLCD report. The precipitation for February was 1.39” with a yearly total of 2.25”. He reported that the pump is being serviced as we speak. He also stated that Purdue University is reactivating the Fish Hatchery and hopefully they will be attending the March BLCD meeting so we can be given an update. Larry asked if there was a date announced for the Clean-Up Weekend, so he can enter that info onto the website – Rik. R, stated that no date has been set yet. Larry stated that he will be putting spring pictures onto the website very shortly and is always looking for more pictures – if you have a favorite or two, just send it to Larry in a JPG format!

Bob Borla asked about the “weed” problem in the lake. He offered to draft a letter and send it to the board to ask the DNR and State to revisit our lake and reassess our ever-growing weed

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problem. Rick told Bob to please draft a letter and send it to the board. Larry and Rick both concurred that the weed problem is definitely sporadic – some property owners are overrun with weeds and others don't have any weeds at all to contend with!

Rick asked if the building had any maintenance issues – Diane N. stated that there were none at this time or that she has been told about. Diane gave the Hall Rental Report and the building remains a favorite place to hold events. Just an FYI, there are times that the building hosts community service events for which we do not charge a rental fee – Starke County Educational Services and certain service organization events. The building will be in use by the DNR on July 2, 2016 for the Boater's Education Class, as an example. This course is free and available for anyone interested in water safety and just needs prior registration. Aileen Collura is in charge of the event this year.

Rick gave an Adopt-A-Buoy Report – three of the Channel Buoys were fixed this past year. Roger Huntington has offered to be on a battery charging committee for the buoys with lights. Rick is still looking for assistance with the buoys as Chad is no longer able to be on this committee. If interested, please contact Rick.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kathy Holem (Fit-n-Fun Rentals) has obtained the space that once was The Sandbar and is expanding her bicycle and kayak fleet. The area is large enough so that she is able to erect an 18 X 20 foot metal awning to protect her merchandise from the elements. For more information, contact her at www.facebook.com/kayakbasslake. She is planning on opening the weekend on May 14.
- Fingerhut Bakery (Bass Lake) will be opening the weekend of April 14
- Larry Collura stated that information about happenings at the lake can be sent out in bulk email to all of our property owners, as long as you submit your news article to Diane N. who will edit and forward it to the website administrator.

With no further business to discuss, Aileen made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 AM, Mary seconded and motion passed.

The next BLPOA meeting will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nowaczyk/BLPOA Secretary