

# **BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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## **BLPOA MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES FROM JUNE 4, 2016**

The BLPOA meeting of June 4, 2016 was opened by President Rick Anderson at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present – Rick Anderson, Mary Topelian, Ron Vendl and Diane Nowaczyk. Directors present – Diane Andrews, Aileen Collura, AJ Gappa and Gayle Smith. Directors absent – Diane Blais, Chad McDaniel and Rik Ritzler. There were thirty property owners in attendance.

Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and reminded them 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 may duly note your concerns. Diane N. then stated that the minutes were sent electronically to the board and via email to the property owners. Rick asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Diane N. stated that a few board members have offered some corrections:

- It was the Treasurer's Report and not the minutes that were approved for audit
- The weeds being sprayed for on the lake are FRAGMITES, not MILFOIL
- BLCD does water testing May – September, not May – October
- The date of the ICE CREAM SOCIAL is June 11, not June 21
- The festival's BREWFEST will run from 3PM to 7 PM, followed by a band and then followed by the fireworks

All corrections were noted and the minutes will be amended and then posted on the website. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Diane A. seconded and motion passed.

Rick asked Ron to give the May Treasurer's Report. Ron reviewed the monthly disbursements and stated that the monthly total in all accounts was \$162,325.04. Ron reminded the board and audience that in July, our garbage fee increases as we begin the third year of our contract with Richard's. This statement prompted concern in the audience as to whether we could get cheaper garbage rates from some other company. Ron stated that Richard's was the most reasonable provider two years ago and their three-year proposal was accepted by the Board at that time. Property owners – Larry Collura, Denise Evans, Kathy Wagner and Kathy Laiter voiced their opinions on the garbage matter and when all questions and concerns were answered, Gayle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for audit, Mary seconded and motion passed.

Rick asked Diane N. for an update on the 2016 membership drive. Diane stated that we have two more drives—June 11 and June 25—and there are still 300 members who have not sent in their forms.

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Rick gave the Pizza Party Report. He stated that he and his committee were ready for 200 people, but actually about 300 attended. After some frantic reordering, the throngs were served and no one left hungry. The property owners pitched in to clean up and a good time was had by all. There was \$58 remaining and that was given to the Social Committee for future events. Mary suggested having this Summer Meet and Greet become an annual event. She is also looking into a Canvas Painting class and/or a Line Dancing class in the fall or early winter months. She is always looking for new events and activities and especially for people to help run them.

Mary also reminded everyone that June 17 & 18 is Environmental Cleanup Weekend. Recycling bins and a dumpster will be at the BLPOA building and a dumpster will also be available for non-recyclables near McGrath's storage building. She reported that someone dropped off five computer monitors and a TV in the back of our building and they were caught on videotape. The Starke County Sheriff's Department is following up on this and may prosecute for dumping.

Larry Collura reported for the BLCD and stated that this past month's rainfall was 2.68 inches giving us a total of 12+ inches so far this year. The weekly E.Coli testing being done on our lake has been in the normal range. The "weir" is on hold until July when the new fiscal year begins. Gene Novello, president of the BLCD, had no opposition so will be sworn in for another four years at their annual meeting on July 18. Once again Larry reminded the audience not to put anything but toilet paper and human waste down the toilets, as our lifts cannot handle anything non-disposable. Ruth McGuire asked if our monthly sewer bill will be lower when the loan is paid off next year. Larry stated that it is being looked into, but cautioned that all our equipment will be twenty years old and we must have funds for repairs.

Building maintenance is minimal and rentals remain consistent as per Ron and Diane.

The Boater's Education and Safety Class is being held in our building on Saturday, July 2. Any interested persons may go online to register. Aileen Collura is in charge of this event.

The BLPOA elections are being held at the Annual Meeting on July 9. Anyone interested in running for a position needs to contact Diane Nowaczyk, BLPOA Secretary and Nominating Chairman, by July 1 to be included on the ballot. **MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT IN ORDER TO VOTE ON JULY 9, YOU MUST SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. YOU ARE ALLOWED ONE VOTE PER MEMBERSHIP.**

Rick asked Gayle how the Lakeside Mosquito Abatement Program was progressing. Gayle has prepared a display poster, made informational handouts, and is providing information for Larry Collura to share with the members on our email list.

Rick asked Mary to provide an update on the Festival. She stated there were festival schedules on the front table and gave a brief description of some of the events.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Comments from property owners:

- Need more buoys on the water
- Kids driving golf carts is still a very common concern. You need to call the sheriff's department when you see this.
- It was suggested that the Sheriff's department needs to give more tickets and less warnings
- Many questions were raised about the beach and campground. We will have the new groundskeepers attend our Annual Meeting and they can share what the plan is
- Shrubs at the triangle (210 & 10) are overgrown. Who is to trim them?
- The Blue room is in need of a facelift.

With no further business to discuss, Mary made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 AM. Aileen seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next BLPOA meeting will be Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 9:00 AM and will be our Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nowaczyk/BLPOA Secretary