

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

BLPOA MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2016

The BLPOA meeting of May 7, 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, Diane Blais, Aileen Collura, A.J. Gappa, Rik Ritzler and Gayle Smith. Director absent – Chad McDaniel. There were twelve 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 that the secretary can duly note your concerns. Diane N. stated that the April non-approved minutes were sent electronically to the board and via email to the property owners. Diane stated that she received no additions, subtractions or corrections to the April minutes. Gayle S. made a motion to refrain from reading the minutes and accept the minutes as distributed, Aileen C. seconded and the motion passed.

Rick asked Ron V. to give the April Treasurer's Report. Ron reviewed the monthly disbursements and stated that the monthly total in all accounts was \$142,093.49. Aileen made a motion to accept the report for audit, Diane N. seconded, and motion passed.

Rick asked Diane N. to give an update on the 2016 Membership Drive. Diane stated that as of today, slightly under 300 property owners have registered. Diane then reminded the audience that May 21, 2016 is our first "physical" membership drive here at the building from 9 AM to Noon. It is also the first Golf Cart Inspection at the same time, Complimentary coffee and donuts will be served. Jim Holtrop asked if golf cart rules and regulations are different for the Bass Lake area than for the city of Knox – the answer is yes and we must adhere to the Bass Lake guidelines. Larry Collura stated that this year the daytime and the daytime/nighttime sticker will be a different color. Jerry Taylor thought that the different colors was for the different year – both members were right – each year they are a different color, but this year there will also be different colors if your golf cart is road worthy for nighttime use too. Diane stated that if you are unable to bring your golf cart to the building on the three designated golf cart inspection dates, property owners may call the sheriff's non-emergency phone number and an officer will come to your residence when able.

Rick continued the meeting with a reminder that the BLPOA annual elections will be held at the July 9, 2016 Annual Meeting. Nomination chairperson is the BLPOA Secretary, so if you are interested in running for a position, please give Diane N. (our Secretary) a call or email – 574-806-8826 or LFDEMS@aol.com and she will put you on the ballot. All officers must run yearly

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and the office of President requires that the candidate must have served on the BLPOA board at least a year sometime in the past. Diane N's secretarial position will be open as she is moving to Florida once her Bass Lake residence sells. Four Director positions will be up for election this year and three of the four directors will be running again – Diane A., A.J. Gappa and Rik Ritzler, but any property owner is welcome and encouraged “to put their hat in the ring” Contact Diane N. if you are interested.

Rick asked Ron for a 2016 Directory Advertising Report. Ron stated that Russ Blais has been helping him not only with getting the ads, but also distributing the directories to the advertisers and has been a tremendous help. A big thank you to Russ! A few advertisers still have not paid, but Ron is optimistic that their money will be received shortly. There were some issues with some of the photos in the ads being extremely dark and unrecognizable and Home Mountain Printing apologized and offered to “make things right” as needed. They have since fixed the problem with their equipment and this should not happen again.

Rick stated that our newest property owner's activity - the Spring Pizza Party - is proving to be quite successful by the number signing up, but the truth will be known on Saturday, May 21st when the event takes place. If interested in attending, please contact Rick or any of his committee. For \$5.00 a person you can sample pizza from all ten of our Directory advertisers! Rick asked Mary about other BLPOA activities on the calendar: The Ice Cream Social will be on June 11, between 10 AM and Noon – the same time that the membership drive and golf cart inspection is taking place. The Soup Social is still planned for October 22. Mary stated that the property owners have suggested two other activities that may occur: A canvas n' cookies painting party and a line dancing class. More information will follow.

Rick asked Diane A. for a Beautification Committee Report. Diane stated that the flower beds have been weeded and the perennials that she planted last fall are coming up. If annuals are needed, they will be planted soon. The two new flags that were purchased over the winter will be given to Rik Ritzler to have the County use their truck to put them up. The BLPOA Welcome Sign (the intersection of SR 10 and S. CR 210) was temporarily taken down by Gregg Underwood during the construction of more storage units on his property and will be put back up once construction is completed.

Rick asked Larry Collura to give the BLCD Report. Rainfall in April was 2.57 inches making the 2016 annual total of 9.53 inches. The pump is still off since last year. Larry stated that the BLCD Annual Elections will be held in July and that District 2 (Sporty'z to the State Beach) is up for election. Anyone wishing to run will need to contact the BLCD. No spraying for lake weeds has been done yet and the property owners will be informed when and where it happens. Larry proceeded to tell the audience that the sewer loan is thirteen months from being paid off and they are working on a five year plan for maintenance issues before anything is done with the property owner's monthly bill. Water testing will begin in May and run through September for E. Coli. Larry introduced Jerry Broadstreet who is a director on the BLCD and in charge of the lake

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weeds. Jerry stated that near the end of June, Aquatic Control will begin spraying for Fragmites (up to two acres) and especially around the State Beach where weeds are very thick. Jerry reminded the audience that what Aquatic Control does to the lake is not poisonous or dangerous, but necessary to control weeds and eradicate Milfoil.

Rick asked Ron for a Building Maintenance Report and Ron stated that he got a call on the day that elections were being held and they were using our building. Someone opened the back door (leading to the dumpster area) and was unable to close it. We have had issues before with that door and forgot to tell them not to use it. Ron sprayed is generously with WD40 and got it to close. He will have Ed McGowan check it and fix it as needed. Diane stated that the rentals are continuing and that we have twenty already for the current year.

Rick asked Aileen Collura to give a update on the Boater's Education and Safety Class. She stated that the class will be held here at the BLPOA building on Saturday, July 2, 2016 from 9 AM to 5 PM and that registration is online and will be operational mid-May. The address is: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/104-indiana-boater-education:25>. For additional information, you may contact Aileen at 708-912-4038 or aileen.collura@yahoo.com . A light lunch and refreshments will be served that day, compliments of the BLPOA.

Rick asked Gayle S. to give an update on her findings for the Mosquito Abatement Program. Educational material will be available at BLPOA meetings, events and membership drives and A. J. Gappa offered to make copies of the two-sided informational sheet that Gayle has compiled. Most important for the containment of the Zika mosquito is to rid your property of containers that hold stagnant water, for this is where they breed and the larvae can even survive if the water has dried up in these containers.

Rick asked if there is a Festival Report. Mary stated that individuals are still needed to run a few events. Also, there will be no firework raffle tickets this year, but the festival committee is looking for sponsorships instead. A new event this year will be the "Brewfest" which will be held on Saturday 3PM – 7PM, then the bands will begin and play until the Fireworks commence and both activities will be located on the cinder lot across the street from Fingerhut Bakery. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ken McCormick stated that property owner Bob Gromala passed away this past week. He owned a number of properties on Elm Street. He will be missed. Our sympathy is extended to his family.
- Ken also asked if seaplanes were allowed on our lake. No one was quite sure but suggested that Ken call Pam at Starke County Airport for more information.

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- Someone asked if S. CR 210 was a truck route as there are so many “big” trucks that travel on it. No one is sure, but we don’t think so.
- Rik Ritzler stated that Starke County Clean-Up Weekend will be June 17 and 18. Please see your annual letter for what waste materials they accept and when and where they accept them
- Jerry Federenko asked if the electronic speed sign is available for placement around the lake to deter speeders. Ron mentioned the last time we borrowed it (two years ago), it was vandalized.

With no further business to discuss, Mary made a motion to adjourn at 10 AM, Aileen seconded and motion passed.

The next property owners meeting will be Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nowaczyk/BLPOA Secretary