

Bass Lake Property Owner's Association Meeting Minutes 04/07/2018

I. Attendees:

- a. **Officers:** Rick Anderson, Mary Topelian, AJ Gappa, Jan Dwyer
- b. **Directors:** Diane Andrews, Diane Blais, Aileen Collura, Kathy Laiter, Rik Ritzler, Gayle Smith, Ron Vendl
- c. **# of Property Owners Attending:** 17

The Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

Opening Comments:

4 dates being proposed for Environmental day

Suggesting the 3rd Saturday in July; Board has agreed on date. Only 1 day.

They will take a television for \$25 Update: **Date is Sept. 15 - 1st TV free, additional \$15 \$15/tire after 4 tires**

- II. **Minutes of the March 3rd, 2018 Property Owner's Meeting** – were moved to "Approved".

III. Treasure's Report March 2018

I. Money Market account

- Beginning Balance **\$125,065.11**
- Interest=\$0
- Deposits=\$0
- Ending Balance = **\$125,065.11**

II. Checking account

- Beginning Balance = **\$ 20,567.31**
- Disbursements = \$7,020.83
- Received Memberships, Rentals, Deposits & Donations = \$17,768.00
- Transfer deposit = \$0
- Ending Balance = **\$ 31,314.48**

III. **Total All Accounts (TAL) as of March 31, 2018 = \$ 156,379.59**

Kathy Laiter questioned whether the BLPOA building will be adjusted for single vs. double bathroom use. We pay BLCD as if we have a single home in the BLPOA building. Russ Blais - BLCD; hasn't been decided but has been discussed.

Treasurer's Report has been accepted.

IV. New Business

1. Shoreline Initiative Committee

- a. Establishing a committee - Want a committee to work on these things. Steve Lucas offered to get involved in the committee. Rick, Steve and Kathy Carrier (C & R Editor)
- b. Rick presented three samples of lake water.
- c. Phil from the Fish hatchery: One pond that has been renovated will be stocked with bass and blue gill and will be reserved for extension activities. The other pond will be for research. Primary focus to be on bass and will be stocked in the Spring (May).
- d. Phil and Rick have discussed by email water testing and the Indiana Clean Lakes program. Volunteer residents may take water samples every 2 weeks. More expandable sampling will measure phosphorus and looks at algae bloom. The sampling program offers training which may take place in May. Could be as little as one individual, however, more is

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- probably better. Phil does not know about costs, but the program probably has the money for this. They want water clarity evaluated every two weeks and sampling once a month.
- e. Jerry Broadstreet & Rick Anderson will take a test of the water out of the pump after it runs for a week. There has been a question of the phosphorus level. There is a \$40 cost for testing for the is phosphorus test.
 - f. Rich Linkus - What are we doing with the test results? Need a plan of attack. Can we engage Purdue in the testing?
 - g. Kathy Carrier went to the IN Lakes Management Conference. Kathy presented the Initiative document. LARE Grant submission for 2019 glacial stone funding. They will pay 80% and property owner pays the other 20%. They will help with grant submission.
 - h. Are sea walls still legal? Yes, must get a permit. Then, glacial stone is recommended to be placed in front of it. Phil Woolerly, Ken McCormick & Rich Linkus volunteered to be on the committee.
2. Annual Letter
 - a. May 1st will be mailing date for US Mail to everyone who has not paid. About 200 have. Ready to go by April 27th. Paid so far: \$15K and \$9K = about \$24K has been received thus far
 - b. Sherry Ackee questioned-dates for in person membership drive. May 19th (coffee and donuts, fest and t-shirts, June 9th (ice cream) and June 23rd (popcorn) will have pick up for books and stickers; Those 3 dates also have golf cart. Nine to Noon.

V. Committees Reports

1. By-Laws -Rik Ritzler

- They will meet after this meeting and will be doing a draft for the next meeting.

2. Fireplace Room – Mary Topelian

- Remodel the room. Mary has received a bid. Looking to replace the flooring. Take out carpeting. Put in vinyl flooring. Reframe the sliding thing. Painting. Carry the flooring into the kitchen. 1 quote in hand. Waiting on a second.
- Running into summer months. We may wait until the fall or winter.

3. Beautification- Diane Andrews

- Spring flowers are coming up.
- There is some trash that needs to be picked up.
- Conservancy district cleared up all the brush. (around the weir) No dredging will occur. There is a place for a picnic table in that area.
- Can get started when the weather gets warm.

4. Directory – Ron Vendl and Russ Blais

- 155 ads. Everyone paid except for 15 folks.
- All the ads are in.
- These will be like a paperback book binding. It will increase the cost a little. \$1.25 more than last year (about a \$1.25). Are we covering the cost of it through the cost of the ads? Getting paid gas mileage for chasing around. Books are getting too big. In the past, there had been a bit of a profit.

5. Social-Mary Topelian/Rick Anderson

- The first membership drive is the morning of the Pizza party. Volunteers are needed to help. Doors open at 5:30 pm. 6- 7:30 pm for serving. If you have pre paid your nametag will be made out and at a separate table. Much better than the pay line.
- The red pizza flyer was selected. Cost will be \$5 pre paid - \$10 at the door.
- The directory has 15 pizza suppliers. That is if the Honey Hole gets pizza by then. Pop and water has been purchased.

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6. New Member Welcome Committee - Gayle Smith

- The pamphlet is finally in print. The centerfold of the pamphlet is the Erie Trail. It has a focus on family and small children regarding things to do.
- Intention to go to each of the realtors to give them an older directory and a new welcome pamphlet. Highlights things not in the directory. They have not been distributed yet.

7. Rentals – Diane Blais

- Diane created a chart to monitor rentals.
- 41 times the building is used for no charge. Committee service organizations don't pay for rental
- \$2400/year for pinochle club and \$2000/year for exercise club. With the extra rent in a year it is about \$8000/year

8. Building Maintenance - Rick

- Ron Vendl patched up some walls.
- One of lights doesn't work and Ron will follow-up.
- Fire inspector from Indianapolis gave us a citation for several lights there were out.

9. Buoys - Daphne Hackler (New Buoy Master)

- New buoys are ordered. Chain is purchased. Also buying nominally priced lights.
- Daphne has new volunteers to put them out.

10. Garbage Collection - Rick

- About 30 new owners. Start with the conservancy or the realtors to identify new owners
- Ongoing work for garbage
- Rik - Environmental - 3rd or 4th in July or a couple of dates in August. At the county garage it will be the 3rd Saturday in July. **Update: Changed to September 15th**
- We will not be adding dumpsters on the Environmental Day.

11. Website - Larry Collura

- Put in a new monitor for the cameras. Larry took back to Costco and replaced with a better one.
- Larry is still working on technology refresh for the website.

Bass Lake Conservancy District - Larry Collura - next meeting March 19th

- 1.2 inches of rain in March
- Riviera Point – (By the old Buchta's store) - Did some testing in this location. There are 16 lift stations running on the lake. April 16th is the next meeting.
- Ditch cleaned up and will be maintained.
- Still need 1 Director for Boa Shores. There is board meeting today, April 7th, and director position will be brought up today at that board meeting
- Must have a petition by Midnight June 1st and vote will be on June 30th.
- Would like more Electronic Funds Transfer. It is much easier than sending out 600 bills every month.

Neighbor Hood Watch - Russ Blais

- No meetings yet. All of members were in FL. First meeting of is Monday, April 9th.

VI. **Unfinished/Old Business**

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- Larry and Dennis were going to research the electronic sign. The Knox VFW paid \$30K.
- **Additional Discussion Questions/ from the Audience**
- Joyce Fletcher; The life of William D Jackson is on YouTube. This is a film regarding Bass Lake.
- No response yet from Golf Carts from the State.
- Ken McCormack comments on the electronic sign. "Needs, wants and wishes. Don't really need it."
- Phil from Hatchery. - Updated ordinance on recreational vehicles.
- 3-day limit of staying in RV and need to get approval. Can't have it connected to anything. Working on restrictions from living in the recreational vehicle all year
 - Ordinance 21.55 on WKVI website has an article. Terry Stevens- commissioner?
 - Starke County has hired a code enforcement officer for rundown buildings. Someone is being hired right now.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.; Jan Dwyer, BPOA Secretary

The next PO meeting is scheduled for May 5th.