

Brantingham Community Association  
Annual Dinner Meeting  
August 3, 2012

President Devin Dal Pos called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

President Dal Pos recognized the generosity of the wonderful musical entertainment during cocktail hour by the Dowling's and the Barry's.

Members were reminded of upcoming events around the lake including the "Float-Fest: on August 11<sup>th</sup> for non-motorized vehicles and the ATV Rally on August 18<sup>th</sup>. A volleyball tournament at the Brantingham Inn on Labor Day weekend is TBA.

President Dal Pos explained to the membership that the board had decided at the May 26<sup>th</sup> directors and officers meeting to have one dinner meeting this season because of poor attendance at the end-of-August dinner meeting in the past years.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Minutes from the previous dinner meeting and the May 26<sup>th</sup> Directors and Officer meeting were placed at dinner table prior to the start of the meeting. President Dal Pos reported that the minutes to the meetings were approved at a directors and officer meeting that was held prior to dinner.

**ELECTIONS:** President Dal Pos reported the following positions were up for re-election:

**Devin Dal Pos – President**

**Karen Murphy – Secretary**

All even numbered area directors:

**Pam Brewer**

**Randy Anderson**

**Eric Martin**

**Ned Wilson**

**Carol Kunkel**

Oren Cook, who was appointed as Vice President last year had declared that he did not want to run for election this year. Devin Dal Pos explained that, according to the BCA by-laws, it was too late for anyone to follow protocol to be on the ballot. However, the BCA by-laws allow the board members to appoint any area director into an officer position. Devin Dal Pos declared that the board had appointed Eric Martin, with his permission, to the position of Vice President. This motioned had been presented and carried at the BCA directors and officers meeting early in the day.

**Dave Fisher motioned that all officers and area directors on the ballot be re-elected. David Rider seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was so approved.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Please see attached. Gail Roes reported a balance of \$23,996.11. Gail reports that members may pay dues via the website [www.brantingham.org](http://www.brantingham.org) using PayPal

**SPRAYING:** President Dal Pos reports that there have been three previous sprays for insect control; the first two for black flies and the third for mosquitoes. A fourth spray for mosquitoes was currently being performed during the meeting. Devin reports some individual complaints about the timing of the sprays and asking if they are effective if it rains after the spray. Mr. Dal Pos read for the membership an email from Jeff Duflo of Duflo Chemical Spray regarding the procedures for spraying. The information stated that when spraying for mosquitoes, a rainfall afterwards does not alter the effectiveness. However, when spraying for black flies, a rainfall can alter the effectiveness. Devin reported that this information will be posted on the [www.brantingham.org](http://www.brantingham.org) website.

**BUOYS:** Devin reports that there have been problems this summer with buoys becoming loose. He thanks those who have been so helpful in collecting loose buoys. Devin states that the Sheriff's department will be called upon to make sure all buoys are in the correct spot. Last year the buoys were pulled, cleaned and stored by a contractor. Devin reports that the board has agreed to replace the ropes with chains next year.

**SIGN AT BOAT LAUNCH:** Devin reports that the banner hung at the boat launch is too damaged for repair. Polly Peterson has volunteered to work with the town to see if permanent signs can be placed at the boat launch. Devin reports that Roger Abbey donated a holder at the boat launch for brochures that inform boaters about what invasive plants.

**INVASIVE PLANTS:** Devin Dal Pos thanked Judy Wilson, Sue Lorenzini and Polly Peterson for their time and expertise surveying the lake for invasive plant species.

**SHERIFF PATROLS:** Devin Dal Pos reports that the Lewis County Sheriff's department has purchased a new boat for the lake patrols. Devin reports that the BCA was approached by the Sheriff's department to assist with covering the cost of signage and bumpers for the boat. A BCA vote via the internet approved up to \$400 towards expense related to the boat after receiving an itemized estimate of \$356 from the department.

Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker reported about the purchased 20 year old boat is currently being sheltered at the Hindman camp boathouse. He reminded the membership that it is illegal to tie your boat onto the ropes that attach to the buoys. Mr. Leviker reports several successful New

York State Boating Safety Courses including 31 people at the last class. Mr. Leviker reports a rise in the number of Personal Watercraft (PWC) on the lake this year. He reminds us that you must be 14 to drive a PWC and have taken the NYS Boating Safety Course.

**SHERIFF MICHAEL CARPINELLI:** Lewis County Sheriff Michael Carpinelli introduced himself and spoke to the issue of lack of funds for the boat patrol this year. Sheriff Carpinelli stated that getting the necessary funds was a result to letters and phone calls to the county. He declared that as long as he is in office there will be a boat patrol on Brantingham Lake. Sue Lorenzini asked if the boat purchased is also used on Lake Bonaparte. Sheriff Carpinelli responded that the boat is dedicated to Brantingham Lake. Pam Brewer asked is the statewide burn ban was still in effect and another member asked how residents are supposed to know if the ban is in effect or not. Sheriff Carpinelli stated that the burn ban is in effect as determined by the DEC. President Dal Pos stated that the BCA would check into a sign that would designate is a fire ban were in effect. A member asked with there is a county noise ordinance. Sheriff Carpinelli stated that there is a Lewis County Noise ordinance that states noise must be kept at a reasonable level after 10:00pm. He advised members to call 911 if they are having a noise issue.

**FISH STOCKING:** Devin Dal Pos reported on behalf of John Hathway that 275 Rainbow trout were released into the lake. The trout were 1- 1¾ pounds. Mr. Hathway has obtained permits to purchase certified healthy flat-head minnows and land locked salmon for future stocking seasons. Devin stated there has been concern voiced over trout being harvested during ice fishing and that this is illegal

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Linda Meade was declared the winner of the 50/50 raffle to benefit the Brantingham-Greig Library Fund.

**QUESTIONS:** A member present asked about Geese control. Devin reported that according to the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) the only reliable method is to thin the flock during goose hunting season. However, he reminds camp owners that they can prevent geese from coming up on their property with fishing line. *(Please see NYSDEC website for additional information regarding geese)*

A member present voiced concern over the bear or bears in the area. Several suggestions were made including placing ammonia in the garbage bag before tying it up. Devin Dal Pos reminds members not to leave trash out overnight and to take down bird and hummingbird feeders. Sheriff Carpinelli stated that you can call the Sheriff's department and they can come and harass the bear into moving on.

A member present complained of weeds in the inlet area of the lake. Judy Wilson stated that she would come and investigate the plants.

Polly Peterson encouraged members to participate in the Brantingham Lake Facebook page. A member stated that they have had a problem with their lights flickering on Cottage Road

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm by Devin Dal Pos**

Respectfully submitted by

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BCA Secretary