

BCA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Annual Dinner Meeting – July 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by President Stark

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Copies of minutes to 2017 BCA Annual Dinner Meeting placed at tables prior to meeting and members asked to review. President Stark requested changes or amendments to minutes. **Maureen Louis motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented. Motioned was seconded by Diane Miller. Motion was so approved by a voice vote**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Copy of annual treasurer report placed at tables prior to the meeting. Please see report BCA website. Gail Roes, treasurer, reports that because the annual meeting is being held a month earlier than in previous years, it is hard to determine if the membership drive is on track.

Gross profit is listed as \$12,540.40. Expenses include aerial spraying, liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance, water quality testing, printing costs. Net income is listed 1,672.54

Member present asked for information on percentage of property owners are paid members. Gail stated last year that approximately 303 out of 440 paid dues.

Gail reports that although the BCA has approximately \$25,470.00 in accounts, there are monies that will go out in the future. The greatest expenses include the boat washing station, the cost of reimbursement to Paul Smith Adirondack Watershed Institute for the employment of Brantingham Lake boat launch steward, and insect control.

Gail reports that the boat washing station is considered an asset and will be depreciated over 7 years.

Polly Peterson motioned that the treasurer’s report be approved as presented. Bill Lamb seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.

BCA ANNUAL AREA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS: Mr. Stark presents even-numbered area directors as up for re-election. These include:

Area #2: Pam Brewer

Area #4: Steven Widrick (appointment)

Area #6: Eric Martin

Area #8: Mary Lynn Schmandt (appointment)

Area #10 Carol Kunkel

Mr. Stark asks for nominations for the even-numbered area director positions. Carol Kunkel nominated Roger and Fran Abbey for the area #10 position.

No nominations were brought forth by the membership. Carol Kunkel motioned that area directors presented should be re-elected for a term of 2 years according to the BCA by-laws. Dottie White seconded the motion. The motion was so approved by a voice vote.

BCA OFFICER ELECTIONS: Mr. Stark reports that per BCA by-laws officers are up for election or re-election every 2 years. Officer positions for re-election:

President: Phillip Stark

Vice President: Sue Lorenzini

Treasurer: Gail Roes

Mr. Stark asks the membership for nominations for officer positions. Current officers were nominated for re-election. The officers were elected for a 2-year term per the BCA by-laws unanimously via a voice-vote.

BRANTINGHAM ARTS COUNCIL: Roger Abbey presents a proposal to the membership to incorporate the Brantingham Arts Council into the BCA. Mr. Abbey reports that the current leadership for the committee has stated they will not continue the Brantingham Arts Council. Roger and Fran Abbey are willing to reinvigorate the council but would like it to be a committee under the BCA umbrella. He believes an arts council will benefit the BCA. Mr. Abbey has spoken to Camp Aldersgate regarding the benefit of a working relationship for arts council events. Mr. Abbey states possible events could include musical events, fundraisers, kids activities, and guest speakers. The Brantingham Arts Council would provide logistical assistance for activities deemed appropriate. "Perhaps someone has an affinity for nature and would like to give a talk, so they come to us and tell us what they need...location, funds, etc."

Mr. Abbey reports the Brantingham Arts Council currently has between \$5000.00 and \$6000.00 in their account. The program is self-sustaining and is not asking the BCA for money.

Diane Miller asks about BCA liability for events.

Phillip Stark responded that liability would be on a case-by-case basis. May have to obtain proof of liability for the venue

Bill Lamb asks if the account will be separate from the BCA account.

Fran and Roger Abbey will report their account information and the account would become a line item within the BCA financials. They would be under our ID number.

Mr. Stark reports that incorporating the Brantingham Arts Council into the BCA would require an amendment to the BCA by-laws.

Bill Lamb asks the last time the BCA by-laws were updated?

Karen Murphy reports that it has been at least 10 years since the by-laws were updated. There are many by-laws that no longer make sense or do not reflect how we currently function. Phillip Stark has re-written several by-laws and will be presenting them this evening.

Mr. Lamb asks if Mr. Abbey's real estate company will benefit from his involvement with the Arts Council.

Mr. Abbey responded that he is preparing to sell the company to his son. Mr. Abbey was the founding member of the Lowville Cream Cheese Festival and works with the Constable Hall Association. Mr. Abbey reports he is looking forward to the next aspect of his life.

A member stated that the Arts Council position should be an elected position within the organization.

A member asked if the merger places the BCA at a disadvantage for grant funding.

Mr. Abbey responds that to get funding you need to be a 501c3 organization for which the BCA may want to pursue. Mr. Abbey states he served on a panel for the St. Lawrence Arts Council. He participated in choosing recipients for grants after completing a course on grant writing.

Fran Abbey reports that they are still gathering information regarding the prior Arts Council accounts. They have been unable to locate a tax ID on the account and are unaware of taxes were filed for the account.

Mr. Lamb suggests they research information with the United States Department of Taxation.

Mr. Abbey reports that Marion Lowe may have information about signatories for the account.

Mr. Stark states that once the account is sorted out, Mr. Abbey will draft the BCA a check and we will move into a new account with signatories that will include 2 BCA officers and an Arts Council leader.

Mr. Lamb states to make sure everything is documented correctly.

Mr. Stark states that typically this discussion would be tabled, but this is our only time to have a membership vote. We should vote to create a path forward and address individual issues regarding the Arts council as they arise.

ARTS COUNCIL AMENDMENT TO BCA BY-LAWS: Phillip Stark reads the BCA by-law amendment addressing separate accounts for the BCA and BCA Arts Council. **Maureen Lewis motioned to approve the amendment as presented. Bob McQueen seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

BCA BY-LAW REVISION 2018: Mr. Stark reports that there are a number of by-laws that no longer make sense and need to be revised. Changes are minor additions to adjust how the BCA works. Mr. Stark will read all of the current by-laws followed by the proposed revision.

Article V - Member Voting

Section 1. Only an active member in good standing or either class of membership shall have the right to vote.

Section 3. All membership voting shall be by majority vote of active members represented. Votes will be cast via voice vote, with the outcome called by the chair. If there is any doubt to the outcome of any voice vote, any member, director or officer may request another vote be conducted via a show of hands to be counted.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1. The annual Membership Meeting shall be held at a date to be determined by the BCA officers. The exact date of the meeting will be published in the Spring newsletter.

Section 3. Notice of all Board of Director Meetings and of additional Membership Meetings shall be prominently posted on the BCA website two (2) weeks in advance. Meetings on urgent issues or crises will not require posting of two (2) weeks in advance.

Article VII - Board of Directors

Section 6. A Board member who is absent from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without advanced notification and good cause may be considered for removal by a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be replaced by said Board after notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall meet at least three (3) times per year, including the annual membership dinner meeting and at such other times as shall be determined by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Article VIII - Officers of the Association

Section 6. The Treasurer and President of the BCA shall be co-signers for the Brantingham Community Association Arts Council bank account for the purpose of oversight.

Section 6. The BCA Arts Council shall maintain separate bank account(s) whose signatories shall include the BCA President, BCA Treasurer, and BCA Arts Council Chair/Co-Chair

Article IX - Elections and Appointments

Section 1. The Officers and Directors shall be elected persons serving a term of two years without term limits. All elections shall take place at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Association. Nominations for all eligible elected positions will be accepted and voted on by membership.

Section 2. The persons so elected or appointed shall take office immediately and shall hold office as herein provided.

Stephen Widrick motioned to approve revisions to BCA By-Laws as presented by President Stark. Motion was seconded and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.

Diane Miller questions that members not present are negated simply by their absence.

Phillip Stark responds that we can amend the BCA By-Laws to allow a proxy vote. Mr. Stark asks members present to raise their hand if they are interested in amending the by-laws to include a proxy vote. 4 members raised their hand.

BOAT WASHING STATION: Mr. Stark reports that last year at the 2017 BCA Annual Dinner meeting we talked about the hope of getting a boat washing station to combat aquatic invasive species. "A committee that was formed has worked very hard to make this become a reality."

Committee members were recognized with a round of applause.

Carol Kunkel, committee chairperson, reports the boat washing equipment has been purchased. Shipment was delayed and should arrive this week. The equipment will be located at the Trailside restaurant.

A boat launch steward, trained and employed by the Paul Smith's Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI), will be stationed at the Brantingham Lake Public Boat Launch during weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The BCA has contracted with the AWI for the steward will work 16 hours each weekend. Total cost would be \$6400.00. Costs for this year will be less because of the delayed start. The BCA will

reimburse Paul Smith's for the cost of employing the steward. Carol Kunkel reports that boat launch steward was working today and checked 5 boats and 2 jet skis for aquatic invasive species.

If an invasive species is identified, the boat owner will be encouraged to go to the boat washing station for cleaning according to protocol. A trained volunteer will be contacted to meet the boat owner at the washing station to perform the boat washing procedure. If a volunteer cannot be contacted, the boat launch steward will follow the boat owner to the boat washing station and perform the cleaning. The boat owner cannot be compelled to take the boat to the washing station.

Mrs. Widrick asks if there is a method to voluntarily wash their boat if they desire. Will there be signage about the boat washing station?

Mr. Stark responded that we don't want to put in permanent signs and then have to change the location. We will be developing marketing in the future.

Mr. Widrick asks if we can post contact information at the boat washing station.

A member asks if a sticker or another method can be used to show a boat has been washed...would have to be date sensitive.

Carol Kunkel responded that the town would have to approve as it their boat launch.

President Stark responded that these are great ideas and we will address them as we move forward. "Lets get this off the ground."

Diane Miller states that the sign at the boat launch is out-of-date.

Mr. Stark responded that the sign can be added to a future meeting agenda

Mr. Widrick responded that the Lewis County Sheriff's Office should be involved in new signage.

Phillip Stark reports that our current liability insurance covers the boat launch. Long-term funding for the program will be a challenge and although we have the financial means to fund the program for several years, we may need to fundraise to continue the program.

LAKE OF THE PINES: Collette Vanyo and Bruce Buckingham presented to the membership. Mr. Buckingham reports that Lake of the Pines (LOP) is a man-made lake developed in the 1970's. The lake is held back by a dam and fed by Brantingham Lake. Lake of the Pines is required to have the dam inspected every 2 years. In 2015, the

LOP was made aware that there are signs of corrosion in the outlet pipe. The control valve needs to be changed. Dam is over 40 years old and was built by the originators of the lake. The plan is to reline the outlet pipe. There is a rule that requires dam owners to be able to drain the lake within 14 days for emergency. This requires an installation of a new valve.

Collette Vanyo reports that the LOP has already spent \$40,000 and each member has to pay an extra \$500 in LOP annual membership dues. The repair project will be extensive and will cost approximately \$150,000. This cost will be divided among 40 property owners.

An engineer has designed and planned the project and a DEC permit has been obtained to partially drain the lake. The project has gone out for bid and landowners are trying to determine how to proceed.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions. Many companies don't want to bid on it because it is considered to be a small project.

Mr. Abbey asks if they have approached a bank for financing.

Mr. Buckingham states they did approach a bank but they want equity.

A member asks what happens if the LOP does nothing.

Mr. Buckingham reports that a man-made lake in North Carolina has a similar situation and the lake was drained by the state. We have two attorneys that have been investigating it. No recourse at this point.

AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING: There have been 3 aerial sprays this year. The first spray occurred a week and half earlier this early as weather permitted. There was a gap between treatment #2 and #3 because of a mechanical issue. At the morning BCA Director's and Officers Meeting, there was concern raised over the number of passes the plane was making over the Brantingham properties. Mr. Stark stated he will look into the issue.

Mr. Widrick asks if it is safe to be outside during spraying.

Mr. Stark responded that the product is safe to be outside during spraying. Members should check the Brantingham Community Association Facebook page for notification of spraying. The primary product used is Permethrin. The plane flies at dusk and only kills airborne mosquitoes.

Mr. Stark states the BCA has contracted for 5 sprays with the option for a 6th spray. The 4th spray should occur in 3-4 weeks.

David Fisher states the BCA should consider contingency plans for an aquatic invasive species infestation. Should the BCA consider a taxing authority to collect funds for treatment?

Mr. Stark responded that we can add the suggestion to our future discussions.

2019 BCA ANNUAL DINNER MEETING: Mr. Stark proposes that the 2019 Annual BCA Dinner Meeting occur at the same time next year using the same format.

A number of members voiced concern that the dinner may fall on the same day as the Country Fair and the Boat parade.

Mr. Stark responded that the BCA board will look for options that are not on the same day as the craft fair and boat parade.

SAFE BOATING COURSE: Diane Miller reported that she assisted the Lewis County Sheriff's Office with the June 25-26 safe boating course at the Glenfield BOCES. Diane stated that she brought NYS Boater's Guides for distribution and encourage boat operators to be informed and follow the rules. A reminder that 45-mph speed limit no longer exist as of 2010. Brantingham Lake boaters must abide by the New York State navigation laws.

Meeting adjourned by President Stark at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Murphy
BCA Secretary