

Brantingham Community Association
Annual Spring Dinner Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

The benediction was given by Bette Gensheimer

Copies of the minutes for the prior dinner meeting of August 21, 2010 were placed at the dinner tables. **Don Schneider made a motion that members present review the minutes during the course of the dinner meeting. Request for corrections and approval would be deferred until the end of the meeting. Motion was seconded by Bruce Sodin.**

Treasurer's Report – A summary of the Treasurer's report was placed at each place setting. Gail Roes reported that the BCA has collected \$5,350.00 of membership dues as of June 24, 2011. Total income for the year so far is \$15,627.08. This number includes the Memorial fund with a balance of \$900.00 and the Fish Fund of \$1755.00. There have been 2 spraying by the Duflo Chemical Spray Company for a total expense of \$3,100.00

Gail reports that the fish fund is fully spent each year by Fish Committee. Fish are ordered and delivered with funds as donated by each lake. The fish are selected as being appropriate for survival based on the predators and conditions of each lake.

Gail reports the balance is finally where the account had been three years ago after several years of a negative income (Expenses exceeded income). A member asked if surplus funds should be deposited into a Money Market fund to gain interest income. Gail reported that she is considering this, but that some of the money must remain fluid for expenses.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

President Schneider introduced Jeffrey Duflo, President of Duflo Chemical Spray, Inc.

Mr. Duflo offered a PowerPoint presentation about his business. Duflo Chemical Spray, Inc was started in 1955 by Mr. Duflo's father. The company's primary business is insect control. They are contracted by private landowners, communities, lake associations, and the NYS Department of Health. Mr. Duflo has completed work throughout New York as well as Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Maryland, and Rhode Island. International work includes Haiti.

Mr. Duflo indicated that the insecticides use have changed considerably through the years. When the company started in 1955, they were using DEET. Currently, the company is using a Permethrin based insecticide (Kontrol 30-30) which is organic and derived from the Chrysanthemum flower. Mr. Duflo reports danger of exposure is very low and states thaspraying

your arms with an insecticide such as “OFF” is the equivalent of 80 times greater exposure than if you were outside during a spray on the lake.

The delivery equipment has advanced as well and delivers a very fine spray molecule to increase accuracy and effectiveness. The risk of inhalation is very low as only 1.8 ounces of product is used per acre. In addition, the plane is equipped with a GPS system that tracks in response to 4 different satellites. Coordinates are programmed into the GPS and allows accuracy of the spray within one foot. Mr. Duflo offered the example that an entire city could be sprayed with the exception of one house because of this high level of accuracy. Many organizations such as the forestry service and the department of health require the GPS system on board.

Mr. Duflo’s planes are twin engine planes which are required for any spraying over populated areas. This requirement creates additional safety as the plane can still fly if one of the engines fails. Mr. Duflo reports that he has suffered three single engine failures and was able to land safely in every instance.

Mr. Duflo reports he only sprays when weather conditions are optimal.

Mr. Duflo tells us they will be placing a camera on board the plane that will allow individuals to watch a spray from the vantage point of the plane on www.duflospray.com.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker reports that he has provided New York State Boater’s Guide Book and waterproof identification stickers for canoes and kayaks for members present at the meeting.

Sheriff Leviker reports that the buoys are all in on the lake. There were a few problems with buoy’s becoming unhooked from the anchors, but generally no major problems. A member asked about a buoy at the channel that appears to be missing. President Schneider reports that a boat had become entangled in the rope between the anchor and the buoy. Mr. Schneider reports that the buoy will be replaced.

Lewis County will be offering a New York State Safe Boating class next week. Currently, 30 people are registered for the class. Sheriff Leviker reports they are looking for individuals to teach the class in the future. Training materials will be provided

Sheriff Leviker reports continued problems with overloaded party barges as well as jet skis and boats without spotters. Please call the Lewis County Sheriff’s office regarding any problems or complaints. Please call if you would like to have any boating equipment inspected. Sheriff Leviker reminds those who rent their property and allow use of any boating equipment that they provide safe, registered boats and personal flotation devices.

A member asked Sheriff Leviker what reason he might stop a boat on the lake. Sheriff Leviker responded that he would stop a boat to check for personal flotation devices (must have enough for all passengers on boat), to check equipment or to check for registration.

Mr. Hunt asked if the 25 mph sign at Red Pine Point be removed now that local boating laws have been rescinded. Mr. Hunt reports that boats come to the point at a high rate of speed and then slow down quickly which creates a large wake from the boat. These wakes are causing erosion to the shoreline. Sheriff Leviker responded that he would remove the sign.

Water Quality: Mr. Al Predmore reports that CSLAP (Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment Program) through the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) has decided to rotate lakes through their water quality monitoring system because of high demand for the program. Because Brantingham Lake has remained stable for a number of years, the lake has been rotated out of the program for the 2011 year. Mr. Predmore reports that the pH, phosphorus and nitrogen have had slight fluctuations as is typical with weather conditions, but overall has remained stable for many years. Our lake water is showing no adverse problem.

Mr. Predmore reminds camp owners to test your own waterfront for coliform. Three years ago random coliform tests were collected on the lake and two samples came back at 10% of the state threshold for an abnormal reading. This testing will be repeated every 5 years. The Lewis County Water Quality Control Committee will be mailing out a survey to property owners regarding their septic system. This survey may be anonymous and is meant to raise awareness about your system. Questions will be asked regarding the age of your system, the last time you had your system pumped, where your system is located on your property, etc. Camp owners will be asked to fill out and return the survey.

Mr. Predmore announced that the Brantingham Water Quality committee has purchased the book, "Do It Yourself Water Quality: A Landowner's Guide to Property Management that Protects Lake George" which is published by The Fund for Lake George. This book is available to view at the Brantingham-Greig Community Library. According to their website, www.fundforlakegeorge.com, the organization was formed in response to algae blooms and dead zones on Lake George. The proactive organization actively promotes and tests for water quality on the lake.

In addition, the brochure, "Save That Lake" is available at the Brantingham Post Office.

Open Positions: President Schneider announces that two area director positions are open for area's #10 and #11. In addition, Mr. Korber will not be seeking re-election for his directorship in the fall 2011.

Old Tyme Country Fair: Maureen Sugrue reminds members that the Old Tyme Country Fair will be Saturday, July 2, 2011 at Camp Aldersgate. This year food will be offered including hotdogs, hamburgers, and sausage.

Invasive Plants: Judy Wilson reports the committee is always looking for new volunteers to "throw the rake" and identify local water species.

Boat Parade: President Don Schneider recognized and thanked Sam and Johanna Villanti for their continued work organizing the boat parade. President Schneider proposed that for the future the boat parade should always be the same day as the Old Tyme Country Fair. There were several concerns voiced that there is not enough time for those involved in the fair to participate in both events. Another member stated that the boat parade should be on Sunday since there are already so many activities on Saturday. Johanna Villanti stated that many families go home on Sunday and that Saturday is the preferred day.

BCA at the Country Fair: Gail Roes reminds members present that the BCA will have a table at the Old Tyme Country Fair to collect dues and give out directories and membership cards.

Devin Dal Pos made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.