

Brantingham Community Association
Officers and Directors Meeting
Brantingham Golf Club
June 25, 2011

Present at meeting: Don Schneider, Devin Dal Pos, Gail Roes, Karen Murphy, Pam Brewer, Al Predmore, Jon Korber, Ned Wilson, Collette Vanyo, Carole Gunn, Randy Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 9:06am by President Don Schneider

Email Database: Gail Roes raised concerns that our email database seemingly is not reaching all members and area directors. This issue will be investigated by the Treasurer and Secretary.

June 24th Dinner Meeting: Devin Dal Pos offered an overview of Mr. Jeffrey Duflo's informative talk from the June 24th. (Please see minutes for June 24th dinner meeting). Mr. Dal Pos informed members present that the talk was informative, entertaining and considered a success. To summarize, Mr. Dal Pos reminded members that Mr. Duflo only applies the insecticide when conditions are optimal and that his equipment dispenses a very small amount of material. GPS allows accuracy within one foot and the insecticide is entirely organic.

Open Positions: Mr. Schneider requested that Val Montana and other members of last year's nomination committee be contacted and re-appointed to nominate a presidential candidate for the August elections. Mr. Schneider stated that he will not be seeking election. Mr. Schneider has been appointed to three consecutive the position of president for single year terms due to the absence of another candidate. **Mr. Schneider motioned that last year's nomination committee be re-appointed, Devin Dal Pos seconded the position, the motion was passed unanimously.**

Eagle Drive Sign Post: Mr. Schneider reports that the Eagle Drive sign post for address signs was destroyed in an automobile accident. The Lewis County Sheriff's Department has a report and photographs on file, although the driver of the vehicle was never identified. Mr. Schneider stated that he did not feel that the BCA should be responsible for replacing the individual address signs, but should consider replacing the post and the "EAGLE DRIVE" sign at the top. Mr. Predmore suggested that camp owners should be notified and their broken signs returned. Mr. Predmore stated that any signs replaced need to meet local regulations. Collette Vanyo stated that she will contact Lake of the Pines residents and ask if they would be willing to pay to replace their individual signs.

Welcome Committee: Mr. Schneider reminds us that the welcoming committee is inactive after Ned Wilson retired. Mr. Schneider ask members present if the board should be searching for a

new committee chairperson for the Welcome Committee. Mr. Wilson suggested that a formal welcoming committee was not necessary and that the role should be taken over by the individual area directors. Alternatively, it was suggested that the role could be taken over by Bette Gensheimer who is chairperson for the Membership Committee. However, Gail Roes stated that identifying new members is extremely difficult.

Hanging Bags for Directory: Carole Gunn asked if the BCA purchased bags to hang directories/membership cards on camp doorknobs as was discussed at prior BCA D.O. Meeting. Gail Roes stated that when she went to order the bags she discovered that the shipping fee for the bags were cost prohibitive. She suggested that members use grocery bags instead.

Devin Dal Pos suggested that information for a welcome packet should include information about local government, direction and hours of the transfer dump and the like. Don Schneider reported that all contact information for local government is documented on the web site, www.nnybest.com. This web site offers up-to-date information about local government.

BCA Web site: Devin Dal Pos offers information about the possibility of creating a web site for the BCA. The current www.brantingham.org website is a free web site as part of the Google community web site. Ellen Johanson, who is an editor for the web site of a school district on Long Island and is currently the editor of www.brantingham.org, suggests that we use “Go-Daddy” a web-hosting service that would cost \$4.99/ month. This would allow us to have a nicer web site that would be easier to use and allow features such as PayPal. After minimal discussion, Devin Dal Pos proposed that the topic be tabled and further investigated until the next Director’s meeting. Al Predmore suggested that all information about a web site be sent to area directors prior to the meeting. In addition, Al Predmore suggested that we investigate the possibility of finding someone local to manage the website. Don Schneider suggested that we have the Town of Greig create a section for the BCA on their website.

BCA Table at the Old Tyme Country Fair: Gail Roes asks for volunteers to man the BCA table at the Old Tyme Country Fair. Volunteers were Collette Vanyo, Gail Roes, Don Schneider, Karen Murphy, and Devin Dal Pos.

Treasurer’s Report: Gail Roes reports that dues were increased at the BCA Dinner Meeting of August 2009. Dues were increased because the income generated by dues were not covering the cost of spraying. The BCA account for 2008 had a loss of \$6,219.48. The BCA account for 2009 has a loss of \$2, 261.05. The BCA account has a positive balance of \$7,582.72 because of the decrease cost of spraying. Gail reports approximately a 70% - 75% membership rate among camp owners. Gail Roes proposes the question that perhaps BCA dues need to be returned to a lower monthly fee or should we consider keeping the dues at \$40 a year and using some money to improve the community. Al Predmore stated that it is premature to believe the account will

continue to build. If more spraying is required, it will deplete the account quickly. Mr. Predmore stated that we should monitor the account and if the account continues to build then we should decide what to do with the money. Jon Korber stated that these account numbers are similar to balances the BCA has carried in the past. Ned Wilson asks if the BCA should consider placing the account at a credit union to achieve a higher interest rate on the account.

Lake of the Pines Dues: Collette Vanyo states that Lake of the Pine (LOP) residents have their own community association and pay their own dues. These dues cover the cost of separate issues for their lake such as purchasing carp to eat the grass and management of their own dam. Lake of the Pines dues are currently \$50.00 annually. Mrs. Vanyo states that the increase in the BCA dues combined with the LOP dues seems to be creating a drop in BCA members from LOP and asked if the BCA could charge a reduced rate to LOP members. Devin Dal Pos stated that the BCA dues are primarily meant to cover the rising cost of spraying the lake. Mr. Dal Pos suggested that LOP not be sprayed and the dues for LOP be eliminated. Collette Vanyo responded that LOP residents would NOT want to be excluded from the sprayings. Devin Dal Pos stated that currently the Brantingham Golf Course pays a percentage of the spraying cost. Mr. Dal Pos asked if LOP should be considered a separate entity from the BCA and pay a percentage of the spray. Therefore, LOP would not be BCA members and would reimburse a specified percentage of each spray. Gail Roes reports that Collette Vanyo, BCA area director for LOP, collected dues from 29 camp owners for a total of \$1,160.00. Devin Dal Pos suggested that LOP members could choose to pay for the BCA directory for a fee to cover the cost.

Memorial Fund: Gail Roes reports that there is now \$_____.00 in the memorial fund. This money is used to purchase Memorial plaques and the individual names to be placed on the plaque. Mrs. Roes poses the question of what should be done with the money in the account. Devin Dal Pos asked how many burial plots landowners in the area are currently allowed. Mr. Schneider reported that each landowner is guaranteed two plots in the Brantingham Cemetery. Mr. Schneider reports that the cemetery has purchased additional land and is planning to fence in the new property. The town currently maintains 1,000 lots. Mr. Predmore suggested that the money be used to buy a new Brantingham welcome sign at the Four Corners. Collette Vanyo suggested that the money be used to pay for address signs around the lake, the web site or other information. Devin Dal Pos proposed an additional sign be attached to the Four Corners welcome sign with our web site address to raise awareness of its existence. **Devin Dal Pos motioned that a sign should be purchased with our web site address that would be added to the welcome sign at the Four Corners. The motion was seconded by Collette Vanyo and unanimously approved.**

Membership Drive: Don Schneider mentioned that frustration associated with camp owners who choose not to join but benefit from the services of the organization. Mr. Schneider

suggested that non-members should have an asterisk next to their name in the directory. Gail Roes stated it would be impossible to add a column for the asterisk.

Co-Secretary Position: Karen Murphy suggested that a recording secretary be added as an officer position. There was no resolution to the request.

Social Activities: Devin Dal Pos states that he has received feedback from members complaining that there are not more social activities. Ned Wilson stated that he used to organize the Monkey Golf Tournament but that he stopped because the activity became very “alcohol-based”. Devin Dal Pos stated that these social activities would require volunteers to organize these events and that volunteers have been in short supply. Don Schneider stated that people like to be asked to volunteer and that we might find more volunteers if we knock on some doors.

Open Area Directorships: President Schneider reminds us that there are currently 2 area directorships open that need to be filled. Gail reports that Area #11 is small and most of the members are area businesses.

Devin Dal Pos motioned that the meeting be adjourned, second by Don Schneider, and meeting adjourned at 10:40am.