

Brantingham Community Association
Officers and Directors Meeting
Brantingham Golf Club
August 20, 2011

In attendance: Don Schneider, Devin Dal Pos, Gail Roes, Karen Murphy, Jon Korber, Polly Peterson, Collette Vanyo, Bob Hindman, Al Predmore, Ed Cousin, Oren Cook, and Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker,

The meeting was called to order by President Don Schneider at 10:07 AM.

Secretary Report: Minutes to previous D.O. meeting of June 25, 2011 were given to members prior to the start of the meeting. **Devin Dal Pos offered a motion to approve the minutes, second by Polly Patterson. The motion was passed.**

Treasurer's Report: Please see detailed report. Gail Roes reports that dues collections for 2011 have raised a total of \$11, 370.00. This number reflects \$10,930.00 of full membership dues + \$440.00 of Associate member dues

There were three sprays this summer by the Duflo Chemical Company and BCA has received a total of \$870.00 from the Brantingham Golf Club for their percentage of the three sprays. The cost of sprays was reduced this year to \$1550.00 per spray. Don Schneider reports a news story from Central New York in which a 4 year old girl had died this past week from EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) which she contracted from an infected mosquito. Jon Korber commented on news stories out of Syracuse with explanations of what to do when they are being sprayed including moving indoors, closing window, washing outdoor furniture before it is used, etc.

Gail Roes reports that next year she plans to institute deadlines for membership dues, changes in the directory, and sign orders. Gail reported that we lost some money on the June dinner meeting because of "no shows" to the event.

Bottom line for BCA account including the Memorial fund and the Fish Fund is \$18,000. **Don Schneider offered a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Second by Devin Dal Pos and motion was so approved.**

Membership & Dues: Devin Dal Pos asks if we should re-visit the idea of decreasing the annual dues for members. Al Predmore stated that this question was addressed at the June Directors and Officers meeting and it was decided not to decrease dues, but asked if the

membership has suffered because of the increased dues. Bob Hindman stated that he felt it was too early to decrease dues, but would like to see Duflo Chemical Spray company to spray one more time this season. Collette Vanyo stated that she would leave the dues the same and felt it was too confusing to have the dues change year after year. Devin Dal Pos commented that, in light of the difficult economy, the BCA should not carry a large residual in the account and continue to charge \$40.00 in annual dues. However, Devin mentioned that expenses can change from year to year. Devin Dal Pos asked about expenses related to the CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program) for next year. Al Predmore reported that the registration fee is the only cost related to the CSLAP water quality testing program.

Jon Korber stated in response to the question of how membership has been affected that membership in his area has gone up by one member since last year.

Gail Roes reported the following statistics regarding membership trends:

2007 – 357 members

2008 – 332 members

2009 – 307 members

2010 – 303 members (First year of increased dues)

2011 – Currently have between 270 – 280 members

Gail reports that few directors took advantage of the membership discount allowed them. In addition, Area 11 has reported few dues because there is no director for the area. This area includes all local businesses. Gail suggested designating local businesses that join in the annual directory. Also, that we should include a list of paid members in the directory.

Spraying: Don Schneider stated he would request on more spray for the season by Duflo Chemical Spray Company.

Website: Devin Dal Pos reported that the new website is up. Ellen Johanson will be managing the website. The domain name of www.brantingham.org is now owned by the BCA. Now looking for content to put into the website and looking into the benefits and disadvantages of using Paypal. Devin asks directors present if the idea of Paypal should be presented to the membership at the August dinner meeting scheduled for August 27, 2011. Bob Hindman and Gail Roes both voiced concerns over keeping contact information up-to-date with the use of Paypal. Devin stated that he will look into costs associated with using Paypal to collect dues. Jon Korber stated that Lyons Falls Historical Society is selling a disc of local historical pictures for \$5.00 and suggested the pictures might be good for the website. Bob Hindman voiced his concern over the % fee charged by Paypal. Gail Roes

stated that Paypal charges a transaction fee. Polly Peterson stated that the extra dues generated by the convenience of paying dues online would make up for the difference.

Elections: Don Schneider reported that there were no interested parties in the presidency within 40 days of the election. Devin Dal Pos has agreed to be President. Mr. Oren Cook contacted Gail Roes within the last 2 weeks to state he would be willing to take on any role to help out. Mr. Schneider stated that he asked Mr. Cook if he would be willing to take the role of Vice President and he agreed. Devin Dal Pos reports that according to the by-laws, the board can appoint vacancies for a one-year term. Karen Murphy stated that the by-laws regarding elections should probably be reviewed and revised. Devin Dal Pos stated he would review them over the off season. Devin reports that possible revisions must be presented first to the board and then to the membership for approval. Bob Hindman stated that Bette Gensheimer should be thanked for her hard work as a one person nominating committee. **Don Schneider was recognized and applauded for his willingness to be BCA President for three consecutive one year terms. Thank you Don!!!**

Eagle Drive Post: Don Schneider reports that the Eagle Drive sign post has been installed and signs that survived the accident have been posted. New signs have been ordered to replace the broken signs and will be installed when they are complete. Gail Roes remind area directors that sign orders need to be placed early in the season as Peebles Sign Company makes all of the signs at one time.

Lake of the Pines Dues: Collette Vanyo reports that she has approached members in her area with the ideas presented at the previous meetings (please see minutes for June 25, 2011) and they do not think it is feasible at this time. The BCA membership for her area is down a few members this year.

Website sign: Devin Dal Pos reports that he will be ordering a sign to add to the four corners welcome sign with the BCA website. Gail Roes reports that the welcome sign at the four corners may need to be updated with different doors that have more glass to allow visualization of the items posted. Jon Korber suggested Mark Kovach, Dan Brewer, or Walt Sugrue be contacted regarding an estimate of replacing doors.

Smokey Bear Sign: BCA member Bruce Soden has offered to donate a Smokey Bear sign that reflects the current fire threat according to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He indicated he would have someone make the sign and he would paint it, but is only willing to donate if someone would be willing to commit to changing the sign as designated by the DEC. Bob Hindman reported that The Pine Tree is the owner of that corner and would need to provide permission. Devin Dal Pos stated that he was not sure the sign was needed and questioned who would be willing to change the sign. Don Schneider stated that the DEC might need to provide approval for the sign or that there may

be a copyright issue and that the sign may need to be purchased from the DEC. The matter was discussed and thanks go out to Mr. Soden for offering to fund and have the sign built and installed, but DEC has jurisdiction over such issues and he should contact the DEC directly for permission and assuming responsibility for changing the fire risk notification.

Buoys: Gail Roes stated that she has witnessed abuses to the buoys. Don Schneider reports that the buoy by Dark Island has floated away twice. Jon Korber reported that in Old Forge, the Herkimer County Sheriff maintains the buoys, but the DEC puts them in and they use chain that must be replaced as they corrode over time. Don Schneider and Jon Korber reported that Ray Brook has a store that deals specifically with buoys. They can help you decide what types of buoys, where to put them, and how to anchor them. They install the buoys with GPS and manage them. Don Schneider reports that currently the Lewis County Sheriff's Office has liability for the buoys, but the DEC would most likely carry liability if they installed the buoys. Jon Korber stated that he would try to determine a contact for the program. Devin Dal Pos stated he would be willing to look into this.

Mr. Oren Cook: Don Schneider introduced Mr. Oren Cook who arrived later into the meeting. Devin Dal Pos stated that according the BCA by-laws, the board can assign a board member to fill a vacant officer position. Therefore, Mr. Cook needs to a board member before he can be installed as an officer. **Polly Peterson presented a motion that Mr. Oren Cook be designated as "Director-at-large" for the BCA. Collette Vanyo seconded and the motion was so approved.**

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker was introduced and reported several instances in which the buoys floated away or the rope became disconnected. Jon Korber suggested using a more permanent method than the anchors. Sheriff Leviker suggested that chains be used next season. Sheriff Leviker reports that boat traffic seemed to be down this year. He reports a number of unregistered boats on the lake. The office responded to a call regarding a car alarm. Sheriff Leviker reports that the PFD for the Sheriff's boat on Brantingham Lake (personal flotation device) is being customized and he hopes to receive it soon. Gail Roes reports that the PFD was paid for using BCA Memorial Fund money as was voted on as a previous BCA meeting. Sheriff Leviker reports that the boat launch has been very busy and he has witnessed, at different times, a line at the boat launch. Karen Murphy suggested that the BCA consider a boat launch steward program to monitor boats being put into the lake during the weekends. Devin Dal Pos reports that some lakes have a remote monitor station that photographs the boat for obvious plant hitchhikers. Bob Hindman stated that it will be cheaper to be proactive about invasive plant species than have to react to an infestation. Gail Roes stated that she would not recommend that the BCA get involved in an employment situation with boat steward monitors. Karen Murphy suggested

that a committee be formed to address the issue. Bob Hindman stated he would write a letter to Marilyn Patterson to see if they would be willing to help with such a program.

Director Expenses: Gail Roes stated that BCA directors who are mailing information should be reimbursed for expenses by the BCA. **Gail Roes presented a motion that BCA Area Directors should submit their mailing expenses in August to the treasurer for reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Devin Dal Pos and motion was so approved by members present.**

Al Predmore motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jon Korber. The BCA meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Karen M. Murphy
BCA Secretary