

Brantingham Community Association
Directors and Officers Meeting – August 3, 2012

In Attendance: Devin Dal Pos, Oren Cook, Gail Roes, Karen Murphy, Carol Kunkel, Ned Wilson, John Hathway, Ed Cousin, Polly Peterson, Pam Brewer, Karl and Pat Keiffer, Collette Vanyo, and Pat Dowling

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm by President Devin Dal Pos

Pat Dowling, a BCA member who was present in the building preparing entertainment for the dinner meeting, quickly reminded members of upcoming events on the calendar including the “Float-Fest” on August 11th, the ATV Drive on August 18th and the Volleyball Tourney on Labor Day Weekend.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes were distributed prior to the start of the meeting and members asked to review. **Collette Vanyo motioned that the minutes of the May 26, 2012 Directors and Officers Meeting be approved. Oren Cook seconded the motion. There were no objections to the motion and it was so approved.**

TREASURER REPORT: Gail Roes reports the balance of the BCA account as \$23,996.11 This number includes primary and secondary camp dues received. 264 camps have paid – Gail reports this is down by 30 or so camps from last year. Money out includes expenses related to the fish fund, a donation to the 3-G Fire Department Golf Tournament, membership dues to NYSFOLA and costs related to lake water testing. Minimal interest was earned on the account, but Gail Roes reports that she has moved the money to Community Bank which may offer a higher interest rate and Gail will investigate placing some money in a CD. Gail reported that only 10% of membership dues have been paid through the website using Paypal and that no one has used the Google Checkout option

Please see attached Treasurer’s Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Vice President Oren Cook asks if our membership is declining over time or staying steady. Polly Peterson remarked that not having a spring dinner may affect membership. Pam Brewer reminds us that people can sign up for membership and receive their directory and membership card at the Old Tyme Country Fair. Devin Dal Pos stated that there are a number of properties for sale that may be choosing not to pay dues this year. Balance income outflow – Devin Dal Pos asked how much we need to make to cover the 5 sprays. Gail Roes reports that we would need to bring in \$12,000 in membership revenue to cover the cost of sprays, printing expenses, water testing, membership fees and fish planting. This translates to membership dues for 300 camps. However, to clarify, the cost of fish planting

is always equivalent to the amount donated to the fish fund. President Dal Pos poses the question that the increase in dues may be affecting our membership and asks the board if membership dues should be lowered. Carol Kunkel reports that members in her area have complained about the dues going from \$20 to \$40 annual fee. Ned Wilson stated that dues cannot be changed mid-year. Gail Roes stated that it is important to keep a balance in the event of unexpected expenses. There was NO motion to change membership dues. **Polly Peterson motioned to approve the Treasurers Report as given, Ned Wilson seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion was so approved.**

SPRAYING: Devin Dal Pos reports the cost of each spray for insect control has increased by \$92.50 this year. Devin reports this is an acceptable increase considering the cost of fuel. There have been 3 sprays so far this season, 2 during black fly season, one during mosquito season. Another spray is scheduled for tonight, August 3, 2012. Devin reports the board will have to determine whether to add a 5th spray to the season.

Devin Dal Pos reported that there have been a few complaints about the bugs and one specifically that the spray came prior to rain and was therefore was ineffective. President Devin Dal Pos read a written communication from Jeff Duflo of the Duflo Chemical Spray Company. Mr. Duflo reports that he spray for mosquitoes are performed prior to rain when bugs are most active and that rain afterward has no effect. Collette Vanyo suggested that the information from Mr. Duflo be posted on the www.brantingham.org website.

BUOYS: Devin Dal Pos reports that some of the buoys have detached on the lake during the boating season secondary to using ropes to attach the buoys to the anchors. In addition, there is wearing on the ropes from boats tying up to the buoy. Plan will be to use some form of chain next year to attach the buoys. After the buoys are pulled, and the rope measured, Devin states he will report the necessary budget and asked for a vote from the board of directors. Devin reports the shallow area buoys are placed without GPS, but the cove buoys are placed with the help of the Sheriff's office using GPS. Pat Keiffer reported that the buoy, warning of the shallow and hazardous Rock Crib in the bay of Red Pine Point is missing and needs to be replaced. Devin stated that he will notify the Sheriff Lake Patrol Oren Cook suggested that chain only be replaced on the buoys that are breaking loose.

BOAT LAUNCH INVASIVE PLANT BANNER: Devin reports that at the May 26th BCA directors and officers meeting it was determined that the invasive plant banner over the boat launch needed to be fixed or replaced. Polly Peterson states the rope is too high and the grommets on the sign are tearing out. Devin stated that the sign is probably too damaged to fix and that we need a permanent sign. Devin asks if the town would need to approve any signage as they are responsible for boat launch. Polly Peterson stated that during her APIPP training, there were suggestions for how to word information signs regarding invasive species. Devin Dal Pos reports that Roger Abbey installed a holder for the flyers regarding invasive plant species at the boat launch. Devin expressed the board members gratitude to Roger Abbey and Judy Wilson for

the flyers and the holder. Oren Cook asks what the process would be to replace the sign. Devin Dal Pos states we need to determine the nature of the sign and approach the town to order the sign. Ned Wilson states that the town should be involved in all aspects of ordering and placing a sign at the launch. In addition, Mr. Wilson stated that the town should be approached and encouraged to obtain grant money for a boat launch steward.

INVASIVE PLANTS: Pam Brewer reports an abundance of plants growing in the inlet area. Polly Peterson states that the plants are most likely native, but she will report to Judy Wilson and they will identify the plants. Polly Peterson states that August is when the invasive plant team samples the lake for evidence of any invasive plant species John Hathway reports an invasive wetland plant that has invaded Lewis County referred to as Purple Loosestrife. “Loosestrife is a prolific invader of wetlands, drainage canals, and roadside ditches. It forms homogeneous stands that outcompete and replace native wetland plants that are necessary to support wildlife....an individual plant may produce up to one million seeds in a season”. (St. Lawrence-Eastern Lake Ontario PRISM of New York, 2011) Polly Peterson suggests that the BCA should sponsor a local workshop about invasive plants of concern to Lewis County. Collette Vanyo suggests that we post pictures of invasive plants of concern on the www.brantingham.org website. Devin Dal Pos asks if Polly Peterson would forward a link that could be added to the website.

LAKE PATROLS: President Dal Pos reports that the Sheriff’s department has purchased a new boat for lake patrols which is currently docked at the Hindman camp. There have been no boat patrols so far due to problems with the boat prop. 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. Karen Murphy reports that both the Lewis County Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff would be attending the dinner meeting if members have questions. Devin Dal Pos reports that he spoke with the Lewis County Supervisor and he was assured that there were funds for the boat patrols and he agreed that the patrols should be during the weekend.

WATER GUARANTEE FOR LAKE OF THE PINES: Devin Dal Pos reports through Collette Vanyo that there is a law that declares that the Lake of the Pines is guaranteed the right to a minimum water level on the lake. Devin states he will investigate this law and stated that it did not seem to be a BCA issue as we do not have any control over the town dam. Devin states that all area water bodies are low.

BUOY RENEWAL PERMIT: Devin reports that it has come to his attention that the buoy permit will need to be renewed for the next season. Devin states he is going to check into the situation.

2012 ELECTIONS: An even year election, all even area directors are up for re-election as well as the President, Devin Dal Pos, V.P. Oren Cook and Secretary Karen Murphy. Devin report that

Oren Cook, who so generously helped out in taking a one year term, will not be seeking election. Eric Martin has agreed to fill the position. Devin reports that according to the BCA by-laws, the deadline had passed to place Mr. Martin on the ballot. However, the board has the right to fill an empty officer position by appointing an area director. **Devin Dal Pos motioned that Eric Martin should be appointed to a one year term as Vice President. Carol Kunkel seconded the motion, all members presents voted yes and the motion was so approved.**

Devin Dal Pos takes a minute to express his gratitude to all area directors. Without their hard work and dedication, the BCA would not be possible.

FISH STOCKING: Devin Dal Pos reports that there has been a concern that the fish stocking program should be suspended. A concerned individual has stepped forward reporting that a large number of trout are removed from the lake during the ice fishing season, which is illegal. John Hathway, in charge of the fish stocking program, reports that 245 rainbow trout were purchased and released into the lake this year. The fish must be certified as healthy and large enough not to be consumed by other fish in the lake. Mr. Hathway reports he will be writing a letter to the DEC about controlling ice fishing and will contact Jim Farquar at the Watertown DEC. Mr. Hathway reports he just renewed the stocking permit for the next year. Mr. Hathway reports he has also secured a permit for both Fathead Minnows and Landlocked Salmon. Mr. Hathway states he feels the trout population is stable based on evidence of large numbers feeding in the morning and evening hours. Mr. Hathway believes stocking the lake does not alter the natural ecosystem as the different species inhabit different depth of the lake due to differences in water temperature.

ASHES, NOISE ORDINANCE & LEASH LAW: Pam Brewer reported that someone at a local camp dumped hot ashes in the woods. Pam identified the reignited ashes and helped to control the fire. Pam reports that this issue needs to be raised in particular with renters who may not know not to dump their ashes. Pam Brewer asks if there is a town noise ordinance. Pam reports a camp in her area that is consistently loud until the middle of the night. This has been upsetting a number of camp owners nearby. **Please see minutes from August 3rd dinner meeting. Sheriff Carpinelli reports there is in fact a county noise ordinance.* In addition, Pam states that dog owners need to be reminded to leash their dogs. Devin Dal Pos states he will look into whether there is a town or county noise ordinance. **Ned Wilson motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Collette Vanyo seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Karen Murphy, BCA Secretary

York, S. L.-E. (2011). *Purple Loosestrife*. Retrieved August 5, 2012, from Invasive Species Control and Management: <http://www.sleloinvasives.org/about-invasives/target-species/purple-loosestrife/>