

BCA Directors and Officers Meeting
June 8, 2013

Members present: Devin Dal Pos (President) ,Gail Roes (Treasurer), Karen Murphy (Secretary), Carol Kunkel, Pat Dowling, Polly Peterson, Ned Wilson

Meeting called to order at 9:10am by Devin Dal Pos

SECRETARY REPORT: Report from August 3, 2012 D.O. Meeting placed on tables for review. **Devin Dal Pos motioned that the meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Carol Kunkel. Members voted yes and the minutes were so approved as presented.**

TREASUERS REPORT: Please see attached. Gail presents a summary of accounting of the past two years as well as membership for the past 3 along with an update of the 2013 membership drive.

As of this date, Gail reports that the BCA has \$5240.80 in the checking account and \$16,387.18 in the checking account. We currently have 92 primary memberships and 4 secondary memberships. 2012 memberships totaled 295 and memberships for 2011 totaled 301.

Gail reports that the membership drive has exceeded the pace of last year's membership drive.

Gail reports that Duflo Chemical Spray Company has already been paid for the first insecticide spray for 2013 which occurred on June 1, 2013.

Gail reports that she continues to work on corrections to the BCA membership form on the www.brantingham.org website. Members have reported difficulty in using the form and sending it.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Carol Kunkel states that four of her area members have requested that the dues be lowered because of the sustained balance in the savings account. In addition, she states that members are misinterpreting the membership form and believe their camp is their secondary property and they only require an associate's membership.

Gail Roes states that she has been very specific in the membership form the secondary membership is for additional properties on the lake.

Devin Dal Pos reviewed the meeting in which dues were voted to be increased. Believed to be the 2010 dinner meeting, Devin recalls that a motion was made to increase dues to \$30 by the BCA officer. A member present motioned that the dues should be \$40. A second was made to the motion for the \$40 and the increase was passed unanimously. Ned Wilson stated that it was a member present that suggested an increase to \$40.

(August 22, 2009 Dinner Meeting Minutes – “President Don Schneider proposed increasing dues to \$30 to offset increased costs for printing and spraying in order to continue with sufficient sprayings per year. Carolyn Gaylord motioned to increase dues to \$40. John Lomberg seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a strong majority”) – recorded by Devin Dal Pos

Mr. Dal Pos stated he does not have a problem with lowering dues and suggest concerned members should attend the dinner meeting and propose the change. Mr. Dal Pos asked Gail Roes to perform a dues analysis. Devin Dal Pos suggest that the issue be addressed at the August 2nd BCA Annual Dinner Meeting. Gail stated she would determine what we would need in membership dues to balance each year.

President Dal Pos states that the board continues to operate without liability insurance and we should determine the cost of this insurance through NYSFOLA and discuss the need at a future meeting. Karen Murphy states that it is reasonable to have surplus funds in the event of unforeseen costs such as treatment for invasive plants, etc. Ned Wilson suggests that is we are to discuss the issue of membership dues at the August 3rd dinner meeting; it should be formally presented to allow for an informed decision by the members present.

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Polly Peterson asks why the board would require liability insurance. Devin stated that it would protect the members in the event of a lawsuit again the board for decisions made. Karen Murphy states the example of someone who is injured because their boat hits a buoy and sues the BCA board because we approved, paid for and installed the buoys. Devin Dal Pos used the example of being sued because someone becomes ill from the spraying. (At this point, Devin reminded members that the material used for spraying is a refined chemical derived from the Chrysanthemum flower. It is organic, harmless, and used in small amounts)

Devin Dal Pos again asked Gail Roes to perform the dues analysis and states he will contact NYSFOLA regarding cost for liability insurance.

Gail Roes states there has been some confusion with online payment because the PayPal form is labeled as “DONATE”

Carol Kunkel motioned to approve the Treasurers Report as offered by Gail Roes. Devin Dal Pos seconded the motion, members voted yes and the motion was so approved.

INVASIVE PLANTS: Polly Peterson stated that she received an email from Judy Wilson stating the she (Judy) identified and removed Japanese Knotweed from a few separate areas near the lake. Judy will be calling for volunteers to help and remove this invasive plant that is on the land.

Polly Peterson reports that the hanging banner at the boat launch regarding invasive plants was installed. In addition, the tri-fold informational brochures remain at the boat launch in the protected dispenser donated by Roger Abbey.

Polly Peterson announced that she will be making informational poster to post for Invasive Plant Species Awareness Week

BOAT LAUNCH: Gail Roes states that additional sign has been installed at the boat launch stating that the lake is for the use of Town of Greig residents and their guests. She believes this sign was installed by the Town of Greig.

Gail also reports that the boat launch seems better this year.

WATER QUALITY: Carol Kunkel states that members in her area are requesting more information regarding water quality testing. Devin Dal Pos reminds the board that we are members of CSLAP and the lake was rotated out of testing last year because no problems were identified. This rotation allows other lakes to be tested as the CSLAP can only monitor a certain number of lakes each year.

Karen Murphy suggested that result of testing be reported on the BCA website.

PLEASANT LAKE: Carol Kunkel reports that there is a problem on Pleasant Lake; the water level is very low by perhaps 3 feet. Devin Dal Pos asks about the water source for Pleasant Lake. Carol states that she believes it is spring fed. Devin suggests that Francis Buckingham, a longtime resident of Pleasant Lake, be contacted to see if he remembers the lake being this low in the past. Gail Roes asks if Pleasant Lake is part of the CSLAP survey for water testing. Gail reports that 75% of property owners on Pleasant Lake are BCA members. Carol Kunkel reports that some property owners can be unpleasant when solicited for dues. Gail Roes suggests that an information sheet be created for area directors to disperse that explains the services provided to members through the Brantingham Community Association.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Gail Roes states that copies of the 2013 Directory and Membership Cards will be available after the 4th of July for area directors.

Devin proposes an annual membership car sticker with the logo along with the membership card. Member could buy an additional sticker at cost, but you cannot have a sticker unless you on member of the BCA. Devin reports he will look into cost and bring it up at the next meeting

INSECT SPRAYING: Devin Dal Pos reports that the cost for spraying did not change from last year. The first spray occurred on June 1st. Polly Peterson asks why the BCA doesn't consider using BTI to control insects since other Adirondack Lakes use this method. Devin reports that this method is very costly. Gail reports it is difficult to apply BTI into the feeding pools. Karen Murphy reports that this was discussed in a prior meeting and if we switch to BTI, we no longer have the option to spray for insects. Ned Wilson confirmed this statement. Carol Kunkel stated that the spraying is safe and effective.

BUOYS: Devin Dal Pos reports that the buoys have been numbered and installed. The buoy permits are now perpetual with no expiration date. Devin reports that the ropes have not yet

been replaced with chain as costs and type and chain are still being determined. Gail Roes states that boats should not be anchoring to the buoys. Polly Peterson suggested that next year stickers be placed on the buoys that state "Do not anchor on buoy"

Devin Dal Pos stated that Mark Kovach Jr. charges the BCA \$300 to install the buoys and remove, clean and store the buoys during the off season.

FISH STOCKING: Devin Dal Pos reports that concerns have been raised by members about the annual stocking of trout species into Brantingham and Pleasant Lake. The concern is that the trout are causing a reduction of Pan fish in the lake. Devin reports that John Hathway, fish stocking chairperson, contacted a DEC fisheries management biologist. In addition, Devin was directed by NYSFOLA to contact a fisheries biologist Mark Cornwall from SUNY Cobleskill. Both experts agree that trout stocking would not cause a decline in pan fish species. Instead, both shared the theory that the culprit is the Large Mouth Bass (an apex predator).

Devin Dal Pos reports that the last time a fish survey was performed on Brantingham Lake was in 1986 by the DEC. Devin states he will contact the DEC about performing another survey but believe that they no longer perform these surveys because of severe budget cuts.

Mark Cornwall of SUNY Cobleskill submitted a proposal to perform a survey of Brantingham Lake. Devin explained that the survey involves launching a boat at twilight and the team electro-fishes the lake and collects data during the night hours. The BCA will be given a report of the number of each species in the lake. This report will include issues of water quality. Devin reported that Pleasant Lake would be excluded because of the need to launch a boat on the lake. Carol Kunkel reports that they could launch a boat onto the lake perhaps at Camp Aldersgate. Devin reports that the total cost of this proposal is \$3,754.00.

Devin reports that he has invited Mr. Cornwall to come speak at the August 2nd Annual BCA Dinner Meeting at BCA expense. Mr. Cornwall has not given a final response. Ned Wilson stated that if Mr. Cornwall should come to Brantingham for the dinner meeting, we may want to have him meet personally with the members who have expressed concern over this issue. Ned Wilson also stated that this issue should be presented to the membership at the dinner meeting and then voted upon.

2013 ELECTIONS: District 11 is the only area director vacancy. Devin states he will contact Jon Korber to see if he is interested. Gail Roes is up for re-election. Eric Martin was appointed last year. He will need to be re-appointed for one term or elected for 2 years.

BCA BY-LAWS: Devin reports that he and Jon Korber have been working to update the BCA by-laws and report on these changes at the next BCA meeting.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS: Gail Roes request that the BCA allow her to consider Good Morning Realty as a BCA member in exchange for all the work Roger Abbey has done for the

BCA free of charge. Devin Dal Pos agreed and Gail was given the rights to extend this privilege to other businesses.

NEXT D.O. MEETING: Devin requests that the next BCA Directors and Officers Meeting be held prior to the Annual Dinner Meeting on August 2nd.

SHERIFF'S BOAT: Devin Dal Pos reports that Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker has requested we find a location to dock the Sheriff Patrol Boat. Karen Murphy reports that an email was sent to membership with no response. Pat Dowling stated he knows camp owners on Lily Pond that might be able to help. Gail Roes states she would contact the owners and ask if the Sheriff's Boat could be docked in their boathouse.

NOISE ORINANCE: Karen Murphy stated that she would like to put information into the directory regarding the noise ordinance laws, leash laws, etc. Pat Dowling stated that this is a state and county law. However, Marilyn Patterson may be considering a Town of Greig Noise Ordinance.

Ned Wilson stated that he did not believe the directory should be used for this information. Devin Dal Pos states that the BCA should not be involved in legal issues. Devin states that we are involved in the safety and the water quality of the lake. After discussion, it was determined that this information not be added to the directory.

OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIR BCA TABLE: Gail Roes will email board members about volunteering at the BCA Table. Gail Roes suggested that copies of the summer activities be made available for the Old Tyme Country Fair

BRANTINGHAM ANNUAL 4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE: Ned Wilson reports that Sam Villanti is concerned over the date and time of the boat parade posted in the newsletter. Board members agreed to change the date to Saturday, July 6th at 5:00pm. Gail Roes states she will post the change using the BCA sandwich board. In addition an email will go out to BCA members.

BEARS AND TRASH: Ned Wilson states that he understands the request by the DEC not to leave trash out overnight, but states this is impossible because of the days and time the local trash companies pick up the trash. Ned suggests that the trash companies be contacted to see if they might be interested in performing a Sunday night pick-up around the lake. Pat Dowling suggested that companies, Shue , Marmon and Casella, be contacted on this issue. Pat also commented that Shue has been very good about cleaning up after trash cans that have been disturbed by bears.

FLOAT-FEST: Pat Dowling reports there will be a Float-Fest this summer and suggested the event be held on August 3rd at 7:00pm to enjoy the calmer waters

BRANTINGHAM FOUR CORNERS SIGN: Karen Murphy states that in a previous meeting it was agreed upon to make repairs to the Brantingham information board at the 4 corners. Pat Dowling recommended Dan Brewer be solicited to make the changes. Pat highly recommends Dan's work. Dan Brewer is a member of the BCA. Devin Dal Pos stated that Dan should be commissioned to do the work up to \$200.

MISSING BRANTINGHAM SIGNS: Gail Roes stated that a sign post for Lily Pond is missing the top directional sign. Gail offered to drive around the lake to check for missing signs. Devin Dal Pos approved the cost of replacement of missing signs.

Devin Dal Pos declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Murphy