

BCA Directors and Officers Meeting
Saturday, May 15, 2015

Members in attendance: Pam Brewer, Denise Irwin, Carol Kunkel, Eric Martin, Kent Martin, Karen Murphy, Gary White, Gail Roes, Ned Wilson

The meeting called to order at 10:11am by President Eric Martin

SECRETARY REPORT: Board members present were asked to read the minutes of the prior D.O. meeting from August of 2014 and offer changes. **Carol Kunkel motioned that the meeting minutes be approved, Ned Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was so approved.**

TREASURERS REPORT: Gail Roes, BCA Treasurer gave a brief summary of the treasurer's report. Total assets for 2014 were \$28,741.16. Expenses so far this year include the spending of the fish fund donations for the 2015 fish stocking, BCA dues for membership to New York State Federal of Lake Association (NYSFOLA) and cost of President Eric Martin to attend the NYSFOLA annual conference

Denise Irwin asked what percentage of property owners pays dues to become BCA members. Gail reports that in 2014, 64% of property owners were BCA members.

Gary White motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as given, Carol Kunkel seconded the motion and the motion was so approved.

Gail reports that the Peebles Sign Company has increased the cost of the address signs to approximately \$23.00 per sign including the tax.

NEW BUSINESS

INSECT CONTROL: President Martin reports that he has signed a contract with the Duflo Chemical Spray Company for 5 sprays with an option for a 6th spray at a cost of \$1642.50

Eric Martin reports that he has received a number of complaints about the current BCA insect control program. Eric suggested that a committee be formed to investigate the options.

Per the August 2, 2008 newsletter: "BTI is a chemical which is approved by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to attack Black Fly Larvae. President Bill

Brunschien has spoken with several people regarding this process. The NYSDEC must do the preliminary assessment as to whether it is feasible for this area. Since this process is not effective on mosquitoes, the question was asked as to whether it is possible to use BTI for black flies but continue to spray for mosquitoes. Since BTI must be applied by people who are trained in the application procedure, the question was asked if we could hire someone to apply and store the chemical. A motion was made by Ned Wilson to pursue a contact with Mr. Paddock to spray for next year.” Carol Kunkel and Karen Murphy both stated they it was also discussed that if we were to switch to this method we would not be able to contract for overhead spraying again in the future.

Mr. White asks how membership dues work for homeowners with rental property. Gail Roes reported that primary homeowners pay \$40 annually and have the option to pay \$20 per additional property. Gail Roes stated that those who have multiple rental properties could consider those as a business and alternatively pay just the \$20 business membership.

OLD BUSINESS

D.O. LIABILITY INSURANCE: Eric Martin reports that he has been researching the need for liability insurance for BCA Officers and Directors. He has spoken to local lawyers and surveyed local lake associations including Big Moose Lake Association and the Fulton Chain Lake Association. Eric reports that NYSFOLA indicates that most lake associations they surveyed carry D.O. liability insurance.

Eric reports that the Jeff Moyer Agency Specialist in Lowville, NY quoted an annual premium of \$2608.00. This policy would cover \$2 million dollars per occurrence with a deductible of \$500. The estimate did not change with regard to installation of the buoys. Eric Martin stated that we have the money and we should purchase D.O. insurance. Mr. White stated that in our current society it is very important to be protected by insurance

Gail Roes asks if we should request other bids for liability insurance.

Ned Wilson asks the members present why the buoys were installed in the lake in the first place. Mr. Martin stated they were placed in the interest of safety. Karen Murphy reminds members present that the buoys were installed while Don Schneider was president. Mr. Schneider put considerable time into applying for and securing appropriate permits. In addition, the buoys were placed with supervision from Nicole Billhardt (NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee) and Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker. Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker has the proper GPS coordinates for each buoy as was determined appropriate. Karen Murphy informed members present that Mike Leviker has already been in contact with her and stated he is willing to assist with the installation of the buoys this year.

Eric Martin stated that the buoys are difficult to move and we need to consider the best method and persons for deployment. Eric stated that Deputy Sheriff Leviker should be present for the installation.

Eric Martin suggested that the discussion on installation of the buoys be tabled for the next meeting.

Eric Martin states that we should plan to purchase liability insurance. Denise Irwin motioned that Directors and Officers insurance should be purchased as deemed appropriate and reasonable by the officers. The motion was seconded by Pam Brewer and was unanimously approved.

BOAT LAUNCH: President Eric Martin reports that Governor Cuomo has put money aside for the purpose of placing boat stewards at Adirondack Boat launches to inspect boats and educate boaters about invasive plant species. Eric reports that he attended the NYSFOLA 2015 annual conference in early May. Eric reported that he was shocked so many lakes already have boat stewardship programs in place. Eric stated he was able to speak with a professor from Paul Smith's College who stated that lakes with established Watercraft Inspection Stewardship programs are more likely to receive grant money from New York State. Eric reports that he spoke with Marilyn Patterson, Town Of Greig Supervisor last fall and asked for financial support for a Brantingham Boat Launch Stewardship program. Eric proposed that the BCA donate money to the Town of Greig Recreation Program and the Town of Greig would employ college students to staff the boat launch on Saturdays for 8 hours at a pay rate of 12-14 dollars an hour. The Town of Greig Board still needs to vote on the idea. Eric reports that it will be on the next agenda of the Town of Greig Board Meeting. Once the program is established, the goal would be to seek matching funds from the Town of Greig or through state grant money. Eric states that we will need to purchase supplemental items for the station at the boat launch.

Eric reports that he was informed that there may be someone in the region capable of training the boat stewards. Eric is hopeful a NYSDEC officer might be willing to be present on a few high traffic weekends. Eric states that he reported in the newsletter about the potential devaluation of properties if the lake were to be infected. Eric reminded members present that vigilance is critical considering the lake can be easily infected by birds, kayaks, fishing poles, etc. It shows the membership we are being proactive and using funds appropriately.

Eric states that as soon as the Town of Greig approves the project, they will hire the students and have them trained. Eric and Kent Martin offered to donate lumber towards the building of a station at the boat launch.

Denise Irwin asked what would be the steward responsibilities. Eric responded that their jobs would be primarily one of education and collection of information and photos. They will not be allowed to turn anyone away from launching their boat.

Ned Wilson reports that a boat washing station is planned for Alder Creek

As reported by the Glens Falls Post Star on March 26, 2015, "The State Department of Environmental Conservation is working with a number of other organizations to launch a boat inspection and decontamination program for the Adirondack Park in time for Memorial Day Weekend.

They are looking at sites in the following places:

South Colton

Cadyville

Ray Brook

Inlet

Alder Creek

Speculator

Northville

Chateaugay

Paul Smith's College

Tupper Lake.

The equipment and staffing will be paid for by an anticipated \$1 million boost proposed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in the Environmental Protection Fund's allotment for invasive species protection."We're shooting for (a launch of) Memorial Day weekend. A lot is up in the air because we are still waiting on finalization of the funding, but we're moving ahead," Quirion said.He said the funding includes signs and outreach, too. He said they were able to save on equipment by opting for the \$5,000 decontamination stations. They cost less than the Lake George Park Commissions' \$22,600 stations, because they do not have the mechanism that filters and recycles the used water.

Quirion said the expectation is that funding will stay in the state budget for the following year. Other private and public contributions to help fund the program are likely."

Eric Martin proposed that the discussion be tabled until we hear the outcome of the Town of Greig June 10th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2015: Eric Martin states we should consider a goal of increasing membership by 5% annually. Kent Martin asks if the BCA offers an online or PayPal account for members to pay dues. Gail Roes reports that members may pay their dues online at www.brantingham.org

Gail Roes reports that she is going to list which property owners are paid members in the BCA Directory.

Eric Martin proposed that a list go out to each property owner solicited as to who has paid to be a member in the district

Karen Murphy suggested the Membership cards be replaced by window stickers. Ned Wilson responded that members really like the membership cards.

Eric reports that Lake Moraine residents are taxed a fee that is placed into the Lake Moraine Association account. Denise Irwin states that she attended the same NYSFOLA meeting that he did and she learned that having a town tax may allow the town to have greater control over what is happening on the lake.

BCA TABLE AT THE OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIRE

Gail Roes will be soliciting members to sit at the BCA table to collect dues. Gail reports that there has been an increase in the number of members paying their dues at the table each year. Eric suggests that we have a signs that reminds visitors to stop and pay their dues.

BCA NEWSLETTER: Gail Roes reports that she has found a more affordable printer for the newsletter.

BCA D.O. MEETINGS: Eric Martin proposes that the BCA D.O. Meeting be held monthly every second Saturday of each month and limited to approximately 30 minutes. Gail Roes suggested 9:15am as the meeting time.

SEPTIC SYSTEM DISCOUNT: Carol Kunkel asks what company was offering the BCA membership discount and if the offer extends into the 2015 season. Carol asked if we could check on the information and place it into the newsletter.

BCA DINNER MEETING: Buffet dinner will be Friday, July 31st at 6:00pm. This year there will be a choice of chicken (\$16) or steak (\$18). Reservations are due a week ahead of the dinner as the chicken needs to be ordered and marinated.

Eric Martin states that he attended a Town of Greig meeting in which the Town of Greig Comprehensive Survey results were presented by a Jefferson Community College Professor. Eric stated the outcome of the results were presented in an informative format and were very interesting. Eric suggests he be approached as a speaker for the BCA Dinner Meeting.

BCA BY-LAW REVISION: Eric states that the BCA by-laws are out-dated and in some cases not being followed. Eric would like to start with a generic version and modify it to the needs of the BCA. Eric hopes to slowly modify and perhaps vote on changes on part at a time.

BUGS & SPRAYING: Eric Martin states that he has been approached about numerous concerns related to insect control. Eric proposes an “Insect Control Committee” to investigate viable options for insect control. Eric suggests Don Higgins as a possible member as he is very knowledgeable.

FOUR CORNERS SIGN: The sign has been in disrepair for years and requires renovation. Eric reports that he has received an estimate of \$1,000 - \$1,400. Gail Roes suggested that the Memorial plaques currently posted in the Post Office be placed in the Four Corners sign. Gail suggests that money from the Memorial account be used to pay for some or all of the renovation. Pam Brewer states that there is a new sign at the entrance of Pleasant Lake. Eric states that he will speak to Scott Guillaume of The Pine Tree and ask for permission to renovate the sign.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Murphy
BCA Secretary