

BCA Directors and Officers Meeting – August 19, 2017

Officers Present: Sue Lorenzini, Karen Murphy, Gail Roes, Phillip Stark

Area Directors: Pam Brewer, Bob Hindman, Pat and Karl Keiffer, Kent Martin, Polly Peterson, Gary White

Members: George and \_\_\_\_\_ Buckingham, Bob and \_\_\_\_\_ McQueen

Meeting called to order at 10:29am by Phillip Stark

**BOAT WASHING STATION:** Phillip Stark reports that the Town of Greig has approved the dump as a site for the BCA boat washing station and will allow storage for the equipment.

Snomads did not approve our request to use their property

There has been discussion of using the storage facility as a site and we can pursue it as an option, but there has been no conversation.

The dump is narrow and there is room to enter and turn around.  
BCA would have to obtain approval for signage

Bob Hindman recommended that the dump not be used because of challenge to enter Brantingham Road from the dump due to inability to see traffic coming up or down the road. Mr. Hindman stated that he is concerned that someone may be t-boned exiting the dump. He suggested considering the Glen-Greig Fish and Game Club

Gary White stated that visibility of the boat washing station was critical.

Phillip Start stated the boat washing station should be on Brantingham Road

Kent Martin asks if we have approached Brantingham Inn or The Pine Tree

Phillip Stark reported that we do not need a water source

Gail Roes stated that it may be wise to start with our approved site and move elsewhere if needed

Phillip Stark reminds the membership that to take advantage of Paul Smiths Adirondack Watershed Institute, we need to have an active program established. We should focus on establishing the program with what we have. Will need to work on traffic signage for people

Gary White suggest that we should at least explore other options

Mr. McQueen asks how many boats might be utilizing the service

Phillip Stark responded that it will be a smaller number to start, but education through signage, social media and other avenues should increase numbers each year. It will be important to educate landlords to inform their renters to wash their boat before launching their boat. We need to make sure we are doing things correctly to avoid problems. We will address more options regarding the program when it is up and running.

Karen Murphy stated that it will be important to investigate what training is required and when it will be available so that we have volunteers available when we are ready to go live with the equipment. Typically training through the Paul Smith's Adirondack Watershed Institute are in the spring. We may want to contact them to see what our options are for training volunteers.

Gary White wonders if perhaps a few can be trained and then have them train other volunteers in Brantingham

Bob Hindman asks how Lake George monitors boats that have been launched.

Karen Murphy explained that the Paul Smiths program places trained boat launch stewards to check boats before they are launched. The Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) has been posting what invasive species have been intercepted this summer on Facebook.

Phillip Stark stated that in anticipation of launching the program, we need to: Contact AWI and identify what training is required

Who is willing to take part in training

When the training will occur

If no other site has been identified we will use the dump to maintain schedule

Consider having the volunteers to direct traffic for cars exiting the dump.

Phillip Stark states he would like to wait until next year to purchase equipment

Gary White states we should buy the equipment now.

Karen Murphy stated that volunteers will need to be trained on proper use of the equipment. It would be better to purchase in the Spring or early summer so that more volunteers are available for the training.

Bob Hindman stated that we cannot presume that the equipment will be available.

Phillip Stark states that we need to vote today on an authorization to purchase the equipment.

Sue Lorenzini asks if we can order the equipment now and have it delivered in the spring.

Mr. White states that Dave Kogut has agreed to donate the water tank and build the stand.

Mr. Stark states he does not want to buy until next year in case an issue arises between now and then.

**Phillip Stark motioned to approve the purchase of boat washing equipment prior to the second week of May 2018. The motion was seconded by Kent Martin. The motion was so approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

Gary White asks how much money has been donated towards the boat washing station.

Gail Roes responded that \$400.00 has been donated thus far. Phillip Stark states that the donations may increase once the boat washing station is up and running.

**BY-LAWS:** Phillip Stark states that the BCA By-Laws need to be voted on by the membership during the annual meeting. He will address this at the 2018 membership meeting

Phillip Stark outlined his by-laws that need to be updated:  
Meeting times should be flexible

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Outline:

- Updates changed the meeting times, should be flexible
- Posting of meeting announcements 2 weeks in advance
- Election protocol should be updated including term limitations and use of nomination committees
- Expanding membership outside of the lake shore

Karen Murphy stated that the Lake Bonaparte Conservation Club offers a \$10 membership for non-property owners.

AREA DIRECTORS:

Phillip Stark reports that the BCA By-Laws require that area directors live in the area they serve. Currently Pam Brewer is living outside her area. Mr. Stark suggests that we rename this area director position as an AREA DIRECTOR AT LARGE,

**Mr. McQueen motioned that Pam Brewer be designated at the AREA DIRECTOR AT LARGE for Area #2. Karl Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion was so approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

AREA DIRECTORSHIPS:

Bob Hindman reports that no one has expressed interest in taking over his area.

Pam Brewer reports that she spoke to someone at the board meeting who may be interested and will speak to them again.

Phillip Stark reports that we may have to declare another AT LARGE DIRECTOR

**BUOYS:**

Kent Martin reports that 2 of the new buoys are in the lake. The third buoy purchased in a spare. Anchors are fine for the buoys, however boats hook up to the chain and it causes the anchor to move. Stickers have been placed on the buoys that state that mooring to the anchors is illegal.

Bob Hindman asks if there are supposed to be 2 buoys at Lily Pond Entrance.  
Bob White asked if there is a chain issue at Lily Pond.

Kent Martin stated that he is going to be placing vinyl-coated steel chains on those buoys.

Gail Roes asks if the Lily Pond buoys are at a good location.

Gary White responded that they further out the better as boats tend to “take off” as soon as they reach the second buoy

Phillip Stark reports that the BCA is looking for help with the buoys as Kent Martin is not on the lake in July. We cannot pay anyone to help.

Gail Roes asks if we can place something on Facebook about a buoy assistant.

Phillip Stark states he will add something to BCA Facebook page.

Kent Martin stated that he will post information on the BCA Facebook page about the buoys and how they connected, no mooring, etc.

Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker has asked to be informed if boats are mooring to the anchors.

**INSECT SPRAYING:**

Phillip Stark reports there have been 3 sprays this year, which has been a challenging year with the weather. Typically, Duflo does not spray after August. Mr. Stark asks members present if they feel another spray is warranted.

Many members presented stated that the Brantingham Golf Course has been bad. Other members stated they felt we need another spray. Mr. Stark stated he would contact Duflo Chemical Spray and request another spray.

Mr. White reports that West Nile Virus has been identified in Onondaga County and Mr. Duflo may be committed with spraying other areas.

#### **DINNER MEETING 2018:**

Mr. Stark reports that the annual dinner meeting has been the last weekend in July for the past years. Mr. Stark asks if the date should be moved earlier in the year specifically closer to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Polly Peterson stated that the weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup> and not the weekend before as people are still arriving.

**After continued discussion, it was decided to plan to host the BCA annual dinner meeting on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> for 2018**

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Gail Roes reported that the BCA has \$30,400 in bank.

Dues are down a bit from last year, but Gail reports she received checks throughout the winter.

Bob Hindman asks Gail Roes if she is the only signature on the account. Gail reports that former president Devin Dal Pos is the other signature on the account.

Phillip Stark states that this will need to be corrected.

Mr. Buckingham stated that his organization has 4 signatures on their account so there is always someone available that can sign a check.

#### **CONCERNS:**

Kent Martin reports that he has the BCA game camera that we purchased previously in his possession.

#### INVASIVE SPECIES:

Sue Lorenzini states that Judy Wilson has reported a considerable growth of an aquatic plant called BLADDERWORT. This may require an intervention to remove some of this fast growing plant species

Mr. White reports that Mr. Villanti has a cutter that is pulled behind the boat

#### ANNUAL MEETING 2017 FEEDBACK

Pam Brewer offers feedback given by members after this years annual dinner meeting.

- Meeting was too long
- Comments seem to be monopolized
- Discussion each year is redundant.

Mr. Buckingham suggests that the meeting should be more social and less of a formal meeting.

Mr. McQueen suggests that we have the formal BCA meeting prior to the start of the dinner. This would allow members who are interested in the meeting to arrive prior to the dinner.  
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Mr. Stark responded that since we have changed the date that we might as well change the format.

#### SKY LANTERNS:

Mr. Keiffer reported that this past summer sky lanterns were launched from Long Point and several of them landed on their property. They potentially could have started a fire.

Polly Peterson reports that she had one fall onto their property. She asks if these are even legal to use.

Karen Murphy reports on an article that states that sky lanterns are banned in at least 28 states including New York.

Phillip Stark reports that the BCA will include information in the newsletter informing members they are banned in New York.

**LIMITING BOAT SIZE:**

Mr. White asks if there is anything that limits the size of the boat launched and run on the lake.

Karen Murphy reports that according to Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker has stated there is nothing to limit boat or motor size run on the lake.

Mr. Buckingham asks if we can approach the Town of Greig Board about creating legislation limiting boat/motor size.

Mr. Keiffer suggest that the Town of Greig Board may want to be aware of sky lantern issue.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm