

## BCA Directors and Officers Meeting – May 19, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Randy Anderson, Pam Brewer, Ann House, Doug Hunt, Karen Murphy, Polly Peterson, Gail Roes, Phillip Stark, Gary White, Steve Widrick

New directors introduced: Ann House and Steve Widrick

Randy Anderson, long-time board member departed the meeting with our respect and gratitude for many years of service to the BCA

**President Phillip Stark called the meeting to order at 10:07 am**

**BRANTINGHAM BOAT WASHING STATION:** During the August meeting, members voted to allow to the BCA board to investigate and pursue any viable options for a boat washing station. (*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.*) **BCA D.O. Meeting, August 19, 2017**) Phillip Stark reports that the boat washing station will not be started for Memorial Day, but a few things have transpired that require a BCA board vote.

Currently, the equipment cost is quoted as approximately \$8000.00 for purchase. President Stark reports this quote is higher than discussed. The original quote was incorrect.

The equipment includes a 250-gallon water tank attached to the back, is gasoline powered and includes a trailer.

Mr. Stark stated that there will be annual costs related to the equipment. This includes a \$54.00 increase in the insurance premium to cover the employee that will man the boat launch. The insurance has already been secured. The employees will be trained through the Paul Smiths Adirondack Watershed Institute. <http://www.adkwatershed.org/stewardship-program>

Mr. Stark reports additional annual costs includes employee reimbursement for boat stewards. The Brantingham Community Association (BCA) will not directly employ the stewards. Instead, the Paul Smiths Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) will hire and train the employees. The BCA will reimburse Paul Smith's AWI program for the cost. The cost will depend on the number of days we require the steward. 2 days each week will cost \$6400 for the summer. An additional day each week would cost another \$4000.00. We will need to make a decision in order to sign a contract with the AWI program

Currently, the BCA has enough money to launch the program, but the program will require donations to maintain funding. Currently, the BCA costs exceed income from membership dues.

Mr. Stark request feedback regarding number of days the BCA wishes to support a boat steward.

Gary White suggests 4 hours on Friday afternoon, 8 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday.

Polly Peterson states it would depend on when renters typically turn over the camp for the next renter.

Mr. Stark states that Saturday makes more sense than Sunday

Gary White reports that Carol Kunkle, a committee member for the boat washing station indicates there are already 2 people ready to sign on to be boat stewards.

Mr. Widrick states that if the persons are local, they may be willing to work for 4 hours on an afternoon.

Mr. Widrick asks where the boat washing station will be located and is informed that after a several sites were investigated; the town approved the use of the brush dump on Brantingham Road. Brantingham Snomads were approached about using their property, but they responded that the project did not meet their club's objectives.

Mr. Stark reports that the steward will not be located at the boat washing station. Instead, they will be posted at the boat launch to inspect boats before they are launched. If a boat is infected, the steward will encourage the boater to go to the boat washing station. The steward will meet the boater and wash the boat according to policy. Neither the boat launch steward nor the BCA have the authority to prevent boaters from launching their boat or personal watercraft without washing their boat.

Mr. Widrick asks about what kind of signage will be used to raise awareness about the program.

Mr. Stark indicates that the goal is to have a sign at the boat launch.

Polly Peterson ask if the town would pay for the sign.

Mr. Stark states that the town won't prevent the installation of a sign but will not help.

Phillip Starks states that education through social media and word of mouth will be critical to the success of the program.

Gary White states that camp owners who rent must take responsibility for informing their renters about invasive species and prevention including the boat washing station.

Phillip Stark reminds the membership that the BCA has no authority to make people wash their boat, but we can educate and make it an easy process.

Phillip Stark states that renters are the X-factor; some will care about the lake and others will not. We are doing our best to prevent something going into the lake and the lake owners should support and encourage others to support the program.

Karen Murphy states that the membership has asked the board to address the threat of invasive species that could be devastating to the lake. The board has responded to the best of our ability. Now we see if the membership and non-members will support the program.

Mr. Widrick suggest that we include an information display about the effort.

Mr. Stark reports that the BCA has not yet purchased equipment. Bob Hindman previously suggested that the purchase should occur via the Brantingham Preservation Group (BPG). The BPG is a 501c3 and could purchase the equipment free of sales tax.

Phillip Stark reports the current Paul Smith's AWI contract is for Friday 4 pm – 8 pm, Saturday and Sunday, 8 am to 6 pm. Mr. Stark is looking to amend the contract to 2 days to lower the cost. The annual cost may not be sustainable.

Gary White makes the point that gate on the brush dump is locked during certain time and days.

Mr. Stark stated that he needs to show the town evidence that we are paying liability insurance for the steward and ask about access to the brush dump.

Mr. White indicates that local contractors may have a key to enter the dump on off hours.

Phillip Start states we may need to amend the schedule to adapt to the dump schedule. Will need to coordinate with the AWI program and update the contract.

**Members present agree that 2 days would be better than 3 to minimize annual costs. (would save \$4000.00 in annual costs)** Mr. Stark will talk to the AWI program to see if they will allow 2 days rather than 3 days per week.

Mr. Stark reports that the contract starts May 21, 2018 for staff training and service would run from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Hourly Salary for the stewards is \$14.00 an hour as determined by the AWI program.

BCA has already received a vote a confidence to purchase equipment if we found it to be reasonable. Costs will include a one-time cost of approximately \$8000.00 for the boat washing station and an annual cost of \$6400.00 to employ the boat launch stewards 2 days each week and \$56.00 for the liability insurance.

Ann House asks where the equipment will be stored, what the expense will be and if the equipment needs to be winterized.

Mr. Stark reports that the stewards will winterize the equipment, but there has been no specific discussion about where the equipment will be stored for the winter. That information needs to be determined.

Mr. White wonders if it can be stored in the newly built town barn.

Mr. Starks states the program is a work in process and we will see how it works. If it is too costly or ineffective, we will sell the equipment, remove the insurance and end the contract. It is a good place to start and we will increase the program if needed.

**Phillip Stark motioned to authorize 3 expenditures of approximately \$12,700.00 to pursue the expense related to the Brantingham Boat Washing Station, reimburse Paul Smith's AWI program for the cost of the boat launch stewards and the cost of liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Gary White. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.**

**BCA ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:** Meeting is scheduled for **July 7, 2018**. In response to membership feedback, the format will be changed this year. The membership meeting will occur before the dinner at 5:00 pm. The cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm and the dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. Therefore, members only interested in dinner may choose to arrive later and the meeting is optional. There may be a presentation regarding the Brantingham Boat Washing Station.

**BANNER SIGNS:** Walkie talkies will no longer maintain the town banners, some are already down. Gail Roes asked about putting up United States flags. After a brief discussion, the board determined not to take over the installation of the banners at this time.

**BY-LAWS UPDATE:** Mr. Stark reports that the BCA By-laws are outdated and need to be amended. He will report on that at the next BCA meeting.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Gail Roes asks if the board needs to vote on the addition of new area directors to fill seats that have been vacated. President Starts states the board may appoint the new area directors until the time of the next election for their area.

**President Stark motioned to appoint new area directors to replace Chris Murphy, Randy Anderson and Ned Wilson. Ann House will replace Chris Murphy, Mary Lynn Schmandt will replace Ned Wilson and Steve Widrick replaces Randy Anderson. Pam Brewer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote.**

**INSECT CONTROL SPRAYING:** Mr. Stark reports the first spray of the season occurred last night. Mr. Stark has posted on Facebook a message for members to report when the insects are biting. The second spray will occur prior to Memorial Day (weather permitting).

Mr. White states there has been some negative feedback because of rain the next day. The belief is that rain limits the effectiveness of the treatment. However, the sprays treat what is airborne at the time of the spray.

*“The product is atomized into very small particles that are naked to the eye. This allows the product to sift through the trees, almost like a fog. The insect must come in contact with the insecticide. It is best when they are flying. Mr. Duflo often flies uses a variety of flying patterns to agitate the insects and get them flying as he sprays.”(Duflo Spray Meeting, June 20, 2015) Please see website for full minutes to meeting.*

Mr. Stark reports that he has signed a contract for 5 sprays, with an option for a 6<sup>th</sup> spray if needed.

**LAKE BUOYS:** Mr. Stark reports that buoys will be installed around Memorial Day. Last year, work was completed to prevent movement of the buoys. Movement is often caused by boats mooring to the chains. The buoys now have signs on them stating that they should not be used for mooring.

**ALAP PROGRAM:** Courtland Hathaway will be taking over the Lake of the Pines ALAP water quality testing. Dave Meade has stepped down from the position.

**FISH STOCKING PROGRAM:** Chris Murphy will be taking over the fish stocking program. Dave Hathaway is no longer a property owner on the lake.

**CSLAP:** Polly Peterson has offered to assist with the CSLAP water testing.

**GAIR ROES – TREASURER:** Reports she is out of the country for several weeks ending June 21. Sue Lorenzini, who is a signer for the BCA account will have charge of the checkbook.

**NEWSLETTER:** Roger Abbey of Good Morning Realty offered to print the BCA newsletter this year. He agreed to accept payment of 21 cents per newsletter. This is the amount paid to the previous printer. Gail reported Good Morning Realty completed the newsletter printing in one day.

**BCA at the OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIR:** Volunteers solicited for the BCA table: Gail Roes and Karen Murphy for setup and 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Polly Peterson, Gary White, Pam Brewer and Chris Murphy volunteered. A schedule will be sent out.

**NEWSLETTERS/EMAIL:** Polly Peterson asks how many newsletters are emailed and if we are actively soliciting more emails? Gail Roes responses that she emails 250 newsletters. This year only 3 emails were undeliverable.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Gail Roes reports that membership dues were down by \$140 last year.

Gary White stated that it seems there are more property owners that are renting.

Gail Roes reported that \$400 were donated specifically toward the boat washing station.

**DOUGLAS HUNT RESPONSE:** Mr. Hunt address the board with feedback on the issues discussed during today’s meeting. He stated that he believed the boat washing station was critical and there would be more repercussions from non-action on invasive species. He stated he felt signage would be critical to the success of the program. Mr. Hunt reported that displaying flags can be difficult because of the many rules including that any flag that remains out at night must be illuminated.

*“The Flag Code states it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The American Legion interprets “proper illumination” as a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag” (The American Legion, 2018)*

Mr. Hunt reported he would like to see an effort towards an historical presentation about Brantingham. Town of Greig offered such an event and it was well attended. He suggested Aldersgate or the BCA Golf Course. He identified Bob Hindman and Ron Ziomek as local enthusiasts that may be interested in helping.

**ROAD SIGNS:** Pam Brewer asks if the road signs will be for sale again this year. Gail Roes reports that property owners on Lake House road were assigned new street numbers this spring. Dan Brewer installs the signs after the order is complete.

**BCA MEETINGS:** Next BCA directors and officers meeting is TBA sometime in June. Mr. Stark states there may be a meeting the morning of the dinner meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 pm by President Stark.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy  
BCA Secretary

The American Legion. (2018). *Flag Display F.A.Q.* Retrieved from The American Legion:  
<https://www.legion.org/flag/faq>