

BCA Directors and Officers Meeting – June 9, 2018

Directors and Officers Present: Pam Brewer, Carol Kunkle, Karl and Pat Keiffer, Sue Lorenzini, Karen Murphy, Mary Lynn Schmandt, Phillip Stark, Stephen Widrick

Members Present: Karin Hennigan, Doug Hunt, Gary White

Other: Mike Leviker: Lewis County Sheriff's Office

BOAT WASHING STATION: President Phillip Stark reports this past week the Brantingham Community Association (BCA) cut a check to the Brantingham Preservation Group (BPG). The BPG will purchase the boat washing equipment tax-free which provides a considerable savings on cost. Bob Hindman has been in contact with the vendor. The equipment cost is an even \$8000.00 for the entire unit including the trailer.

Mr. Stark reports that there has been no communication from the Paul Smiths Adirondack Watershed Initiative program (AWI) regarding boat stewards for the summer.

Carol Kunkle reports that the 2 individuals have already been identified. They are local residents; one is a college graduate and the other is a college student.

Phillip Stark reports that the contract with AWI for boat stewards has been amended per BCA board decision from 24 hours a week to 16 hours a week. This decision was based on concern about cost. The contract is for 4 hours on Friday, 8 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday.

Mr. Stark reports he spoke to Marilyn Patterson, Town of Greig Supervisor, about access to the town brush dump outside of regular dump hours for the boat washing station. She is going to contact Rick Watson, Town of Greig Highway Superintendent, to discuss the options for access. The current hours do not entirely match the hours that are desired to have the boat washing station available. Specifically, the BCA is asking for access earlier than the dump opens on Saturday and also on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Stark reports that the BCA will need to utilize volunteers for the boat washing station. The current cost of \$6400.00 each season for boat stewards may not be sustainable especially in light of decreasing membership.

Karen Murphy suggests that we should invite potential volunteers to the initial training of the equipment when it is "installed"

Carol Kunkle states the 3-day boat launch steward training occurs at Paul Smith's College, but an instructor lives locally

Sue Lorenzini asked who would be manning the boat washing station while the boat launch steward is inspecting boats at the boat launch.

Mr. Stark responded that Paul Smiths recommended that the most effective method was to place the stewards at the boat launch. If the inspection finds that the boat requires washing because an invasive species was found on the boat, the boat owner will be asked to go to the boat washing station. At that time, either a volunteer will be asked to meet the boat owner at the boat washing station or the steward can meet the owner at the boat washing station and wash the boat. Mr. Stark reminds us that the boat owner cannot be compelled to have their boat washed. Back-up volunteers would be especially needed on holiday weekends. A focus of the program will be prevention and education.

Carol Kunkle states the volunteers won't be required to stay at the boat washing station. Instead they would be "on-call" and would need to be available to respond if needed.

Pam Brewer asks if there should be signage at the boat washing station about who to call if they would like their boat washed.

Phillip Stark reports that Mike Leviker has suggested at the prior BCA D.O. meeting that there should be some signage to alert traffic to the potential for trailered vehicles coming out of the dump. Mr. Stark reports we would be required to work with the county or town to complete any signage. Because this is the first year and there is a possibility of a change in location, BCA will not pursue any signage at this time.

Carol Kunkle reports that Roger Abbey has stated he could help produce signs

Pat Keiffer asked how far back the boat washing station will be from the entrance to the town brush dump.

Carol Kunkle reports that the boat washing station will not be far back. Paul Smiths, who assisted with choosing an appropriate site, felt the dump was a good location, has a good grade and an easy turn around for the vehicle and trailered boat.

Phillip Stark stated that Paul Smiths felt it was the best location of the given options.

Carol Kunkle stated that this is a pilot project and perhaps in the future we will be given the opportunity to move to a better location. Once the program is up and running there will be opportunities for grant funding. Carol suggests that in the future all boats should be inspected and given a sticker as evidence of a clean inspection.

Phillip Stark stated that a program like that would require town involvement. Mr. Stark reminded the membership we are fortunate that the Paul Smith's AWI program was willing to employ the boat launch stewards. The BCA will reimburse for cost. The BCA does not want to get involved in directly employing the stewards.

Sue Lorenzini reports there is a line on the membership application for donations specifically for the boat washing station and there have been some donations this year.

Mr. Stark reports that BCA account balance was approximately \$29,000.00 at the start of the year. We are spending approximately \$14000.00 toward the costs of the boat washing station (\$8000.00 for the equipment and \$6400.00 for the cost of the trained boat launch stewards). We are financially stable, but we may need to consider fundraisers in the future.

Karen Murphy reports that membership was down again last year.

Carol Kunkle asks if we could place a donation box at the BCA table during the craft fair.

Phillip Stark states that hopefully, once the program is established, people would be more willing to donate to continue the program,

Karin Hennigan ask why Snomads chose not to host the boat washing station.

Mr. Stark reports that the Snomad organization was approached in the winter. Roger Abbey attended a meeting a spoke on the project on behalf of the BCA. They were told BCA would carry the insurance, buy the gravel, etc. The Snomads stated in a written response that the project did not meet the club's objectives.

Mr. Stark reports that several sites were considered. The storage unit property did not allow for an easy turnaround. Trailside property was considered to be too far from boat launch.

Carol Kunkle states that hopefully we will be able to store the equipment at the brush dump site at night and during the winter in the shed.

Gary White reports that the land across from Snomads barn is county-owned.

Phillip Stark responds that we are in a better position to have these discussion as we move forward with the project and consider options for the future.

Carol Kunkle asked what the insurance will cover.

Phillip Stark responded that it covers us to have an employee to wash boats at that location.

Several members noted that The Trailside property is closer in proximity to the boat launch than the current location and there is room for a turn around.

Mr. Stark voiced concerns over high traffic in the parking lot but stated it does make sense geographically.

INSECT SPRAYING: President Stark reports that the bugs are bad right now. He contacted Duflo Chemical Spray and asked him to spray as soon as weather conditions allow and to spray again prior to the weekend ahead of July 4th.

BCA BY-LAWS: Mr. Stark reports the BCA By-Laws have not been touched for a long time. BCA board must approve the changes and they must be presented to the membership for the changes to be adopted. Mr. Stark provided an overview of language and policy that should be considered for change. He will present the changes at the BCA meeting prior to the BCA dinner meeting and to the membership at the BCA dinner meeting for approval.

Section 1: would like to change the language that states only an active member can vote. Because we have varying memberships, the language should be amended.

Voting: Currently no explanation of how to vote. Language will be amended to state that votes will be cast by voice-vote. If there is any doubt, the vote will be taken again using a raised-hand vote.

Meetings: Annual meeting will only occur once during the summer.

Public notice for meetings: Notice for membership meeting date and the minutes will be posted on the website for 2 weeks prior and 2 weeks after the meeting.

Directors: Current by-laws state that directors that do not show for D.O. meetings are considered resigned. Language would be changed to state that directors may be considered for removal by a majority vote of the board.

D.O. Meetings: should state that the board should meet at least 3 times including the annual membership meeting

Section: The language regarding what comprises a quorum will be amended.

Elections: By-laws currently state that members interested in board membership must declare their intention 40 days prior to the election. Mr. Stark would like the 40-day requirement to be removed.

In terms of procedure: at annual meetings, often directors are just re-elected. Mr. Stark asks if we should open the positions up to nominations before voting.

Sue Lorenzini suggests information be placed in the newsletter soliciting nominations.

Mr. Stark reminds us that a formal discussion and vote on changes to the BCA by-laws will occur the day of the BCA annual dinner meeting. By-laws will be posted on the website.

RED PINE POINT SPEED LIMIT SIGN: Mike Leviker asks about the 25 mile per hour speed limit sign that used to be posted at Red Pine Point. Karen Murphy reported that sign was removed years ago after it was requested by a member at a dinner meeting:

BCA Annual Dinner Meeting Minutes, June 25, 2011: "Mr. Hunt asked if the 25-mph sign at Red Pine Point be removed now that local boating laws have been rescinded. Mr. Hunt reports that boats come to the point at a high rate of speed and then slow down quickly which creates a large wake from the boat. These wakes are causing erosion to the shoreline. Sheriff Leviker responded that he would remove the sign."

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFERS ANNUAL NYS SAFE BOATING

COURSE: Deputy Sheriff Leviker reports the course will be offer the evening of Monday, June 25th and Tuesday, June 26th from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Glenfield BOCES. You must attend both evenings and pass a quiz for certification.

Mr. Stark reported that information regarding the course was posted on the Brantingham Facebook Page

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF LAKE PATROLS: Mr. Leviker reports two officers will be patrolling the lake this year.

BUOYS: Mr. Stark reports that the buoys are currently in place and a lot of work has occurred to ensure they stay in place.

Karen Murphy reminds members that the BCA completed an application process for the buoys. The permit included GPS locations for the buoys that were established by the Lewis County Soil and Water Officer Nichelle Billhardt. The buoys must be placed according to the permits. Adding additional buoys would require an application for amendment to the permit. It was agreed during a meeting last year, that Mike Leviker would be involved in the installation process to ensure correct placement.

NEXT BCA D.O. MEETING: Mr. Stark reports in the past the BCA D.O. has met the morning of the annual dinner meeting. BCA D.O. meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am at the Brantingham Golf Course on July 7, 2018.

CHANGE IN ANNUAL DINNER MEETING PROCEDURE: Mr. Stark explains that this year, the BCA meeting portion of the annual dinner will occur prior to the start of dinner at 5:00 pm. Cocktail hours will begin at 6:00pm and the dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. At this point, there is no speaker scheduled for the dinner portion of the meeting. In the future, we can consider incorporating a speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 11: 30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Murphy
BCA Secretary