

## The Black Lake Association Minutes

May 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Virgil Smith. There were 20 people present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Cindy Trepanier read the minutes from the October 11, 2010 meeting. David Soule made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Dick Hopkins seconded the motion. Cindy Trepanier read the report from the January 19, 2011 board meeting. No motion is necessary because of executive board meeting.

Cindy Trepanier read the treasurer's report from October, 11, 2010 to May 1, 2011. Dick Hopkins made a motion to accept the report and Sarah Soule seconded the motion.

Proposed Budget was presented. There was an increase to \$2500 for studies by LSSU instead of \$1000 as presented in October. Motion was made to accept by Dick Hopkins and seconded by Sharon Dulak.

Committees- Bob Williams will continue to take the Secchi Disk readings in the lake and water samples and provide those to Tip of the Mitt.

Townships- nothing new to report.

Thank you to Gail Smith for the refreshments, the list for this year is being passed around now. Betty Hopkins helped make the coffee.

Membership Chairman- have not started with the beach reps. yet.  
301 paid members so far by mail.

Channel Markers-Removed the chains, sold to at ALN in Gaylord and bought new chains with clevises with cotter pin for safety reasons. We have a total of 18 buoys, 8 green and 8 red and 2 white, the two white ones with lights out front will have 15 foot chains, and others will have 10. We will be able to reuse the anchors. The Red ones are now white and instead of buying new we are looking at painting them, Brett Trepanier was here to present a painted buoy and explain the cost involved to paint the rest. Suggestion was made to try the one painted and see how will hold up. Because of having the material now, Bob Bonner made a motion to paint 7 red now and Bob Stein seconded. Cindy Trepanier abstained because of being family.

Virgil Smith will get the buoys for Brett to paint on Thursday with help. Dick Hopkins with use his trailer to get the Channel Markers.

Fish Committee-Virgil read a report from Geoffrey Steinhart regarding the LSSU studies so far. Report attached.

Black Lake is one of the priority lakes for fish planting with the DNRE. There is a significant study taking place on the inland water way involving Burt, Mullet, Crooked and Pickerel on walleye. We were asked not to plant fish ourselves, but were miscommunication and we will look at planting this fall.

LSSU is still looking for Stomach and contents freeze and get a hold of Ron Dulak or Virgil Smith and they will get it to the proper person.

Banquet Committee- Cindy Trepanier presented a report on the process at this time. Looking for donations, there will be a silent auction and door prizes. July 23, 2011 at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:30 the price is \$25 per ticket.

Raffle tickets- Kayak, Charter fishing trip, gas grill, and gift Certificate from Tom's. Appreciate everyone help in selling, we have 2000 only this year.

### **New Business**

We have license plates for \$10.00 apiece

Annual Lake association Summit- Virgil Smith and Ron Dulak will attend, anyone is welcome to attend please contact either one. Summit will be at Perry Hotel in Petoskey.

There is a bill in place 4554 House bill about the removal of submerged of logs. There is thought about damage to the eco system doing this. Riparian lakes must have permission. On this lake all are riparian owners.

Tip of the mitt firm advocate of not Fracking. There is concern for wells and Lakes. This is being done in Crumbly Creek. No one allowed back there. Sarah and David Soule commented about this in Pennsylvania. Bob Bonner presented a comment, all gas storage wells in Michigan have been fracked already years ago with no problems and they are at shallow depths. Fracking was explained for the membership by Bob Bonner. Time Magazine has had some articles on this.

The total in the Fish Fund was presented \$ 7,436.98 for the purchase of walleye.

Several People have lost docks on the lake because of the high water. Please beware of floating docks and a large tree. Lake is 15 inches higher than normal.

Still in need of Vice President, Secretary, and two trustees. Erin Mclean would like to accept the position again, but Bill Fink would like to give it up. Nominations are at the July Meeting.

Pot luck in June at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30, Andrea Sullivan on Fracting is our speaker that meeting.

50/50 total was \$23.00 Winner Ed Ardanowski turned it back \$11.50 to Fish fund.

David Soule made a motion to adjourn, Dick Hopkins Seconded, all approved.

Recorded by Cindy Trepanier.