



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



May 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with 25 members present. The pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. Treasures report was then read and accepted as read.

Membership Chairperson – Nothing new to report.

Township Reps- Nothing new to report.

Channel Markers- Markers were installed by Cindy Trepanier's son under the guidance of Dick Hopkins. The markers look terrific and will be very helpful to boaters.

Refreshments- Thank you to Cindy Trepanier and Linda Smith for the delicious desserts.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer read her report of the incoming money and our expenses for the year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed budget.

Banquet- Linda Smith and Kaye Hoefflin will co-chair the committee. A Luau-themed dinner is being planned for July 21st at Lorenzo's. Twenty-seven members have already signed-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Tip of the Mitt Lake Associations Annual Luncheon- Luncheon is scheduled for June 18th at The Perry Hotel in Petoskey. We need two members to attend.

2012 Raffle-Ron Dulak, Virgil Smith, and Erin McLean will co-chair the raffle. The prizes will be: 1st-kayak

2nd-gas grill

3rd-\$100 gift certificate to Tom's Market

4th-\$100 gift certificate to Tom's Market

Long Range Projects-The board met with the DNR in Gaylord January 17th to discuss possible projects that would benefit Black Lake. The DNR sent an e-mail suggesting that we work with Michigan State. They plan a "netting" at the end of June to estimate the types and numbers of different fish found in our lake. There will be four nets in the water over a twenty hour period. Since there were no objections we decided to go ahead and work with Michigan State.

We also have a meeting planned with the managers of Ahola and Onaway State Parks to plan a project for the improvement of Black Lake. This will take place June 13th at 3:00 pm at Onaway State Park.

Alverno Dam-Work on the dam is scheduled for after the busy summer season.

Pot Luck Dinner – Scheduled for June 11th. Bring a dish to pass, your plate and silverware.

Lake Superior State University- Dr. Geoffrey Steinhart and two of his students presented the results of their research on spawning and larval walleye in Black Lake. They found several factors that affect the walleye population: insufficient food supply for larva, large crayfish population that produces an over abundance of Thiamine, and natural predators. The research was done in only one known walleye spawning bed. The results were inconclusive. More studies need to be done before we have a clear idea of the problem and possible solutions.

The walleye planting has been successful and we will continue the planting this fall and then reassess.

50/50- Money was won and returned to the Walleye fund.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

