



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



October 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Committee- Sharon Dulak reported that all the beach reps have turned in membership money and materials.

Fish Committee- Virgil Smith, Ron Dual & Roger Selvig attended the Northern In-Land Lakes Advisory Committee October 14th. A food study on Mullet, Burt and Black Lakes was discussed.

Township Reps- Grant Township purchased the defibrillator; it is now hanging in the township hall. N Ellis Township is planning on tearing down their Township hall and building a new one due to faulty wiring.

Channel Markers –Brent Trenpenier reported that the markers were tearing the carpeting on his pontoon. We discussed purchasing a relatively inexpensive pontoon that he can use. The membership also discussed the necessity of using channel markers at all. It was agreed that they are useful and our membership depend on them.

Website is up and running thanks to Cindy Trepanier. There are still some problems that Cindy is hopeful to correct. www.blacklakeassociation.com

Onaway State Park Boat Launch Proposal- A meeting will be held with the Park to discuss the memberships 'needs. We were told that \$5-10,000 will be needed for this project. Possibly, some grants will be available.

NEW BUSINESS

WEED SURVEY- Kevin Cronk from Tip of the Mitt proposed a survey of the perimeter of the lake 0-20 feet off shore. This will tell what kind of weeds we have and the location of the spawning beds. The cost is \$1710. Bette Hopkins made a motion to hire Kevin, Mary Bonair seconded it. Motion was passed by the membership.

Taylor Road Channel Dredging- The residents of Taylor Road requested the Black Lake Association to be the overall payer in their dredging project. We regretfully declined since this project could not be supported by our by-laws and would have an adverse affect on our 501-3-C status. Our secretary will send a follow-up letter.

Reorganization of the Black Lake Association- There was a discussion of a “Board Driven” association. The Board of Directors (possibly 9) would be elected every 3 years. The officers would be elected within the Board of Directors. All business would be managed by the board not the general membership. Other organizations are run in this format. More information and discussion is needed before any change can be made. Virgil Smith is making available a draft of this proposal.

Annual Banquet-Mary Rocco has volunteered to chair the Banquet committee for next year. A discussion was held on whether the banquet is a fundraiser or a social event for our members. A decision was not made.

Annual Raffle-A license needs to be purchased by January to have our raffle at the banquet. It was agreed to have Virgil purchase the license. Ron Dulak has a boat that his son donated to the BLA. A decision needs to be made on whether to raffle it at the banquet or hold a separate raffle.

Shivaree- Sturgeons for Tomorrow would like us to be sponsors for next year’s event. We are willing to make a donation but not to run the fish contest.

50/50 Winner- Roger Selig won and donated the winnings to the Food Pantry of Onaway in the BLA’s name.

Virgil smith adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary

