



## BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



August 11, 2014

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 as read. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. Tonight's program presented by the Tip of the Mitt was canceled due to another commitment. They will reschedule to discuss their survey of invasive weeds in Black Lake.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Membership Committee-** Sharon Dulak reported that 14 beaches have turned in their membership packets. Four beaches had 100% participation. Our membership has reached 391 paying members.

**Township Reports-**N. Ellis is moving forward with their township hall renovations. They will be leaving on the front part of the structure and tearing down the back and adding a new kitchen and office. The wiring will also be replaced.

**Fish Committee-** Virgil Smith reported that he received a call from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources with a report on summer walleye catches. It appears that there are very few large walleye (18 inch plus) in the lake this year which fits well with other anglers' catches and reports of older dying fish under the ice last winter. He did report that there are very good numbers of 8, 12, and 16 inch walleye. They show up on the graphs. He said that the next couple years should be very good. It was suggested that the lake needs a break from state stocking for a year at least to prevent overburdening the forage base such as perch and herring.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**By-Laws-**The new by-laws for a board driven Association will be voted on at September's meeting.

**Banquet-** Mary Rocco reported that she has had nothing but positive feedback on the banquet. She expressed her thanks to everyone who made the event such a success. All thank yous have been sent out to everyone who was involved. Mary's one suggestion was to develop a directory of all members to make contact a little smoother. A discussion followed without a decision being made. The entire membership thanks Mary for chairing this event. We need a banquet chairperson for next year's banquet. It was suggested to speak with Mary.

**Raffle-**Virgil Smith thanks all the buyers and sellers of the tickets. A list of all the winners is on our website.

**BLA Boat-** Ron Dulak reported that a brochures has been made and distributed to the local marinas.

**State Park Launch-** Virgil Smith made an offer on behalf of the BLA to contribute funds to help with the construction of the launch. To date there has been no response. The launch is scheduled to be built in 2 stages, a single ramp this September and an additional 18 foot ramp the next fall.

**New ideas:** Virgil suggested a floating keychain to advertise Black Lake with "Keep the lake clean", etc. written on it. This idea will be researched.

President Virgil requested all members to make suggestions on how the BLA can best use some of its funds to help improve our lake.

**50/50 Winner-** Gail Smith won and donated \$5.50 to the fish fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary