



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. After introductions of the BLA board and people in attendance, the pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was received and filed subject to audit after a discussion of the Proposed Operating Budget. Clarification was made of the terms in the Budget Expenses.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership Committee –Sharon Dulak reported that all of our 37 beaches turned in their packets. We have 467 paid members as of our September meeting.

Township Reports-Corry Hide was identified as the contact person for Waverly Township.

Channel Markers-Brett Trepanier reported that the channel markers will be removed by October 1st. The markers stayed in place better this year.

OLD BUSINESS

FISH COMMITTEE- Ron Dulak reported that the results of the fish studies have indicated that the walleye caught are the walleye that were planted. There is no evidence that the walleye are reproducing on their own. An electro shock survey will take place in October on two consecutive nights by the Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians. This is a no cost survey performed by the Tribe which will help determine if natural reproduction is occurring. 8000 to 9000 walleye fingerlings will be planted in October.

PHRAGMITES- Roger Selvig reported that the **Tip of the Mitt's** survey showed 3,600 square feet of phragmites on the lake. Huron Pines has been contacted to eradicate the plants. The estimated cost is \$400 which may be shared by the

Huron Pines and the Black Lake Associations. This should be done by the end of October. Also another infestation on the Black River Road that was treated in the past has not been eradicated completely. Further action may be needed.

WATER LEVEL- There is continued concern over the level of the lake. The height of the water is recorded at the Black Lake Marina and at the Alverno Dam. The height is determined by a court order at 612 feet above sea level. Flooding is not caused by the dam. The Smith Rapids and rainfall affect the level of the water.

COMMUNICATION REPORT-

WEBSITE- Cindy Trepanier is working with Matt Ginop to create a user friendly website for the BLA and to stop future hacking and create additional security measures.

FACEBOOK- A motion was made, seconded and passed to create a committee to look into the possibility of a BLA Facebook page along with interfacing with the newsletter and membership committees. The committee will be chaired by Mary Rocco and will consist of the following members: Brenda Archambo, Diane Kade, Kay O'Neil, and Randy Lewis (Terri Wilde's name was added after this meeting). They plan on meeting before our October meeting.

BYLAWS CHANGE PROPASAL-Mary Rocco requested an item for the next meeting to place the words protection and preservation of Black Lake into our current bylaws. President Virgil Smith explained the procedure for a bylaws change.

NEWSLETTER- A motion was made, seconded and passed for Boyd Smith to obtain the addresses of the owners of all the parcels on the lake. We will use this additional information to send out our annual newsletter in hopes of increasing our membership. The cost for Cheboygan County is \$75 for over 500 owners and \$25 if fewer than 500. The cost for Presque Isle owners is unknown at this time.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY- A motion was made to include in the Newsletter a form for members to fill out to allow us to use their phone numbers and addresses in a membership directory. This motion was seconded and passed.

PAY PAL- It was suggested to offer the service of Pay Pal for our members to pay their dues. It will cost 85 cents per \$25. This topic will be discussed more thoroughly at the October meeting.

SPOONER'S ROOST- Suggestions are being made on what needs to be done to improve this facility. Bids are coming in to the DNR for brick pointing and new roof and timbers but no timeline has been established. The Historical Society may provide matching funds.

BOAT LAUNCH- Nothing more is being planned for the boat launch at the Onaway State Park. The DNR has expressed interest in purchasing the property of the Black Lake Marina to use for a future launch site and boat wash. They have agreed to a public forum to discuss this possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

WORKSHOP- Cindy Trepanier requested permission to attend a class on Fiscal Due Diligence for Nonprofits. It will be held October 6th in Gaylord (\$20 fee). A motion was made to send up to two members to this class. The motion was seconded and passed.

RIPARIAN MAGAZINE- The BLA was asked if they would like Black Lake to be on their cover and highlighted in their magazine. We would be responsible for creating the article. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES-The Tip of the Mitt did a weed and water survey in 2008. Finding algae growing on some rocks, they expected effluent in the water. The homeowners were notified. Virgil Smith suggested working with a septic pump company that will give a discount to a large volume of customers. They could set up schedules and remind residents when a cleaning is due. More discussion to follow.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING- Raffles have been successful in the past. Members were encouraged to bring more ideas for activities and fundraising to our next meeting.

UPPER BLACK INLET- Bill Crist voiced concern over the sand build-up at the mouth of the river. It has been causing flooding on Crist Isle and Five Mile Point. It is also affecting the sturgeons according to Brenda Archambo. Ron Dulak has spoken to Tim Cwalinski of the DNR who concurs there is a problem and approves the dredging proposal. The dredging is very costly. Grants are available. A motion was made for the BLA to be part of a coalition to work with Huron Pines, Tip of the Mitt, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Bill Crist, DNR and other organization to get funding and grants for this project. The motion was seconded and passed.

LETTER FROM A MEMBER- A member sent a letter with several concerns about the association. The board and some members present responded that Black Lake is a public lake not a private lake, therefore, boating and other water usage activities by the public cannot be blocked by the BLA Board. The BLA did not sponsor a fishing contest encouraging more boaters to use Black Lake. The letter writer stated she is a proponent of setting up a BLA Facebook page and the board responded by stating that a committee has been formed to explore this concept.

RENEGOTIATIONS OF TRIBAL AGREEMENTS- Frank Krist may attend our next meeting to discuss these agreements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary

