



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



December 22, 2015

The board meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by acting president, Bret Trepanier. After introductions of the BLA board (8 board members were present) and our guest Chris Cook, the pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. A discussion followed. Mary Rocco wanted the unauthorized survey on wait time at the Onaway State Park boat launch to be put into the minutes. Chris explained that it was up to the board to decide if they wanted this included. Mary Rocco also questioned the comment in the minutes that "the board approves the nominations". Mary misinterpreted this. It was agreed that the board determines if the nominees are otherwise qualified in membership and insurance. Chris suggested that it is not the best use of the board's time to have such lengthy discussions on topics of this nature. Roger make a motion to table the minutes, Sharon seconded, and the motion was passed.

VIRGIL SMITH'S RESIGNATION: Ron Dulak made a motion to accept Virgil's resignation. Cindy seconded, and the board passed the motion. Roger made a motion to appoint Brett as acting president, Cindy seconded the motion, and the board voted and passed this motion.

CHRIS COOK OF COOK LAW: Boyd Smith introduced Chris Cook with a brief introduction. The board felt the need to hire a lawyer after receiving an accusing letter from Mary Rocco that we were not a board run association but a member run association. Boyd made a motion to accept Chris Cook as a lawyer to represent the board and provide Chris with a \$1000 retainer fee. This was seconded and passed. Ron Dulak suggested that a \$2000 retainer would be more appropriate and made an amendment to the motion. Boyd seconded this and the board passed the amended motion.

FACE BOOK: Chris said he will write a letter to Terri Wilde to cease and desist her face book page if any more defaming comments were made about the board. Since Mary is the communication committee chairperson, it is her job to talk to Terri to inform her of not using her face book page as a forum for defaming the board. Roger made a motion to disband the Communication Committee. Boyd seconded. A discussion followed. Chris suggested we make our webpage the official voice of the BLA and disband the communication committee. Chris also suggested Terri Wilde put a disclaimer on her face book page stating that the page is not an approved face book posting for the BLA. An hour of discussion followed. Roger made a motion to disband the Communication Committee, Brett seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion was passed. Roger moved to make our webpage the official voice of the BLA . Boyd seconded, and the motion was passed. Roger moved that Cindy Trepanier, acting as Web Master, forward all membership concerns to our president for further action and review. Boyd seconded, the motion passed. Chris will monitor Terri's face book page. Terri will be told to put a disclaimer on her page stating that it is not approved or sanctioned by the BLA.

Chris would like to look at our By-Laws, original and recent and report back to us so we know our authority and where we stand.

NEWSLETTER: A Newsletter will be sent out early spring. The membership will be asked if they would like their addresses, phone numbers, and emails put into a directory. A remittance envelop for dues will be included in the letter. A discussion followed on contents of the newsletter.

AUDIT: Brett suggested we have "an agreed upon procedure" performed by Greg Elliot (CPA). This is a type of audit performed for 501 c.3 organizations. Roger made a motion for a procedural audit be performed by Greg Elliot , allowing \$1500 to cover the cost. Ron seconded and motion passed. Motion was made to allow Cindy and Brett to sign checks for the association. Motion was seconded and passed.

Brett Trepanier will be the contact person with Chris Cook. Chris will report back on the legality of our by-laws and any corrections we need to make.

Roger Selvig moved to adjourn, Ron seconded, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary