



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



May 9, 2016

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by acting president, Brett Trepanier. Thirty-nine members were present. The pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read. The minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was received and filed subject to audit. Chris Cook, the board appointed lawyer, was introduced.

**MARY ROCCO'S RESIGNATION:** Mary's letter of resignation was read and accepted. Brett exercised the board's right to appoint a member to fill her seat. John Roby was appointed and will sit on the board for the next two years in Mary's place.

**AUDIT:** Brett read the results of the audit prepared by Greg Elliot, CPA. The report is incomplete but so far everything looks good. The report was received and accepted.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS:** Grant Township will have its large trash pick-up May 21-22nd. N. Ellis had nothing to report. Beranger Township is interviewing for new assessors. Waverly Township will have their large trash pick-up June 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Sharon Dulak reported that we have 316 paying members so far this year. The Beach Rep Luncheon will be in June.

**FISH:** Ron reported that the committee has not yet met. The members of his committee were accepted by the board.

**STRATEGIC:** This committee has not been formed.

**BY-LAW CHANGES:** Chris Cook went through the BLA's by-laws with the suggested changes he made and the reasons for the changes. Chris will research some of the items the board needed more information on and will report back.

**SURVEY RESULTS:** Ron Dulak reported on the survey results. One hundred surveys were returned. The top three concerns were invasive species, water quality, and quality of fishing. The board will use this information to set the association's priorities for this year.

**LAWYER RETAINER:** The board passed a motion to pay Chris Cook \$1640.90 that was owed for his services. The membership was reminded to present their concerns to our president who will in turn talk to Chris. The membership does not have an open hotline to our lawyer due to the cost.

**CHANNEL MARKERS:** Brett reported that we need new channel markers. A motion was passed to allot \$6000 for new markers.

**SPOONER'S ROOST:** A motion was made and passed to return the \$5000 donation, earmarked for Spooner's Roost, to the Pynnonen family.

**DAM REMOVAL CONCERNS:** The Little Traverse Band of Chippewa Ottawa Indians are seeking to remove dams that affect the water level of Black Lake, in order to improve fishery. Studies are being conducted on feasibility and the results will be shared with the BLA. The study may take two years.

**NORTHERN INLAND LAKES CITIZENS ADVISORY:** The DNR are looking into the acquisition of the Black Lake Marina. They would like to enlarge the boat ramp, put in restrooms, and eventually provide gas and food. Studies are in process. The findings will be discussed at their October meeting.

**POTLUCK:** Our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30. All members are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table settings and drink.

**JUNE MEETING:** Nominations will be made for the three board openings. The new By-laws will be available for view. The board members and By-laws will be voted on at our July 11<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Only BLA members will be given ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary