



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



June 13, 2016

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by acting president, Brett Trepanier. Fifty 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 after a slight correction. Brett thanked all the members for the delicious dishes they brought to our annual potluck dinner.

AUDIT: Brett read the results of the audit prepared by Greg Elliot, CPA. He suggested to change the word "stipend". We agreed on "honorarium". The report was received and accepted.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS: N. Allis has their large trash pick-up June 20th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Sharon Dulak reported that we have 363 paying members so far this year. The Beach Rep Luncheon was June 11th at the UAW. Beach reps were given their membership packets. The packets should be returned to Sharon Dulak by Sept 5th.

FISH: Ron Dulak reported that the purpose of this committee was to provide a natural environment for the fish that will help reestablish Black Lake as a desirable fishing destination. The committee will be attending a meeting with the DNR on July 20th and discuss ideas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phragmites: Roger Selvig reported that Huron Pines, who treated these invasive plants last year, would like to re-visit the sites this year and assess the re-growth and plan for a re-treatment if necessary. They would like to discuss an inland lake survey of Black Lake for invasive species. They are planning on visiting the launch

at the State Park this season with their mobile boat wash unit and promoting aquatic invasive species awareness to boaters visiting the lake.

CHANNEL MARKERS: Brett reported that buoys are in and straight. We need to purchase a few new ones.

BY-LAW CHANGES: Chris Cook went through the BLA's by-laws with the suggested changes he made and the reasons for the changes. There was a concern with Article II 2.09, List of Members. It was decided that the list of addresses of the members be in the custody of the president or the secretary and not available to the general membership. The membership chairman will also have access to this list throughout the year. "If feasible and approved by the board" was added to Article II, 2.13 at the end of the third line. The word stipend was changed to honorarium in Article V 5.05, 5.07 and 5.09. With those changes, the board accepted and passed the new by-laws. The by-laws will be posted on the BLA website. The acceptance of by-laws will be voted on at our general meeting next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATION of THREE DIRECTORS:

Four members were nominated for the three director positions: Dave Turzewsky, Jeff Pynnonen, Ron Dulak, and Cindy Trepanier. Each candidate expressed their stand on the concerns of the BLA. The election will be held at our general meeting on July 11th.

SHORELINE SURVEY: Ron Dulak suggested we have Water Resource Specialist, Matt Claucherty, come and talk to the membership on the value of a shoreline survey. It is very costly for the survey and difficult to enforce the home owners to implement the suggested changes.

TIPP of the MITT: Boyd and Linda Smith will attend the 11th Annual Lake Association Summit: **Healthy Shorelines, Healthy Lakes**, on June 20th in Petoskey.

LAWYER RETAINER: The board passed a motion to pay Chris Cook \$1,010 that was owed for his services. A motion was passed to provide a \$1000 retainer for Chris for future services.

PUBLIC INPUT: Water level is an on-going concern. Non-renewal for the owners of the dams is a concern. Graduate students from U of M are doing a two year study to address this issue. Problems with fish planting was discussed. We will continue working with the DNR.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary

