

Black Lake Association

Minutes of Board Meeting

August 8, 2016

Present	Brett Trepanier, John Roby, Cindy Trepanier, Sharon Dulak, Ron Dulak, Roger Selvig
Absent	Linda Smith, Boyd Smith, David Turzewsky
Call to Order	Brett Trepanier, acting president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall. In addition to the Board, 29 people were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
July Minutes and Treasurer's Report	The minutes from the July meeting were read and approved as read. Treasurer's report was approved as read subject to audit.
Committee Reports	
Membership	Sharon Dulak reported that 18 beach representatives have turned in their completed membership packets and 18 are still outstanding. Current membership is 451.
Fish	Ron Dulak reported on the following topics discussed at the July 29 meeting with the DNR: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total of 10 dead sturgeon reported• Black Lake Preservation Society's interface with BLA and DNR• Presentation on proposed boat launch at Black River Marina• Suspected poaching of walleye at mouth of river at beginning of season• DNR has approved plans to stock walleye in fall• DNR recommends against stocking other fish at this time.• Black Lake is second priority on DNR's list for stocking.
Townships	Grant: \$50 to township to repair broken door in women's restroom. Waverly and Allis: Nothing to report Bearinger: Concrete covered with gravel on Bluffs Highway
Information about Proposed Boat Launch at Marina Site	Roger Selvig commented on confusion and questions that the board has received stemming from errors in a recent article in the Mackinac Journal. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No proposed plans to dredge the Lower Black.• Commercial fishing as a possible result of the proposed boat launch is not legal on inland waters in Michigan.• "Deep water" is defined as 4.4 ft at the end of a DNR launch as standard to allow a 26 foot boat access. Ron Dulak announced DNR presentations to Cheboygan County and Grant Township and outlined the process process that the DNR plans to follow in developing a purchase offer for the Black Lake Marina to develop the property as a DNR boat launch. Process will include public input. Note that marina is still for sale.

	Ron Dulak showed replacement DNR signs being installed to educate boaters and help prevent aquatic hitchhikers at DNR launch sites.
Videotape of Meetings	Jeff Pynnonen recorded the meeting and will share his recording via Facebook on the Black Lake Onaway Michigan page.
Shoreline Study Presentation	<p>Preliminary comment that if "hot spots" are identified, the Cheboygan County Health Department can enforce cleanup.</p> <p>Matt Clagherty, from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, explained the shoreline survey process that includes assessment of the greenbelt (vegetative buffer), shoreline erosion, and cladophora algae growth (nutrient pollution) that can be symptomatic of septic tank leakage and failure. The survey is followed up with a mailing to every property owner outlining their results and providing some information about management practices. If the owner completes and returns a questionnaire, more detailed information is provided. All data obtained is confidential.</p> <p>TOM recommends that the survey be conducted every 5-8 years. Black Lake was last surveyed in 2005.</p> <p>Estimated cost of the project</p> <p>Part 1, Survey: \$7610</p> <p>Part 2, Educational Follow-up: \$5300</p> <p>Total: \$12,910</p> <p>Survey would happen in spring 2017, first follow-up in 2018, detailed response to questionnaires in 2019</p> <p>Board could review data first. TOM needs to schedule by end of year.</p> <p>Motion to table and discuss again in September seconded and approved.</p>
Election of Board Officers	Motion to table for one month seconded and approved.
Member Comments	<p>Irv Dedow has represented the BLA at Inland Lakes association meetings and brought brochures to share.</p> <p>Also commented (re the Mackinac Journal article) that Hammond Bay Anglers are a 501C4 that is an environmental advocacy group and not a fishing promotional group.</p> <p>Ron Dulak reviewed article published earlier this year about local tribes requesting that certificates for dams not be renewed. Licenses do not expire until 2025 or beyond. DNR has commissioned a study from University of Michigan on feasibility. Discussion of impact of Smith Rapids as a controlling factor.</p> <p>Ron Dulak to follow up on question about Alverno Dam being lowered two feet in September for repair.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at XXX