



## BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



September 12, 2016

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by acting president, Brett Trepanier. Thirty-five 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Township Reports:** Grant Township- large trash pick-up September 16 & 17.

Waverly & N Allis Townships had nothing to report. Bearinger Township reported that the fire department will sponsor a "theme-grant writing workshop", September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Osega Fire hall in Gaylord. Absentee Ballots will be available from the city clerk's office.

**Membership:** Sharon Dulak reported that we have 492 paying members so far this year. Four beach still need to turn in their packets.

**FISH:** Ron Dulak reported that Erin McLean ordered \$20,000 of 5-7 inch walleye fingerlings. That translates to approximately 12,000 fish. They will be delivered at the end of October. Erin applied for the permit to allow the stocking. Tim Cwalinski, a DNR biologist, informed Ron that they would be conducting electro-shocking of zero- age walleye in early October. This information will tell us if the walleye we are planting are actually reproducing. Tim reported that another dead sturgeon was found on the lake. This brings the total to 11. All those were tagged this year. The cause of death is being looked into.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH AT MARINA:** Ron Dulak reported that the DNR are in the process of writing a grant to purchase the Black Lake Marina. Ron made a motion that was passed for the BLA to write a letter to the DNR voicing our support of this purchase. Our secretary will handle this.

**SHORELINE STUDY:** Members of the board were concerned about the cost of this survey. After much discussion and the input of the attending members, it was voted on and passed to go forward with both parts of the survey which will cost the BLA a total of \$12,910 spread over three years.

**PHRAGMITES TREATMENT UPDATE:** Roger Selvig reported that the Phragmites treatment from last year should be 80-90% successful, Huron Pines will come out and check when their schedule allows. A new invasive species has been identified as “frog bit” has been seen around some area lakes, but not Black Lake. Huron Pines will conduct a survey to identify if these plants and other invasive plants are in our lake for \$4,500. A motion was made to have this survey done. It was seconded and passed by the board. Survey will be conducted in late June/early July.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOARD of DIRECTORS’ POSITIONS:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>YEARS REMAINING</b>
Bret Tranpanier	president	2
Roger Selvig	vice-president	1
Cindy Trepanier	treasurer	3
Linda Smith	secretary	1
Sharon Dulak	membership chairman	1
Dave Turzewski	board member	3
Ron Dulak	board member	3
Boyd Smith	board member	2
John Roby	board member	2

The positions were vote on, seconded, and passed.

**BY-LAWS:** The new By-Laws were signed by all the board members.

**2017 BANQUET DISCUSSION:** Linda Smith will chair the banquet committee. A proposed budget will be presented by Linda at next month's meeting.

**UPPER BLACK RIVER MEETING SURVEY:** David Turzewski reported on the highlights. Erosion of our water shed was the main topic. Beaver dams were discussed. Roger, Ron, and David found the meeting to be very informative. A survey for the dam removals is being done by a U of M student. The details will be placed on our website.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**WATER LEVEL:** The draw-down will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> to the winter level, 610.5 feet. Home owners should be planning on taking out their boats while the water is still at a higher level.

**BLPS:** BLPS sent out fliers looking for members. Jeff Pynenon tried to explain their agenda. Members were confused by the wording on their letter. It was suggested that since their main focus is water quality, they may like to contribute to the BLA for the costly study we will be having done for the good of the entire lake.

**SPIKES FROM TENTS USED IN SHIVEREE:** Several spikes have been found in the water in front of members' homes for the past two years. Brenda Archambeau has been called by home owners, but it is still happening. Roger Selvig will talk to Brenda as the Vice President representing the BLA.

**BUOYS:** The buoys will be taken out next week.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary