



## BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



October 10, 2016

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by president, Brett Trepanier. Twenty-one 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 accepted as read.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Township Reports:** Nothing new to report.

**Membership:** Sharon Dulak reported that we have 503 paying members so far this year, compared to 504 last year. The board felt that the mailing of the newsletter that we did last spring was successful. We decided to mail the newsletter again next year to all property owners on the lake. Sharon shared the concern and confusion caused by the mailing the BLPS did this summer. She thought it would be prudent to send a letter to all our members to explain that the BLA & the BLPS are two different organizations. The board seconded and passed a motion to send Sharon's letter to all members of the Black Lake Association and to include it in our annual newsletter.

**FISH:** Ron Dulak reported that the DNR survey showed that only a few zero-age walleye were found in the lake. There has been no explanation on the cause of death of those 11 sturgeon. They are planning on being less invasive in their tagging process. Erin McClean said the fingerlings will be delivered this week-end and will be planted in front of the state park. Tim Cwalinski said that the DNR may give Black Lake some fingerling next year. Ron made a motion to cash in a cd to pay \$20,209 for the fish. This motion was seconded and passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**PROPOSED BOAT LAUNCH AT MARINA:** Ron Dulak reported that the DNR wrote a grant to purchase the Black Lake Marina. They should know the outcome by the beginning of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2017 BANQUET DISCUSSION:** Linda Smith reported that next year's banquet will be at the Black Lake Golf Course on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will be provided by our very own Chris Cooke. Linda requested that up to \$1500 be earmarked to cover the cost of entertainment, decorations, tickets, door prizes, etc. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Linda to go ahead with her plans.

**WATER LEVEL:** The owners of the Alverno Dam notified us that they will not be making repairs on the dam this year. The lake will now be lowered, as usual, in November, to its normal winter level.

**SPIKES FROM TENTS USED IN SHIVEREE:** Gil Archambeau reported that more care will be taken to make sure spikes from the tents used for the Shiverree will not be left behind in the lake.

**BUOYS:** The buoys have been taken out. Brett suggested that the BLA purchase 6 buoys instead of 20. The cost would be \$1800. This would put \$4000 back into our budget. This motion was made, seconded, and passed.

**NEWSLETTER:** Any articles for the 2017 Newsletter should be turned into Sharon Dulak by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CHRIS COOKE LAW:** Chis is no longer with the Smith, Rolfes, & Scavdahl Law Agency. We still owe them \$416.24. We passed a motion to pay this bill and provide a \$1000 retainer for Chris.

**2017 ANNUAL MEETING:** Next year's annual meeting will be in June.

**RON DULAK 's WOODEN BOAT:** Ron Trepanier will list the boat on Craig's List and ebay.

**INFORMATIONAL HAND OUTS:** Cindy Trepanier suggested passing out an informational print out, on fish, provided by the Tipp of the Mitt. Beach reps can hand these out. The board agreed that is was a good idea.

**FISH BOXES:** John Roby suggested putting out the Fish collection boxes in local places of business. The board agreed that this was a good idea.

**STUREGEON SHIVEREE:** Gil Archambeau suggested that the BLA have a booth at the Shiverree. The board took this under advisement.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next meeting will be May 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary