



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



May 14, 2018

The board meeting that was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by president, Brett Trepanier. Thirty-two members & a guest speaker were present. The pledge was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read. The minutes had one correction: over growth of weeds on the “north “end of lake. Correction noted and minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer’s report was received and filed subject to audit. Cindy reported that we received 350 proxy votes to open the meeting, only 75 are required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Township Reports: Dick Hopkins reported that Grant Township will have their large trash pick-up on Saturday May 19th. Bearinger & Waverly will have theirs in June. North Allis’s will be June 23rd. North Allis is renovating their town hall.

Membership: Sharon Dulak had no new business to report.

FISH: Ron Dulak reported that the DNR concluded, after shocking 30 walleye, that 10% were naturally spawned. This is an improvement over past results.

OLD BUSINESS:

HURON PINES SPEAKER: Shelley Pontius presented the findings of the Invasive Species Study conducted last summer. The lake was inventoried June 21 and again August 22 for submerged, emergent, and terrestrial species. Findings at 25 sites suggested that we chemically treat the Phragmites (\$250 after August 1st) and train residents how to “hand-pull” the manageable Purple Loosestrife (Huron Pines offer training for \$500). They offer annual monitoring for \$750. Ron Dulak made a motion to allocate \$250 for Huron Pines to eradicate the Phragmites. Motion was seconded and passed. Ron suggested we do a mailing to the home owners with the Purple Loosestrife. A complete report will be available on the Black Lake Association website.

Huron Pines offers a Boat Wash for \$500 (2 crew members) to come to the lake and demonstrate the proper way of washing down a boat to prevent them from bringing invasive species into our lake. A second choice is renting the boat wash for \$250, training will be provided. BLPS is sponsoring this service at the State Park June 9th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lake Level: Nelson Turcotte, owner, and Jim Tucker, operator of the Alverno Dam report water level information every two weeks. This is posted on the BLA website. The water level is still a little high but is now decreasing. The water level has been affected by the heavy April snowfall, late ice melt, and heavy rains on the lake and in the watershed.

WATERSHED ACADEMY MONITORING SESSION:

Several members of the BLA participated with Onaway High School students in this spring's Watershed Academy Monitoring Session led by Eli Baker from the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. Students collected water samples: tested for oxygen, clarity, temperature, phosphates, and nitrates. They assessed stream macroinvertebrates to determine the health of Stoney Creek and its watershed, which flows into Black Lake. Spring findings were consistent with last fall's and indicate that Stoney Creek is healthy.

NORTHERN INLAND LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Several members attended this meeting at the end of April. Highlights of the meeting:

1. DNR Purchase of the Black Lake Marina is moving forward.
2. The Army Corps of Engineers is working on projects on Crooked Lake, Lake Kathleen, and dredging at the mouth of the Cheboygan River on Mullett Lake.
3. Increasing number of cormorants are a potential problem since they consume vast quantities of perch. Several of these birds have been spotted on the north end of the lake.

WALLEYE SEASON OPENING DAY:

Walleye season opened before the ice went out this year. The DNR issued numerous tickets for trespassing and taking fish over their limit on or near the Rainy River. The Board is going to draft a letter to the DNR to encourage them to move the opening date for walleye back to May 15 to avoid overfishing especially when the fish may still be spawning.

SHORELINE SURVEY RESULTS: The results of the Tip of the Mitt survey have been delayed due to change of personnel.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Erin McLean, Brett Trepanier, and John Roby were nominated for the three open positions.

BANQUET: The Banquet will be Thursday, July 19th at Lorenzo's. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Twenty-five members have sent in their money so far.

NEXT MEETING: BLA's next meeting will be Monday, June 11th. There will be a Potluck at 6:30 followed by our annual meeting and the election of directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Smith, secretary