

# Black Lake Association

## Minutes of Board Meeting

May 9, 2022

<b>Present</b>	Brett Trepanier, Roger Selvig, Erin McLean, Roger Bergstedt, John Roby
<b>Absent</b>	Cindy Trepanier, Sharon Dulak and Ron Dulak due to illness, David Turzewski
<b>Call to Order</b>	Brett Trepanier, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall. In addition to the Board, 14 people were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<b>Rules of Meeting</b>	Questions and input were solicited for each report. Agenda was shortened because of absent board members, and planned speaker from Tip of the Mitt will be rescheduled. Time for additional public comment was provided at the end of the meeting.
<b>Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports</b>	Minutes from the October 11, 2021, meeting approved as read with no corrections. Treasurer's report approved as read subject to audit.
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	Postponed
<b>Fish</b>	Erin McLean, Roger Bergstedt, and Roger Selvig provided updates on the following topics: Erin Fish out of the Rainey before season opened, so not a problem this year. Almost 400,000 walleye fry and fingerlings put in lake last year. Open discussion re possibility of setting up a rearing pond. Roby suggested looking at Alpena rearing setup that Sportsman's Club runs to obtain information. Fall survey was better than year before. Roger Bergstedt and Roger Selvig re Inland Lakes Fisheries meeting Data from periodic lake studies re northern pike in Pickerel and Crooked where there is also a 24 inch minimum. Most caught there were under legal limit. New regulation for those lakes is limit of 5 with only one over 24. Also being discussed as a possibility for Black Lake. Tim Cwalinski of DNR fisheries is the contact. Individuals can get input to Erin and Tim. On track to revise pike limit in two years for Black Lake. No ten-year study on Black Lake. Lower Black/Cheboygan River/ Mullet watershed plan developed. Upper Black/Black Lake ten-year plan coming up next. Roger Selvig re cormorants. State of MI can give permits to control. Gil Archambo at meeting addressed sturgeon. Federal employees around the lake to try to prevent poaching. Rearing facility at Kleber Dam is premier one in nation. Long Lake near Alpena had largest tournament ever this winter.

	<p>Sea lamprey controls discussed.</p> <p>New piers in Cheboygan to be finished this fall.</p>
<b>Township Updates</b>	<p>Large item disposal days for the townships follow:</p> <p>Grant: Dump day this weekend</p> <p>N Allis: June 11. Work on township hall is underway again.</p> <p>No info reported for Waverly and Bearinger.</p>
<b>DNR Launch Site</b>	<p>DNR Launch Site on Black River: Still have a building to remove, site decisions to be made, and money to be obtained.</p>
<b>Update re Black River Dams</b>	<p>Tower/Kleber relicensing process ongoing.</p> <p>Notes re Alverno</p> <p>Above dam is cold water, below is warm and then back to cold.</p> <p>Hatchery had an indemnity agreement to protect dam owner since he donated property.</p> <p>Still in licensing process using protocol for this winter. Gate open 27 inches this winter. Dam does not provide complete control over water level.</p>
<b>Water Level in Lake and River</b>	<p>Bob Hartman and others initiated discussion of current water level. Hartmans are on east side of lake and cannot get boats on and off lifts. Land had big points of land in the water 50 years ago. Eleven feet of land lost.</p> <p>Open discussion of drainage for 350,000-acre watershed, current status of Kleber, Tower, and Alverno dam licensing and operation.</p> <p>Note that only 40% of water comes through Kleber/Tower. Rest through Rainey, Stoney, Milligan, and tributaries.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	<p>New computer and software for treasurer needed.</p>
<b>Annual Banquet</b>	<p>Banquet scheduled for July 9 at UAW Education Center.</p> <p>Contact Liz Gallagher Nolde to volunteer to help or make donations for raffle. Contact info in newsletter at <a href="https://www.blacklakeassociation.com/">https://www.blacklakeassociation.com/</a>.</p>
<b>Allocation of Funds</b>	<p>The Board has allocated up to \$25,000 from Bob Schoenhals' bequest to purchase selected equipment for the new playground at the State Park near the new pavilion. Donation made through Friends of the Onaway State Park. There will be a commemorative plaque. Plans are to finish the pavilion by Memorial Day, and the playground is to be installed fall 2022 or spring 2023.</p>
<b>Clear Cutting Discussion</b>	<p>Question raised re clear cutting and who to talk to about it. Concerns include whether loggers are monitored for adherence to guidelines, effect of stripping lumber on erosion and water quality, effect on local recreation and related businesses.</p> <p>Roger Selvig. Contact Sue Allor. DNR and logging interests decide which trees to cut using a 5 year plan.</p>
<b>Nominations for Board</b>	<p>Dave Turzewski, Cindy Trepanier, and Ron Dulak were each nominated for three-year terms. Three requests for additional nominations were made before nominations were closed. Membership will vote on these three nominees at next meeting.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. following potluck at 6:00 p.m.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.</p>