

Black Lake Association

Minutes of Board Meeting

October 10, 2022

Present Brett Trepanier, Sharon Dulak, Ron Dulak, Erin McLean, Roger Selvig, David Turzewski

Absent John Roby, Roger Bergstedt, Cindy Trepanier

Call to Order Brett Trepanier, president, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall. In addition to the Board, 6 people were present.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rules of Meeting Questions and input were solicited for each report. Additional comments and questions were solicited at the end of the meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports Reading of the minutes from September 12, 2022; accepted with minor revisions.
Treasurer's report approved as read subject to audit.

Shoreline Survey Proposal Continued discussion of proposal from ZeroGravity Aerial Graphics re shoreline survey and analytical report
New agreement received from ZeroGravity that includes lodging at \$1200 for 6 nights. If BLA can provide lodging, that won't be charged.
Q (Brett): Do we hire for next year to get a base and then repeatedly at five-year intervals to create overlay? Is plan a subscription model? Who owns the data?
A: Data and analysis will belong to BLA. Not really a subscription plan.
Roger re discussion in September: Virgil's point from the last meeting is valid that we probably won't have measurable goals and we won't know who makes improvements because of the outcome of survey. However, most people will want to stay in compliance, they want to know what to do to protect the lake and their property, and they will act accordingly.
Q: How can data and video be used? Can we schedule a time to show it at a meeting?
A: We can schedule individuals to see their sections of the video and their results only. BLA will receive analysis from ZeroGravity, but it will not be distributed to every member. Parcel data documentation included.
Brett: We can only let a person see property that they own.
Dave: We have the funds to use.
Roger: Move to enter into the contract with Zero Gravity. Second by Dave.
Approved.

Reports and Updates

Membership Sharon Dulak reported that all 40 beaches are in. Membership for 2022 is more than 460, down from 491 last year. Sharon has three new beach representatives for next year and needs three more.

Fish Erin McLean reported that Tim Cwalinski's job has been posted.

	<p>The lake was shocked September 30, and there were some “age zero” fish identified. Numbers are about the same as last year.</p> <p>There is still about \$1670 in the DNR walleye food account from the BLA’s previous donation of \$5000. The current donation should supply food for several more years. Donation does not guarantee that fish will be put in Black Lake.</p>
Township Updates	<p><i>Bearinger:</i></p> <p><i>N. Allis:</i></p> <p><i>Grant:</i></p> <p><i>Waverly:</i></p>
Swimmers’ Itch	
Water Quality/Monitoring	<p>No update from Roger Bergstedt re his putting together some information about Eurasian Milfoil and difference between that and native Milfoil.</p> <p>\$2000 grant awarded to BLA for needed equipment to be applied to \$4028 estimate for purchase. Dave to get purchase order for equipment.</p> <p>Need to check with Roger re adding GPS to equipment list.</p> <p>Ron Dulak moved to authorize up to \$2500 to purchase equipment needed for water quality monitoring previously outlined and related equipment needed.</p> <p>Roger Selvig seconded. Approved.</p>
Boat Washes	Over for season
DNR Launch Presentation	<p>Comments from Board and members who attended the public open house.</p> <p>Brett had discussed possibility of DNR taking over installation and removal of channel markers as it relates to the new launch site. Noted that water depth in that area is always low and channel and river are hard to locate; that could be a problem with new boaters especially. DNR was not aware of depth issue or that BLA has been responsible for buoys. Comment that DNR is not responsible for navigation. Also questioned Brett about whether BLA had permit and said that BLA must obtain permit in order to continue to manage buoys. DNR is not responsible for navigation or buoys. He will get back to Brett within a month.</p> <p>No one from DNR knew about the proposal to move the date to lower the lake level to as early as Oct 1 beginning next year. Will affect design/length of ramp.</p> <p>Power at the boat access site will be solar only.</p> <p>Waterless boat wash included in proposed design plan.</p> <p>Storm shelter needed since people will take shelter at the launch during bad weather.</p> <p>Traffic pattern needs review. Bottleneck at ramp created with first boat.</p> <p>Implementation is still 3-5 years out.</p>
Dam/Water Level	No additional info re proposal to begin drawdown earlier next year.
Buoys	Buoys were removed Oct 9.
Banquet	Are we planning a banquet for next year? Dave to check with Liz re whether she will be in charge.

To support Black Lake Sportsmen's Club, Dave moved to purchase \$20 worth of tickets for their raffle of a Ruger that, if won, could be used for the banquet.

Ron Dulak seconded. Passed.

Next meeting

Monday, May 08, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Agenda will include nominations for new directors.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm
