

Black Lake Association

Minutes of Board Meeting

August 14, 2023

Present	Brett Trepanier, Sharon Dulak, Ron Dulak, Erin McLean, Roger Selvig, David Turzewski, Cindy Trepanier
Absent	John Roby, Roger Bergstedt
Call to Order	<p>Brett Trepanier, president, called the business meeting to order at 7:35 pm. at the Grant Township Hall following the guest presentation. In addition to the Board, 17 people were present.</p> <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p>
Watershed Management Plan	<p>The Black Lake Watershed Team of graduate students from the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) presented an overview of the early work that they are doing with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council collecting information for the Black Lake Watershed Management Plan. The team is conducting a field inventory that will yield data to be the basis for a long-term strategy for management of the watershed. A summary of the presentation is available at the following URL:</p> <p>https://www.blacklakeassociation.com/black-lake-watershed-management-plan/</p> <p>The Black Lake Association is happy to sponsor the SEAS team in their field research.</p> <p>All BLA members are strongly encouraged to complete the Black Lake Watershed Residents Survey at the following URL:</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/4mub9hpb</p>
Rules of Meeting	Business meeting followed the program. 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	<p>Reading of the minutes from June 2023 accepted as read with minor revisions.</p> <p>Treasurer's report from June 2023 read and approved subject to audit.</p> <p>Note re July meeting and absence of minutes: There are no minutes from the July 10 meeting because there was not a quorum of the Board present. Sharon and Ron Dulak, Roger Bergstedt were present. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council presented an excellent program on building, planting, and maintaining your own rain garden. A summary of the presentation is available at the following URL:</p> <p>https://www.blacklakeassociation.com/wp-content/media/Rain-Gardens-Presentation.pdf</p> <p>The presentation was followed by a general discussion by the membership present of issues that would normally be part of the agenda.</p>
Township Updates	<p>Bearinger: Large trash day a success</p> <p>Forest: No report</p> <p>Grant: Gaynor Bridge briefly closed for repairs to decking. State Forest boat ramp treated for dust control</p> <p>N. Allis: No report</p> <p>Waverly: No report</p>

Membership (S. Dulak, D. Turzewski)	<p>There are currently 452 memberships from 24 beaches to date representing approximately 900 members.</p> <p>Three additional beaches turned in but not yet counted, and 13 beaches outstanding.</p>
Fish (E. McLean, R. Selvig)	<p>DNR is netting juvenile sturgeon as a census. There are four crews in four boats on Black Lake for three weeks. The objective is to net juvenile sturgeon, which are 30–40-inch fish. The final count isn't available, but the estimate for this year is 350 sturgeon netted, which could include mature fish. In a similar study in 2013, 200 sturgeon were netted in Black Lake.</p> <p>Three fish did not survive, which included one muskie.</p> <p>In a study on Burt Lake last year, several fish also died, and netting was stopped after 27 fish were counted.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Approximately 7,000 fingerling muskies will be stocked in Black Lake in October, followed by Burt and Mullett Lakes next year. These fingerlings will be at risk next year because they will closely resemble northern pike and could mistakenly be harvested, especially since the lower size limit for northern has been removed. The BLA needs to educate fishermen to help prevent this from happening. Recommend signs at ramps, something in newsletter, on website, Facebook, perhaps newspaper, radio, pamphlet at point of sales for licenses.</p>
Shoreline Survey (S. Dulak)	ZeroGravity Aerial Graphics drone shoreline survey began July 10. They have completed their first round of the lake with positive feedback from people on shore.
Boat Washes	No report
Dam/Water Level (R. Selvig)	Relicensing process is still ongoing. Operations are still under a temporary license for Tower and Kleber dams. The application is under review. There is no final date for approval or disapproval. All data has now been submitted and received by FERC.
Buoys	No report
Banquet (C Nadjarian; D. Turzewski)	<p>The BLA Banquet was held July 20 at the Chateau at Black Mountain. 71 people attended. \$432 in 50/50 tickets sold. Ron & Sharon Dulak won and donated their proceeds back to the BLA Fish Stocking Fund.</p> <p>Other proceeds included \$1,020 on the silent auction and \$315 on the sale of shirts, hats, and mugs. After the cost of the dinner and entertainment, the banquet raised \$1,049 for the Black Lake Association.</p> <p>Response to venue, food, music, auction, whole event was positive with one minor exception. Some people were charged for coffee. Problem can be cleared up in contract next time.</p> <p>Thank you to Connie Nadjarian for organizing and managing a great banquet.</p>
Water Quality/ Monitoring	Nothing new to report.
Marina (R. Dulak)	No change. DNR will be requesting funds in October for the launch. There is no fuel in the plan, but the DNR would allow a vendor.
Other (D Turzewski)	Status of Playground: Still awaiting approval before moving money.

Connie Nadjarian requested and received Board approval to order additional merchandise to sell.

Next meeting

September 11, 7:00 pm. At Grant Township Hall: General Meeting

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm
