



BLACK LAKE ASSOCIATION



August 12, 2019

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall by President Brett Trepanier. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Thirty-nine members and guests were present. The reading of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting. The treasurer's report was received and filed subject to audit. The Budget was read and approved by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Township Reports: N Allis reported tar chipping on Bonz Beach and Black Mt. Roads. 489 is part of a 5-year project that will be done later. No information on the road to UAW.

Membership: Sharon Dulak reported that 16 beaches have turned in their packets and 20 are still outstanding. We have 400 members at last count.

FISH: Erin McLean and Roger Selvig reported that fishing has been very good before this second mayfly hatch. Pike and keeper walleye, not many undersized ones, have been caught.

OLD BUSINESS

Algae Bloom: A member reported that a dog over by the lower state park campground has a water-borne infection after being in the lake several weeks ago. The owner wonders if it was related to the algae bloom. All the results from repeated testing for toxicity were negative. BLA is looking into classes regarding Blue-Green Algae.

BUOYS: Ron Dulak will talk to the DNR about taking over the responsibility of the channel markers. The BLA would contribute our new buoys.

Weeds & Invasive Species: Shelby Bower from Huron Pines will inventory weeds the week of Sept 23rd. Phragmites treated 4 years ago and since have been retreated, will be treated again Aug. 16 and 17th. Two large loosestrife sites were

to be treated with beetles, but could not because the late, cold weather delayed their growth. They were treated with an herbicide instead.

Another DNR boat wash will be set up in the State Park with BLPS assistance.

Sonny Smith has contacted Mi Lakefront Solutions regarding weeds in the lake. Steve Zulinski will survey the lake this Thursday, Aug 15th. Anyone interested can join Sonny on the boat for the survey. Contact Sharon Dulak. Sonny will report on the results at the next meeting.

Linda Sandvik announced that the BLPS has an \$8300 contract with Huron Pines to provide two boat washes. They are working from the 2017 survey contracted by the BLA for treatment of invasive species. Huron Pines will begin treating if permits are submitted for loosestrife and phragmites by today. BLPS is assisting in the removal. Their contract included \$4500 from a DEQ grant. A question was raised whether both the BLA and the BLPS are paying Huron Pines for the same treatment service for native and hybrid phragmites. They will be contacted to clarify and resolve this situation.

Follow-up: Roger contacted Brad Jensen, Executive Director of Huron Pines, who explained that the BLA contract covers lakeshore invasives, and the BLPS contract covers those not in contact with the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

Banquet: The banquet was a huge success, thanks to Connie Nadjarian! Thank you, Connie! Connie was asked to chair again next year. She isn't volunteering but looking into ways to involve younger families. She is thinking about forming a committee.

Hat/Shirt Sale: BLA T- Shirts and hats are for sale at \$10 each. Contact Connie Nadjarian.

Marina: The DNR is installing a "temporary" boat ramp at the marina site right now. It may become permanent, but everything else currently being done around it will be temporary.

Water Level Presentation: Nelson Turcotte of the Black River Limited Partnership (BRLP), operators of the Tower, Kleber, and Alverno Dams, shared with us the history of the dams, their relationship to the Upper Black River, Smith Rapids, the water level in Black Lake, and the ongoing negotiations with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The presentation was informal with questions taken throughout. Nelson explained that there were things that he could not discuss because of the confidentiality agreement required by the dispute resolution process. Many thanks to Nelson Turcotte, Jim Tucker, and Meghan Tucker for coming to speak with us. Nelson has offered to come again.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Grant Township Hall on Twin Lakes Road. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Thanks so much, Linda Van Sickle for taking notes of the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Smith, secretary