

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting, April 04, 2017

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday May 02, 2017 at 7:00 pm at:

Carney's Tavern
Main Street
Ballston Lake, New York

Meeting called to order by President Pete Herman at 7:00 pm.

Members and Guests present: Greg Adams, Teresa Bashant, Bill Bashant, Judy Brodeur, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, Joanne Frame, Drew Hamelink, Pete Herman, Ann Pierce, and Dave Pierce

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 24, 2017 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

Treasurer Judy Brodeur reported the following and provided the Board with the Proposed 2017 Budget and the YTD 2017 Budget:

- The BLIA Treasury accounts are as follows:

BLIA Checking Account - \$9489.17

BLIA Savings Account - \$15,027.90
- As of March 31, 2017 BLIA has 153 paid members.
- Judy noted that the average Membership donation since January 01, 2017 is \$65.00.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

Beaver Status

Pete reported that BLIA had received a bill for \$1600.00 from trapper Jim Comstock. Pete noted that BLIA normally budgets \$700.00 annually for trapping expenses. However, no trapping was done last year so expenses were zero. Pete noted that he informed Jim Comstock that no future trapping should be performed until requested by BLIA.

CSLAP Testing

Pete reported that he has received the 2016 CSLAP Report of testing results.

Dave Pierce then provided the following summary of the CSLAP testing:

1. Water clarity better in 2016 than 2015, clearest in June, decreasing from July 15th to Labor Day.
2. Algae less in 2016 than 2015.
3. Water temp increasing in 2016.
4. PH, acidity, same level in 2016, in acceptable range 6.5-7.5 since 1993. Shows slight increase since 1993, (less acidic).
5. Phosphorous levels in north same as in 2016, south slight increase in 2016. Highest was in 2012 and has decreased since. It is now at the 2007 value.
6. Water chestnut decreased at narrows, heaviest north of creek area on east side of the wide waters.

Clean Up Day

The Annual Clean Up Day will take place on May 06, 2017 starting at 8:00 am at the Ballston Lake Fire House. BLIA continues to partner with the Burnt Hill Ballston Lake Business Association with Clean Up Day.

BLIA Annual Meeting

Pete noted that the Firehouse has been reserved for Tuesday June 20, 2017 for the BLIA Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm. Hopefully, the Sheriff's Marine Patrol will provide a speaker for the event.

Boating Safety Course

Pete noted that he will be conducting a Boating Safety Course on May 09 and May 10 and on May 16 and May 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Ballston Lake Fire House. The cost is \$30.00 for the first family member and \$10.00 for each additional child. A course book will be provided. Pete also noted that a proctored exam will be given and a test score of 80% is required to pass. Pete emphasized that he is giving the course hoping that lake residents will participate.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

1. Beavers, Jim Comstock's invoice of March 11, 2017 for \$1605 is being discussed with the Town Highway Department. An effort will be made to help BLIA out with this at the end of April when the Town pays its bills.
2. The town is reaching out for a person to help with beaver dam removal so Outlet Rd. is protected. As of April 05, 2017, it is closed due to flooding.
3. I evaluated the CSLAP summary and provided some insight of the data over the last 10 years. See President's Report.
4. NYSFOLA meeting May 5 and 6th. I cannot go. I passed out the agenda to see if any other BLIA Board members are interested in attending.
5. Dock Ordinance. Town Supervisor is talking to Clifton Park Supervisor to get Clifton Park to adopt the 2007 Dock Laws that Ballston has. I talked with Tom McCarthy Clifton Park Town Attorney about this issue and the need for both towns to be on the same page. He wants go on a boat ride in May to observe this area.
6. Zoning, Nan has suggested that properties in the Ballston Lake Waterfront (BLW) that will be on the sewer system should have the density changed to one residence per acre not the current density of one residence per 2 acres. Looking at the property map this would apply to about 7 properties along the shoreline. There exist more properties without shorelines in the BLW zone that could be on sewer. The rest of the remaining undeveloped shoreline properties in the BLW zone are wetlands. In both the BLW and the Ballston Lake Residential (BLR) and the BLOD zones reduce maximum building coverage from 30% to 15% or 20%. Develop stream and wetland buffers of 100ft from high water mark. No PUDDs in both the BLW and BLR zones.
7. We are still looking to develop data necessary to support the use of Alum if the State re permits the use of Alum to reduce phosphorous in the lake. This project is the reason we are developing a savings fund in the BLIA account.

Membership and Social Media: Suzanne Bishop, Judy Brodeur, and Joanne DeVoe

Judy Brodeur noted that 133 BLIA Members were eligible for the \$250 gift certificate donated by Hyde's RV and Boats. The members were eligible for the drawing because they had renewed their memberships prior to Valentine's Day. Judy announced that the winner of the drawing was Brandon Kristel. Congratulations Brandon!

Joanne DeVoe and Sue Bishop plan to have a draft of the Ballston Lake brochure ready for approval at the May 02, 2017 BLIA Board Meeting and ready for distribution at the Annual Members' Meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 2 - Board Meeting at Carney's at 7
 May 6 - Annual Clean-Up Day *
 June 8 - Flag Day Parade *
 June 20 - Annual MEMBERS' MEETING
 Election of Officers
 July 4th - Annual July 4th Patriotic Boat Parade
 July 31 - Board Meeting at Villago at 7
 August 1 - Annual Picnic at Lakeside Farms at 6 *
 Oct. 3 - Board Meeting at Carney's at 7

*** Volunteers Needed and Welcome**

Social Media / Website

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Newsletter: Greg Adams

Greg Adams reported that the last Newsletter was very successful due to the very good inputs he received from the BLIA Board members. The next Newsletter will be June 01, 2017. Greg noted that he will need inputs by May 15, 2017.

The BLIA Picnic date has been set for the first Tuesday in August (August 01, 2017). Greg discussed this with Lakeside and confirmation will be made when they reopen in April.

Old Business:

Sewer Committee Update: Drew Hamelink

Drew Hamelink reported the following:

- Project moving along. The Town recently signed a contract with Adirondack Mountain Engineering (AME) to perform the detailed engineering design work.
- Engineering work expected to take approximately a year to complete.
- Archeology work needs to be performed.
- Aerial photography has been performed.

- Ground surveying will be performed.
- Town met with Saratoga County officials to discuss future turnover of the system to Saratoga County.
- Working on selecting a location in the Village for pump station which will be located at the low point of the system.
- Have received a proposal from Environment One to “front load” the cost of equipment (grinder pump) with 30% discount if purchased when sewer system is constructed. The discount would decrease incrementally in follow years.

Boating Safety Committee: Greg Adams for John Gill

There will be a Safety Committee meeting in April (date yet to be determined) to set a date and work out details for the first “BLIA Boat Safety Inspection” to be conducted by our President Peter Herman and the Saratoga Sail and Power Squadron. At our fall meeting we discussed having it early in the season but not before most residents had their boats in the water. We tentatively were looking at a date before the Annual Membership Meeting. We hope to have two adjacent docks that could receive boats to be checked by the Power Squadron. All final information regarding this day will be included in the June BLIA Newsletter, posted on our Website and sent out as an email “blast”.

Secondly, the Marine Division of the Saratoga Sheriff’s Office asked us to again make contact with them this spring to confirm sending one or two marine patrol officers to speak at our Annual Meeting. That contact will be made shortly.

Business Memberships

Joanne DeVoe noted that Hyde’s Boats, Villago’s, and Carney’s are currently BLIA Business Members. Business Memberships are \$100.00 and will be advertised in the Newsletter and other media.

Nominations Committee

Ann Pierce reported that the process is going very well. Ann noted that the three year term for the Board of Directors will eliminate the need for new Directors this year. Individuals in all other Board positions have agreed to remain on the Board.

New Business

High Lake Water Level

Greg Adams indicated that he received a call from lake resident and BLIA member Brian Smith who was concerned about the high water level of the lake. Brian questioned whether Villago’s would be interested in putting up a chain to prevent boat launches with the water level as high as it is now. Greg agreed to follow up with Brian’s idea.

Facebook Request

Joanne DeVoe noted that she had received a request from an individual via Facebook dealing with a party to be held at Villago's. The individual wondered if BLIA had any objection to their use of "Chinese lanterns" during their party. During the discussion that followed, no BLIA Board member voiced an objection.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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Future BLIA Meetings:

- **Annual Meeting Tuesday June 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Ballston Lake Fire House**
- **Monday July 31, 2017 at Villago's**
- **October 03, 2017**