

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, January 24, 2017

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday April 04, 2017 at 7:00 pm at:

Carney's Tavern
Main Street
Ballston Lake, New York

Meeting called to order by President Pete Herman at 7:06 pm.

Members and Guests present: Bill Bashant, Judy Brodeur, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, Pete Gaylord, Mike Goddard, Drew Hamelink, Pete Herman, Ann Pierce, Dave Pierce, Nick Trotta, Gini Whetten, and Pete Voss

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 04, 2016 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:

- The BLIA Treasury accounts are as follows as of December 31, 2016:

BLIA Checking Account - \$2,526.87

BLIA Savings Account - \$15,024.29

- Only change with Proposed 2017 Budget compared to 2016 Budget is for Advertising & Marketing. Proposing \$1000.00 for 2017 versus an actual of \$653.38 for 2016. Judy suggested that BLIA do something similar to that done by the Friend's Lake Association to market the lake. Would cost approximately \$600.00 for the design and short run of a brochure. Judy suggested that part of the cost could be absorbed through advertising.
- Judy noted that the BLIA Dues notices went out December 31, 2016. Eighty five (85) members are back for 2017 with an average contribution of \$67.00. Since January 01, 2017, \$5000 has been taken in.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

Beaver Status

Pete reported that he spoke with trapper Jim Comstock. Jim indicated that he had a good season with multiple trips into the outlet. Pete noted that he indicated to Jim that he should not disturb the large beaver lodge in the outlet for fear of very low water levels in the lake next summer.

CSLAP Testing

Pete reported the CSLAP fees have not changed. Dues for NYSFOLA will be \$175.00 and charges for CSLAP testing will be \$480.00 which is the same as last year.

Pete noted that last year BLIA made a donation of \$200.00 to NYSFOLA. Pete noted that he considered the donation well spent based on the generosity of CSLAP with the number of sample analyses they perform for Ballston Lake. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to donate \$200.00 to NYSFOLA for 2017.

Ballston Lake Firehouse Reservations

Pete noted that the Firehouse has been reserved for Saturday May 06, 2017 for Clean Up Day and June 20, 2017 for the BLIA Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Water Safety Committee

- Pete spoke with the Deputy Sheriff who runs the Marine Division. He was asked if a Deputy could speak at the BLIA Annual Meeting. The answer was yes.
- Pete noted that he will request the Sheriff's Marine Division to make more stops on the Lake next summer. Pete also noted that if you are stopped, your boat must comply with regulations.
- Pete spoke with Power Squadron inspectors about the possibility of doing boat inspections on the lake. Pete noted that your boat will be provided with a sticker if it passes the inspection.

Nominations Committee

Pete noted that Ann Pierce and Joanne Frame are heading up a Nominations Committee for the coming year. Good progress was reported.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

1. Ballston Lake Management and Protection Plan Committee has been developed and is in the process of updating the 2001 Plan that was published by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. At the Jan 17th meeting, assignments were made for different people to work on different parts of the Plan. Some of the 2001 plan will be used since the history and physical nature of the water shed has not changed. CDRPC has offered to donate \$10,000 of manpower and computer time toward updating the demographics of the water shed. The purpose of this project is to satisfy Town requirements that are mandated by the DEC listing Ballston Lake as an impaired water body. This Plan is also required as Ballston tries to acquire additional grants to improve the water shed. County wide membership on this committee includes: Clifton Park Storm Water Director, Ballston Storm Water Director, BLIA Officers, DEC Area 5 representative, Saratoga County Storm Water Director, Saratoga County Soil and Water Director, Ballston Highway Department Superintendent, Ballston Town Board representative, Ballston town attorney, Ballston town engineer, Lake George Association, and Capital District Regional Planning Commission.

2. The future of Ballston Lake Management was identified by CSLAP reports over the past 5 years. It stated;” CSLAP data suggest that water clarity in Ballston Lake appears to be related to excessive densities of planktonic algae and natural color. A management focus to improve water clarity involves reducing algae levels by reducing nutrient concentrations in the lake and within the water shed”.

Typically, the first steps taken in a lake rehabilitation effort target the control of the external sources of phosphorous and can include encouraging the use of phosphorous free lawn fertilizers; improving agricultural practices; reducing urban run-off; and restoring vegetation buffers around waterways; and eliminating failing septic systems in the watershed.

Secondly, additional phosphorous is added to the water body via internal loading. Over time, lake sediments become phosphorous rich and can deliver excessive amounts of phosphorous to the overlying water especially when the oxygen concentration is 0 as it is in the areas of the lake deeper than 20ft. Lake water treatment to deactivate the phosphorous works by stripping the phosphorous from the water column and by sealing the bottom sediments to prevent the release of phosphorous to the overlying water.

Alum application is the recommended treatment for this issue in Ballston Lake. The cost for this is about \$400/ acre; for Ballston Lake \$120,000. BLIA is putting funds into savings to address this issue once the sewer system is up and running. Success of this treatment is maximized only AFTER external loads are reduced as much as possible. It may be possible to acquire a grant to help with this effort but BLIA should plan to for only matching funds as a best case scenario.

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

Judy Brodeur reported that Membership solicitation letters for 2017 went out in the mail on December 31, 2016. Judy also reported that Terry Harlow has resigned from the Membership Committee.

Joanne DeVoe presented to the Board a “Ballston Lake Improvement (BLIA) Planning Calendar” that was generated by Terry Harlow. Joanne indicated that the calendar would be very useful for documenting events of interest to the BLIA Board and the BLIA Membership.

Social Media / Website

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Newsletter: Greg Adams

Dave Duglin reported the following for Greg Adams: As was agreed upon, the three BLIA Newsletter dates are March 01, 2017, June 01, 2017, and October 01, 2017. Submissions to Greg Adams need to be made two weeks before these dates. Greg reported that at this point, the only submission he has is an ice safety article that was written by the Ballston Lake Fire Department and submitted to him by Joanne DeVoe.

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. During the BLIA Board Meeting it was noted that August 01 conflicts with the August Board Meeting date. It was decided that the Board Meeting would be moved to Monday July 31, 2017 and be held at Villago’s. Joanne DeVoe agreed to contact Villago’s to set up a reservation for the Meeting.

Old Business:

Sewer Committee Update: Drew Hamelink

Drew Hamelink reported the following:

- Project moving along.
- Town of Ballston has selected a firm (not as yet identified) to do the engineering work.
- Next step is completion of detailed engineering design which should take approximately one year.
- Detailed construction documents will then be put out for bid by construction companies.
- Expect to have shovels in the ground by the Spring of 2018.

Business Memberships

Joanne DeVoe noted that Hyde's Boats and Villago's are currently BLIA Business Members. Joanne agreed to generate a "list of benefits" for being a BLIA Business Member.

Dolomite Asphalt Plant

Ann Pierce reported that the subject is pretty quiet. The plant has been approved by the Town with the requirement that an emergency access route be established. Access through Curtis Lumber property has not yet been obtained.

BLIA Bylaws Review

Nothing to report.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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Future BLIA Meetings:

- **May 02, 2017**
- **Annual Meeting June 20, 2017 at the Ballston Lake Fire House**
- **Monday July 31, 2017 at Villago's**
- **October 03, 2017**