

**BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting, May 05, 2015

**Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday August 18, 2015 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, Dave Duglin, Drew Hamelink, Pete Herman, Robert Kelly, Ann Pierce, Dave Pierce, and Pete Voss

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the March 24, 2015 Board Meeting and the April 15, 2015 Special Meeting (501(c)(3) Vote) were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Herman for Judy Brodeur

President Pete Herman handed out copies of the 2015 BLIA Budget that was prepared by BLIA Treasurer Judy Brodeur. Included was the following information:

Checking Balance - March 23, 2015	\$9577.34
Savings Account Balance - February 28, 2015	\$6007.41

Pete reported the following for Judy: The BLIA liability insurance renewal application has been submitted, and BLIA should have a quote this month. The policy renews in June. BLIA paid for the Website hosting, no increase in cost over 2014.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**President's Report:** Pete Herman

**501(c)(3) Status**

Pete reported that he met with Frank Shipp and that the paper work had been sent, and received, by the Department of State. Pete noted that Judy had filed the 1023EZ and paid the \$400.00 on April 23, 2015. All paper work has been sent in.

**Annual Clean Up Day**

Pete Herman noted that the head count (in the forties) for Clean Up Day was less than last year's turnout. Pete felt that the turnout is probably impacted by the time of year, i.e., people

have a lot of other things going on. Pete indicated that a BLIA expense of \$100 was incurred for the purchase of shirts for the event. The day was over at 11:00 am.

### **Meeting With Villago Owner**

Pete Herman noted that John Gill had set up a meeting with one of the owners of Villago's. Peter reported that the following issues were discussed with Kurt:

- The Dock Ordinance
- Kurt indicated that the launch price would not change. Collection will continue with the "honor system". Kurt noted that there is a surveillance camera installed at the restaurant that can monitor docking payments.
- Kurt is not sure about the dock situation (lack of a dock). He is now aware of the Dock Ordinance.

Dave Pierce noted that there is now a New York State law dealing with invasive species on boats. The law is enforced by Environmental Officers. Dave also noted that he interested in obtaining the names of individuals associated with the Bass Fishing Organizations that will be conducting fishing tournaments on the Lake. Dave wants to insure that they are cognizant of the invasive species law that is now in effect.

### **Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce**

Dave Pierce provided the following:

BLIA is working on rewriting the Ballston Lake Watershed Protection and Management Plan. A committee has been developed and has had 2 meetings. A resolution will be presented at the May 12th Town Board meeting to recognize the committee and its members as an official town committee. A second resolution will be presented on the 12th to authorize this committee to apply for a CFA grant to fund this project. Dave Decker from Lake George is helping steer this committee.

I attended the 2015 New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) meeting on May 1st and 2nd 2015.

NYSFOLA notes:

1. Dr. Greg Boyer from SUNY ESF stated he will definitely come to Ballston Lake
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3. this summer to do a float by phosphorous evaluation of the shoreline.
2. Dr. Harmon from SUNY Oneonta stated that Ballston Lake will be considered for a graduate student to work with a lake for study in the fall of 2015. We will evaluate our need at that time relative to our work on the Lake Management Plan.
3. Dean Long evaluated our 2014 CSLAP report and offered to write the Ballston Town Board a letter to let them know the results of the Saratoga Lake sewer project and its effect

on that lake. He stated that the sewer project should result in a decrease in lake water TP that will be noticeable in 2-3 years.

4. Scott Kishbaugh (DEC Albany), commented that our lake's trophic status ranks about a 7/10 compared to other NY lakes, and our weed issue ranks about a 3/10 compared to other NY lakes. Ten (10) is bad on this scale and 1 is good.
5. CSLAP entry is now available on line. Go to [www.cslapdata.org](http://www.cslapdata.org) or if you need help go to [help@cslapdata.org](mailto:help@cslapdata.org) or call Lou Feeney at 914-954-9940
6. Dr. Greg Boyer gave presentations on algae and the algae reporting system. We now can get results of a submitted water sample in 3 days. This is a much improved system from 5 years ago. Last year in NY, blue green algae was less severe than in 2013. If we want quicker results of an algae bloom we can test the algae ourselves with an Abraxis kit. It is not as quantitative as the lab test but does let us know if the bloom does contain microcystin. Some algae blooms in NY have closed beaches.
7. Swans can deter geese since they are territorial.
8. Road salting does lead to increased sodium and chloride levels in streams and the lakes they flow into. This is of concern to people with high blood pressure. Also raising these chemicals reduces zoo plankton concentration. Since zoo plankton consume algae this condition leads to increased algae concentrations.
9. DEC states that there are 800 waterbodies in NY on the Impaired List. They only do 4-5 TMDLs a year.
10. There is now a State Law preventing the spread of invasive species. All boaters must abide by the "Inspect, Clean, Drain and Dry" guidelines.
11. Aeration is a method of increasing the concentration of oxygen at the bottom of the lake down to 30-40 feet. This oxygen would render the phosphorous at the bottom stable. It would then be unavailable for the algae to proliferate. Increased oxygen levels in the lake is healthier for all aquatic life. BLIA is looking at this methodology to reduce our in lake TP levels.
12. NYS does not allow many chemicals for use in phosphorous inactivation. NY is listing them as an unregulated pesticide. Copper sulfate is questionable value due to its toxicity as it builds up in the sediment and its short length of effect requires the need for repeated applications.

**Membership:** Sue Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Joann DeVoe, and Terry Harlow

Total membership as of April 30, 2015 = 161.

\*The “Flyover” winner, Agnes McCarthy, has been notified and will make arrangements with Joe Burch to claim her prize.

\*CD’s of “The Gathering of Elders” will soon be available. I am in the process of obtaining “signed releases” to be sure we have one from each participant before distributing them. Then, should we “gift” a copy to each participant and sell others to interested parties? (\$5)

\*May has been declared MEMBERSHIP MONTH! The annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor Membership Drive will take place throughout the month this year.

Block Captains met at the DeVoe’s on April 28 to organize materials and discuss “strategies”. We are grateful for our “go to” volunteers: Sue Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Greg Adams, Paul Troidle, Peter Herman, Rick Zalucki, Judy Salfi, Jim Warner, Dave and Ann Pierce and Wes and Joann DeVoe. This year we welcome new volunteers: BJ Pierce, Julie West, Alice Rubin, LJ VanDerwerker, Crys Hamelink and Judy Stone. THANK YOU!

\*Of interest: The reciprocal membership with The Southern Saratoga Chamber provides us with many opportunities to participate in county events and allows us to be more visible in the larger community. This month I will be representing us at their “Evening Mixer at the Regional Food Bank”. One never knows what this type of “networking” can lead to!

Up-Coming Events: 4th of July Patriotic Boat Parade

Annual Picnic, Tuesday, August 4

Other “To Be Announced” events are under construction

**Social Media:** Sue Bishop, Judy Brodeur, and Joanne DeVoe

We are exploring ways to increase “traffic” on our website. Perhaps it is time to consider having local businesses advertise on it. This is a way to generate revenue and ask for their support in funding it. Also...maybe we should revisit the idea of letting people renew or join using PayPal on the site. It is the way a lot of business is done these days and would appeal to our younger members. I will prepare and present a PRO and CON for each at a future meeting.

**Newsletter:** Greg Adams

Greg Adams indicated that the Newsletter needs to be in the mail by June 01, 2015. Greg requested that individuals get their input to him by May 23, 2015.

**Old Business:****Sewer Committee Update:** Drew Hamelink

Drew Hamelink provided a detailed discussion of why the estimated cost per equivalent dwelling (EDU) has increased for the proposed Ballston Lake Sewer District from the study figure in 2014 (\$750.00) to the present estimate (\$910).

Drew further provided the following Tentative Schedule:

- May 12, 2015 Town Board Meeting – Present drafts of the Map Plan Report (MPR), Inter Municipal Agreement (IMA), and Saratoga County Sewer District (SCSD) agreement as well as draft Long EAF.
- May 26, 2015 Agenda Meeting – Discuss drafts and State Environmental Quarterly Review (SEQR).
- June 09, 2015 Board Meeting – Adopt MPR and schedule a hearing.
- June 10, 2015 or shortly thereafter – Send mailing to residents:
  - Announce hearing
  - Announce information session(s)
  - Describe project
  - Discuss costs
- Late June – Info session(s)
- Mid July – Conduct hearing

**New Business:****East Side Drive Dock Ordinance**

BLIA Member Robert Kelly of East Side Drive brought up the subject of docks on East Side Drive. He noted that a dock adjacent to his property is out approximately 48 feet into the water and appears to be encroaching on his property line. He indicated that he felt that the dock was a safety hazard and probably violates the requirements of the Dock Ordinance.

Pete Herman noted that the existing Dock Ordinance is only in effect for residents in the Town Of Ballston. The property in question is on East Side Drive in the Town of Clifton Park. Pete noted that the Town of Clifton Park has not taken any action to make the

Ordinance applicable to Clifton Park. Their position has been that all Ballston Lake property shorelines are the responsibility of the Town of Ballston.

Following much discussion, it was agreed that Robert Kelly should take up the aforementioned dock issue with the Town Board of Clifton Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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