

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, October 06, 2015

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday January 05, 2016 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, Sue Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, John Gill, Pete Herman, Ann Pierce, Dave Pierce, Gini Whetten, and Rey Whetten

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August 18, 2015 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

Treasurer Judy Brodeur reported that between \$500 and \$600 were netted from the "Castle Tour".

Judy discussed the following 501(c)(3) requirements:

- BLIA needs to send a receipt to anyone giving \$75.00 or more.
- Being a 501(c)(3) organization, BLIA does not pay sales tax. However, anyone making a purchase for BLIA must use the appropriate BLIA form and pay with BLIA monies.

Finance Committee

- Wes DeVoe reported that after March 2016 George Shemo will assist the Finance Committee.
- Judy Brodeur noted that filing the BLIA tax return as a 501(c)(3) organization should not be that difficult (using Form 990) since BLIA income is under \$50,000.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

CSLAP Testing Report

Pete reported that all eight (8) CSLAP tests have been completed on schedule. Pete noted that we will not get a report on the results until next spring or summer.

Comments on Suggestions for BLIA Committees

Pete Herman noted that at a previous BLIA Board Meeting it was suggested that BLIA form committees such as a Clean Up Committee. It was noted during the discussion that followed that a "volunteer request" will go out with the next Membership request. The month for each event will be noted.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

Dave Pierce provided the following:

- On August 23rd Bob Duncan and I conducted a vertical test for phosphorous at 4 locations on the lake. Our findings showed that the phosphorous values of the water increase the deeper in the water you test. In the mid-section of the lake this increase was from 34 ppB at 2 meters to 61.7 ppB at 5 meters. The dissolved oxygen concentration at 5 meters is 3.3%. This study confirms the fact that phosphorous is released from the bottom of the lake where the dissolved oxygen concentration is low. Oxygen aids in keeping phosphorous bound to iron in the bottom debris.
- During the summer, I conducted water sampling for fecal coliform, total coliform bacteria, and phosphorous for the Town of Ballston. The Town wanted these tests to support the sewer needs in the watershed. These studies confirmed that total coliform levels are very high (39,000) in the Buell area especially after a 1 inch rainstorm. The total coliform levels in the lake remain on the low end (170) of the scale. However, the lake does show an ever increasing level of rising phosphorous concentrations (20 June 50.35 average for 4 samples and 12 July 49.28 average for 5 samples). The Town paid for most of the 57 samples collected during the summer.
- On August 25 Dr. Boyer from SUNY College of Environmental Science at Syracuse and I conducted a shoreline test for septic inputs into Ballston Lake. The study revealed that the areas along Eastside Drive and the shoreline on the east side of the lake from the narrows northward to the wetlands between the 2 wide waters have the highest levels of input. The study also showed that there is a heavy organic material input northward from the 5 stream mouths that enter the lake. Dr. Boyer stated that "Most of your Blue Green algae are located in the middle of the lake but levels are low. The southern end has very low testing ratios so elevated chlorophyll there is not due to Blue Green algae."

- From November 17-20 the North American Lake Management Society will meet in Saratoga Springs, NY. I plan on attending the meeting on behalf of BLIA. The 3 day fee for this conference is \$435. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide tuition funding for the meeting.

Membership: Suzanne Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Joann DeVoe, and Terry Harlow

Paid Membership as of October 03, 2015 is 199 (**A NEW RECORD**).

Recruitment

As a way of involving more members in our activities and attracting future Board Members, the Membership Committee is going to be more specific in soliciting volunteers. This year's dues form will include:

Want to Volunteer?

_____ Public Relations / Membership, _____ Board Leadership, _____ Finance Committee,

_____ Website Management, _____ Water Testing / Beaver Dam Control / Other Lake Management Tasks,

_____ Annual Picnic, _____ Hello Snow, Bye, Bye Birdies Party, _____ Clean Up Day,

_____ BH/BL Flag Day Parade, _____ Historic Event / Tour, _____ 4th of July Boat Parade

Other/ I have skills / interests in _____ (topic)

Events

September 20, 2015 – An historic tour of “The Castle” which was built on East Side Drive in 1885 by American artist William Bliss Baker. This wasn't a tour – it was a HAPPENING! Very successful in bringing positive attention to our lake community, bringing neighbors together and as a fund raiser.

October 19, 2015 – The 2nd “Hello Snow – Bye, Bye, Birdies” party will be held at Carney's and will be open to all. \$15 for BLIA members and \$25 for not yet members. The members “benefit” with their reduced cost.

New Logo

Should have samples from Kelly Smith to share at the January Meeting.

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

Facebook – BLIA presently has 326 Friends, and it is very active. Facebook is considered a good mechanism for sharing information.

Website

Continues to have little “traffic”, but is still a useful tool for managing data and communicating with members.

Newsletter: Greg Adams

The Board noted that a very “Nice Job!” was done with the last Newsletter.

Old Business:**Sewer Committee Update:**

- Currently there is a debate going on between the Towns of Ballston and Clifton Park. The Clifton Park engineer considers that the residents in the Clifton Park portion of the sewer project do not need a pump station.
- Hoping for more EDU’s to help lower cost.
- Drew Hamelink reported that Bill Goslin (Town Of Ballston), Phil Barrett (Town of Clifton Park), and Delaware Engineering will meet tomorrow.

NYSFOLA “Waterworks” Publication

Pete Herman noted that each organization participating in NYSFOLA is allowed one free copy of their publication “Waterworks”. Pete created a list of BLIA Board members who wish to receive “Waterworks”. Pete will contact NYSFOLA.

Dolomite Asphalt Plant

Ann Pierce noted that Dolomite has made a proposal to change the design of the asphalt plant from a “batch mix” to a “drum mix” plant. A drum mix plant would not need a variance from the Town Of Ballston for the stack associated with the batch mix plant. Ann further noted that the Planning Board has requested that Dolomite come back to the Board with any noise issues associated with the revised design. The issue of emissions has also been raised with the new design.

New Business:**Zebra Mussels**

It was noted that there appear to be more zebra mussels this year. Pete Herman agreed and noted that the number of zebra mussels occurring is a cyclic phenomenon.

BLIA Bylaws Review

Judy Brodeur noted that she thought it would be a good idea if the BLIA Board met “in a retreat” format to discuss the BLIA Bylaws and propose any necessary changes. It was agreed that this meeting should be scheduled after the first of the year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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