

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, July 31, 2017

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday October 03, 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: Patty Alheim, Curt Alheim, Bill Bashant, Suzanne Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Eve Chieco, Phil Chieco, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, Joanne Frame, Drew Hamelink, Pete Herman, Don Nicoll, Ann Pierce, Dave Pierce, Laura Sorrentino, Tim Sorrentino, Nick Trotta, Pete Voss, and Gini Whetten

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 02, 2017 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

Treasurer Judy Brodeur reported the following:

- The average BLIA Membership donation this year is \$65.00
- The BLIA photograph of Ballston Lake is back. The price is \$35.00 for an eleven by fourteen (11 x 14) photograph. Can order different sizes if desired.
- Judy noted that in her opinion BLIA Board Members should review the BLIA Treasury Books.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

Saratoga Sheriff's Patrol

Pete reported that two deputies from the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department were on the Lake on Sunday. Pete noted that he thanked them for coming, and they indicated that they would be back later in the summer.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

- I have completed 2 sampling sessions of water testing for fecal coliform bacteria on the lake. On June 21st 3 sites: at the narrows, adjacent to East Side Drive and at the south end of the lake had elevated bacteria levels. This was due to the excessive rains in June and the resultant runoff from septic systems in these areas. Bacteria testing on July 10th indicated that these elevated levels had dropped to below the 200 colonies per 100 ml level which is the NY DOH standard. On each date, I sampled 7 sites around the lake where streams enter the lake.
- On July 17 Ballston Lake water temp had risen to 80 degrees and an algae bloom developed. I sent water samples to DEC and the results indicated excessive levels of blue green algae. BLIA sent out an alert to people on our email list and DOH sent an alert to the Town of Ballston. The town posted an alert on their web site. I worked with the Town to develop an alert poster and had them posted at Villago, the public fishing pier, the Outlet Rd parking lot and at the small boat launch at the Outlet Road bridge. This algae bloom did not contain any toxic algae but DOH did warn people to avoid swimming in the bloom. By July 24th, rains cooled the lake and the algae bloom decreased.
- In June the Town of Ballston stated that it was working with Villago to install a porta potty at the boat ramp. To date this has not happened.
- In July I went out on the lake with a scientist from DEC to collect water samples to check if Spiny Water Flea was present on Ballston Lake. This study indicated that this invasive species is NOT present on Ballston Lake.
- On July 27th I attended a meeting of lake managers to discuss algae blooms. Present were representatives from Malta, Round Lake, Stillwater, Saratoga Lake, DEC, and DOH. All lakes in the area have had this problem this July and we discussed our role in keeping the public safe. We realized that nutrient levels in the lakes support this growth and blooms will happen if the water temp is high, and winds are calm.
- Bob Duncan and I plan to do some water sampling to evaluate phosphorous levels in the lake at the 25 to 45 foot deep locations. This study is to see if the phosphorous concentration increases with samples from deeper water samples.

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

Membership

Membership Level	Number of Members
Trustee \$100+	12
Steward \$100	39
Partner \$75	30
Friend \$40	97
Honorary	3
Reciprocal (Chamber + BHBL PBA)	2
Business	8
TOTAL	191

The committee will “target” those who have not renewed this year. All methods will be considered / utilized: N-to N Visits, USPS mail, telephoning, and emailing.

Social Media/Website

The provider suffered a corruption which has impacted the emailing feature of the site. E blasts have been taking a very long time to be delivered. It is being addressed. Nick Trotta has volunteered to be the “back up” e blaster.

Our Facebook page continues to be active, informative and popular.

Planned Events

- August 1 - Annual Picnic at Lakeside Farms at 6
- Oct. 1 - Historic Tour (Hand out)
- Oct. 3 - Board Meeting at Carney’s at 7
- Oct. 16 - Fall Fest (Event at Carney’s) Menu/Cost TBA

Volunteers are always welcome, encouraged, and appreciated! Welcome

Newsletter: Greg Adams

Information for the next Newsletter is needed by October 01 to support an October 15, 2017 Newsletter.

Old Business:

Sewer Committee Update: Drew Hamelink

- Sewer Project proceeding.
- Present plans are to locate the pump station in the Village across the street from Carney's.
- In some areas a "road cut" will be necessary due to the existence of both gas and water lines, i.e., needed to provide necessary separation.

Boating Safety Committee: John Gill

- High lake water level caused dock damage.
- Most high wake problems are being caused by lake residents.
- Sheriff's patrol was on the lake on Sunday. Other lakes have precedent but Sheriff Deputies indicated that they would be back.
- Communications (between lake residents) kept boats and jet skis off the lake during the Sheriff's presence.

Review of BLIA Bylaws

Nothing to report.

New Business

Ballston Lake Residents Use of Lake Water

Joanne DeVoe indicated that BLIA should know the number of residents who are drawing lake water for personnel use. Dave Pierce thought that Frank Shipp had previously determined that number. He agreed to look into the details.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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