

BALLSTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting, October 03, 2017

Next BLIA Board Meeting will be on Tuesday January 09, 2018 at 7:00 pm at:

Carney's Tavern
Main Street
Ballston Lake, New York

Meeting called to order by President Pete Herman at 7:03 pm.

Members and Guests present: Greg Adams, Bill Bashant, Suzanne Bishop, Judy Brodeur, Joanne DeVoe, Wes DeVoe, Dave Duglin, Pete Gaylord, John Gill, Pete Herman, Devon Manz, Ann Pierce, Dave Pierce, Nick Trotta, Gini Whetten, and Robert Wilson

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July 31, 2017 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Brodeur

Treasurer Judy Brodeur reported the following:

- BLIA is a little behind this year compared to last year with payment of dues.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to move \$5000 from the BLIA checking account to the BLIA savings account.
- Judy noted that she met with Joel Prescott. They discussed the fact that Judy is the only BLIA Board member getting mail and making deposits. Changes in responsibility will be recommended in the future.
- Judy indicated that funding will be needed for supplies, i.e., envelopes, etc.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Pete Herman

CSLAP Testing

Pete reported that CSLAP testing was complete. Pete also noted that there will be a slight increase in CSLAP fees for next year.

Lake Management Report: Dave Pierce

1. We received the preliminary CSLAP report from NYSFOLA for 2017. Lake clarity was more favorable in 2017 sometimes reaching 2 meters. Water temperatures were higher in 2017 in the north end but at normal levels in the south. Other reports were perceptions so are not verifiable.
2. The NYSFOLA meeting on May 4th and 5th in 2018 will be in Lake George so attending will be easy.
3. Bacteria testing at 7 sites on 8/2/17 resulted in counts of between 8 and 30 colonies/100ml. This is safely below the 200 colony limit.
4. September was dryer than normal, 2.57 in of rain opposed to 3.18 normally. However, we are still 5 inches higher for the year.
5. Lake level is the lowest now for the year. It has dropped 20 inches since July.
6. We are planning to purchase a chain and lock for the boat launch at Villago's so when the lake is high we can close the launch. We will have a rain proof sign made to hang on the chain.
7. We will work with the Town to finalize the plan to place a porta potty at Villago's.
8. We are looking into obtaining a grant to finalize the Lake Management Plan that has been in the works since Jan 2015.

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

Membership Level	Number of Members
* Trustee \$100+	12
* Steward \$100	42
* Partner \$75	28
Friend \$40	110
Honorary	4
* Reciprocal/PIK/Business	8
TOTAL	206

* Thank You notes sent.

NOTE: 25 members from 2016 DID NOT renew this year. 6 who were active in 2015 have not renewed for 2 years. That's a loss of 31. *WHY? A second dues mailing, in August,

included a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Those NOT renewing were asked to provide feed-back as to why they had made that decision- renewals arrived, but no responses.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR DRIVE

It was decided to “skip” this year and assess the impact. Observations:

Benefits of Neighbor-to-Neighbor Drive

- Personal contact
- Gain information about community residents- Who are new residents? Who has left?
- Share BLIA’s purpose/accomplishments
- Opportunity to answer questions
- Opportunity to hear concerns
- Demonstrates commitment
- Creates a “link” between the organization and the community

Problems of Neighbor-Neighbor Drive

- Lots of work for organizers
- Difficult to get volunteers
- Time consuming

It is the opinion of the Membership Committee Chair that the benefits of this event outweigh the drawbacks.

My experience tells me that the information gained from these informal conversations is vital to keeping BLIA relevant and learn *WHY people don’t renew. Since recruiting and keeping members is crucial to our association, I feel a need to resurrect it next year (MAY?) and will need lots of volunteers. (Tie it in with Clean Water Survey?)

Social Media/Website

Our website and FaceBook page continue to allow us to share information and stay connected with members and the community.

FaceBook is active and popular.

Like us on FaceBook Visit us at www.ballstonlake.mylaketown.com

Future Events

October 23rd, Monday – “Fall Fiesta” Carney’s 5:30 – 7:30 \$15 / individual \$25 / couple (Sign up tonight!)

Newsletter: Greg Adams

Greg indicated that October 01 was the deadline to support an October 15, 2017 Newsletter.

Old Business:

Lake Stewardship Committee: Nick Trotta

- Need volunteers.
- Would like to help in the control invasive species and work on improving the conditions at Villago's boat launch. Possibility of providing a gift certificate to volunteers.
- Nick spoke to Rob Rodbell at Union College about getting students to help. Rob indicated that it was not enough work to support college credit. Would work for efforts with the Lake Management Committee. Rob indicated that he would speak to the head of the environmental studies program at Union.
- Spoke with PRISM. There is a possibility of obtaining grants.

Boating Safety Committee: John Gill

- Sheriff Deputies were on the lake. All residents were not happy. They did not come again.
- Deputies gave out a number of citations based primarily for boats not meeting vessel safety check.
- When Sheriff's patrol was on the lake, the jet skis disappeared.
- Fewer boats are being seen pulling skis or tubes with no spotter in the boat.
- Generally, fewer minor infractions are occurring.
- Pete Herman noted that he will be conducting the boating safety course next year.

Sewer Committee Update: Pete Herman for Drew Hamelink

- Sewer Project proceeding.
- Will need 146 easements.
- On October 18, 2017, Ed Hernandez will provide easement details to the Town Board.
- Will have stations to get easements signed.
- For unsigned easements, emanate domain will be filed after 90 days.

- Town of Ballston is moving to purchase small lot across from Carney's. Site will house the pumping station.
- Saratoga County will take over the system when operative.
- Town of Ballston is looking at another sewer district for the Route 50 corridor.

Review of BLIA Bylaws: Wes DeVoe

- Wes noted that he has reviewed the Bylaws and forwarded the proposals to the BLIA Board Members.
- Will be requesting Board approval of the changes.

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. Joanne noted the next Newsletter will indicate that a BLIA committee is being formed.

New Business:

Outlet Road Signs

Joe Whalen said he would support signs on Outlet Road that address invasive species and the launching of jet skis.

Future BLIA Board Meeting Dates

Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold future BLIA Board Meetings on the following dates:

- January 09, 2018
- March 06, 2018
- May 01, 2018
- Annual Meeting June 19, 2018
- July 31, 2018
- September 11, 2018
- November 06, 2018

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Duglin

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