

Brantingham Community Association Directors & Officers Meeting
May 20, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Bowman, Bruce Buckingham, Pam Brewer, Bruce Buckingham, David Fisher, Karin Hennigan, Sue Lorenzini, Bob McQueen, Karen Murphy, Gail Roes, Stephen Widrick

Meeting called to order at 10:04 am

SECRETARY REPORT: Copies of the August 2022 BCA D.O. meeting minutes were distributed to members present.

Bob McQueen motion to accept the minutes as presented, Pam Brewer seconded the motion and the motion was so approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Gail Roes presents the profit and loss report for the previous year.

INCOME

Boat Washing Station Donations: \$2016.00

Fish Fund: \$3681.00 (money spent for this year's stocking

Primary Camp Dues: \$17910.00

Additional Camp Dues: \$690.00

Members, District 12: \$2130.00

Memorial Fund: \$880.00

Other Donations: \$904.00

Business Ad Income: \$60.00

TOTAL: 28,314.14

EXPENSE

Advertising/Publication: \$280.47

Bank Charges: \$127.35

Boat Parade Expenses: \$117.27

Boat Wash Depreciation: \$729.91

Boat Wash Operational Expenses: \$4,684.67
Computer & Internet: \$134.35
Dinner & Meeting Expense: \$38.00
Donations: \$100.00
Fish Fund Expenses: \$3869.35
Insurance Expense: \$3769.09
Lake Assn Dues & Water Quality: \$1145.00
Memorial Fund Expense: \$35.00
Office Expense: \$52.50
Post Office Box: \$66.00
Publication/Printing Expenses: \$689.01
Spraying Expense after BGC reimbursement: \$5955.12
TOTALEXPENSE: 21,972.39
NET ORDINARY INCOME: \$6521.75

Please see BCA Website for a more comprehensive report or email Gail Roes at bcatreasurer13@gmail.com

Gail Roes reports that member dues were down last year, but district 12 members brought the numbers up. However, their dues are dedicated to funding their aerial insect spray.

A member asked about district 12. President Widrick explained the geographical area involved for this new district which encompasses the area around the “historical” BCA district.

Gail Roes explained the continued effort to sell advertisements for the BCA directory. The exterior pages will be colored advertisements. The advertising options include full page (\$120), half page (\$60) and quarter page. Inside the director will include black and white advertisements. Local businesses that have purchased ads include Sherwood Properties, Brantingham Golf Course and Camp Aldersgate. Once businesses purchase their ad, their spot will be held until they decline to purchase another ad.

Gail reports that the biggest expenses remain Aerial Insect Spraying and the boat launch steward.

Karin Hennigan reports that it is difficult to find a boat launch steward when the hours for the position are limited. Carson, the same person as last, will begin after Memorial Day and finish on August 13th. Karin suggests that perhaps members would consider volunteering.

Gail reports that she has worked to increase the money in saving each year in the event of unanticipated expenses.

Gail reports that the Directors and Officers Liability insurance is due. Steve Widrick reports he will sign off on the contract. The cost for 2023 is \$3064

Bob McQueen motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Dave Fisher seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by voice vote.

AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING: Dave Fisher, committee chair, reports that there is a contract in place for 2023 with Duflo Spray Chemical for the "Historic BCA" area which increased by 3.5%. Mr. Fisher stated that the increase is reasonable.

Mr. Fisher asked what the BCA budgets for each season for aerial insect spraying. Gail Roes reported that BCA budgets for up to 5 sprays. The amount of sprays is weather dependent and averages 4 each year.

Mr. Fisher reminds members present that Jeff Duflo is educated and credentialed as an insect control expert and licensed pilot. Mr. Fisher is also an entomologist with aerial experience.

Mr. Fishers reports that Mr. Duflo has not yet begun to perform applications for the 2023 season.

Mr. Fishers informs the membership that black flies lay their eggs in moving water. The eggs become larvae and then pupae for the next season. Nothing we do at this point will change the number of black flies we will get this year. Males come first and don't bite. Females come to lay their eggs and they bite. The females are just starting to arrive.

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Duflo will be monitoring weather this week for proper conditions and then spray.

Black flies can travel up to 8-10 miles on a good breeze, spraying will kill the ones the insecticide hits, but the treatment does not prevent black flies from outside the spraying region to move in. Therefore, the spray will provide 24-48 hours of relief.

Peak activity for black flies occurs between 8:00 am - 11:00 am and 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Black flies must be treated in the daylight hours

Black Fly season is typically Mother's Day to Father's Day

Mr. Fisher states that he and Mr. Duflo will be using their expertise and education in the industry to make the best decisions as to timing of applications, considering the following

SAFETY:

EFFICACY: because it is an adulticide, it has to hit the insect. The spray will remain aerosolized for 4-6 hours. The dose is small and will not kill insects that are larger than black flies.

BUDGET: There have been suggestions to rotate product. There is no evidence collected as to efficacy, instead results are based on comfort level. Rotating product would increase costs.

Pam Brewer suggests that Mr. Fisher offer an information presentation at the BCA annual dinner meeting.

Bob McQueen states this is a hot topic among members.

Mr. Fisher reports that he is contemplating using traps to provide objective evidence of when a spray is necessary. He suggests that individuals on the lake be assigned to provide feedback on the conditions.

Gail Roes states that some people may be confused about what insects are actually black flies.

BOAT LAUNCH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: Mr. Widrick reports that a contract has been signed between BCA and Paul's Smith's Adirondack Watershed Institute program. The contract is for a total of 161 hours for a total of \$6440. This cost covers the hourly wage for the trained boat launch steward as well as administrative costs for Paul Smiths.

As before, the boat launch steward will be monitoring boats for invasive aquatic species on Fridays from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, Saturdays from 9 - 5:30 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

The steward will be starting the weekend after Memorial Day. Unfortunately, the steward's contract ends mid-August because of his college return date.

Please contact a BCA officer if you might be interested in filling the position through Labor Day.

WATER QUALITY TESTING: Water Quality Testing will continue this year though the Citizen Statewide Water Sampling Program (CSLAP). This program is directed by the New York State Federation of Lake Association (NYSFOLA). In the past, 8 samples have been collected from a 1.5 meter depth and the deepest part of the lake. This year,

4 samples will be sent between June and September. The CSLAP results for Brantingham Lake for 2022 were consistent with prior results. Any changes will alert the possibility of change in water quality for the lake.

FISH STOCKING: Fish stocking relies solely on donations for the program. Those who donate designate whether they would like fish stocked in Pleasant Lake or Brantingham Lake. Lake of Pines does not have a license for fish stocking. Fish were delivered in April. According to the BCA Newsletter, “250 12-14” rainbow trout and an allotment of fathead minnows were stocked into Brantingham Lake. The minnows are provided as a food source for our trout and other species residing in our lake. Pleasant Lake received 115 rainbow trout, a big increase from last year.”

LAKE BUOYS: Kent Martin reported to Gail Roes that buoys would be installed next weekend. Gail reported that installing and removing the buoys and hard work and that Kent could use some assistance. President Widrick stated he would send out an email requesting assistance.

NEWSLETTER: Gail reports that the 2023 BCA Newsletter has been completed and emailed to the membership. Gail thanked Kent Martin for his professional assembly of the newsletter. Gail also reported that the BCA membership form for this year has been updated.

ARTS COUNCIL: A number of concerts have been scheduled by the arts council.

Saturday Old Tyme Country Fair

July 1st: Camp Aldersgate 10am-3pm, Old Tyme Country Fair

July 22nd: Saturday Infinity, lake concert, (White’s dock) 2:00-5:00pm

August 6th: Music on the Lily Pond (LaBarge Dock) 12pm-3pm, Sunday Connecticut Casual

August 19th, Superhero, Pleasant Lake (Dock TBD) 2pm-5pm

September 3rd, Quatro, Camp Aldersgate Fellowship Hall 7:00-9:00 pm

Bruce Buckingham states that he has received feedback from members that lake concerts only benefit lake owners as it is very difficult to access the lake.

LOON-FRIENDLY LAKE CERTIFICATION: Karin Hennigan reports that there are 3 loons currently on the lake this year. Karin reports no evidence of nesting. She has been in contact with the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation this year in

anticipation of a nesting couple on the lake. Karin reports she will prepare information to present at the BCA Annual Dinner Meeting.

BCA BOATING & PERSONAL WATERCRAFT COURSE: Wednesday, June 28th and Thursday, June 29th from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Sacketts Technical Center in Glenfield, NY. Must attend both dates and pass an exam.

BCA ANNUAL DINNER MEETING: Meeting will be held July 8th at the Brantingham Golf Course. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 pm, BCA meeting at 5:45 pm and dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. President Widrick reports that the President and Treasurer positions will be up for re-election.

Bob McQueen suggests that any new officers should be required to shadow the position for a season for taking over.

BCA TABLE: Gail Roes requests volunteers to man the BCA table at the Old Tyme Country Fair.

Bob McQueen motioned that the meeting should be adjourned. Pam Brewer seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy

BCA Secretary