

BCA Directors and Officers Meeting – August 14, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Fran & Roger Abbey, Pam Brewer, Karin Hennigan, Bob Hindman, Sue Lorenzini, Kent Martin, Diane Miller, Karen Murphy, Polly Peterson, Gail Roes, Mary Lynn Schmandt, Stephen Widrick

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Gail Roes

Gail Roes introduced Diane Miller who will be replacing Karl and Pat Keiffer as an area director

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes to the previous BCA D.O. meeting are posted online. Copies were available at the meeting. **Mr. Widrick motioned to approved the minutes as presented. Sue Lorenzini seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

In reference to the prior meeting, Mr. Widrick asks why the mentioned concrete buttons had not been installed at the boat launch. Mr. Hindman responds that the town is awaiting an additional survey of the boat launch as the stakes from a prior survey were removed.

AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING: Gail Roes mentioned that for the first time in many years, Mr. Duflo of Duflo Chemical Spray was asked to provide a 4th spray after numerous complaints from the membership that the insects were “bad”. Duflo provided a spray on August 5th. Roger Abbey reported that Mr. Duflo stated this later spray may serve to lessen hatchings in the spring.

BOAT LAUNCH STEWARD: Karen Murphy reports that Phil Stark received an email from Paul Smith's Adirondack Watershed Institute program that the person hired to work the boat launch for the summer had called him and quit.

Mr. Widrick reports that he heard he was dealing with uncooperative boaters.

Karen Murphy suggests that perhaps we should provide more oversight next year and provide more education about the program.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Please see report online. Gail Reports that our fear that we would lose membership with the increase in dues and has proven to NOT be true. Dues collected in 2020 totaled \$19030.

Income this year is currently at \$24,325.00

Expenditures include:

PayPal: \$134 (BCA is charged a percentage of donation to recover costs of service)

Boat Parade: \$63

Buoys: \$440 (includes the cost of a new buoy)

Insurance \$3857.01
Water Quality Testing \$1045.00
Printing: \$584.46
Spraying cost after reimbursement from BGC: \$5649.68

NET EXPENSE: \$22,909.61

Roger Abbey reminds the membership that the Arts Council is part of the BCA, but the money is held and accounted for separately. Several Kudos were offered about the wonderful work the Arts Council and the entertainment that have brought to Brantingham

Fran Abbey motioned to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Kent Martin seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.

WATER QUALITY TESTING

Karen Murphy reported on behalf of Chris Murphy regarding the Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) Chris Murphy will be collecting his 6th sample and measurement tomorrow on Sunday, August 15th. The last 2 collections will occur in September. Pleasant Lake and Lake of the Pines are tested as part of the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program (ALAP)

Diane Miller reports that Deputy Sheriff Mike Leviker informed her that Lake Bonaparte has reportedly been infected with Zebra Mussels.

Polly Peterson states that Brantingham Lake has a lower calcium level and does not provide an environment that would support the establishment of Zebra Mussels.

Roger Abbey reports that Pleasant Lake still remains low although the level has improved since the beginning of the season

BCA WEBSITE: Kent Martin has offered to take responsibility for the current BCA website. He will speak to Phil Stark about transferring control.

AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING CONTRACT: In the absence of a BCA President, Gail Roes reports that Dave Fisher has offered to manage the contract with Duflo Chemical Spray. Mr. Fisher is an entomologist. **Polly Peterson motioned to approve Mr. Fisher to manage the Duflo contract. Karin Hennigan seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

PAUL SMITH'S ADIRONDACK WATERSHED INSTITUTE (AWI) CONTRACT: Gail Roes reports that Karin Hennigan has offered to manage the annual AWI contract. This contract provides a trained boat launch steward to monitor the Brantingham Boat Launch. The AWI program pays the steward and provides some oversight and resources to the steward. The BCA pays Paul Smith's AWI program for the cost of the steward.

Gail suggested that we label this as a committee position and therefore placement does not require a vote.

Sue Lorenzini suggests the boat washing station be moved to the "campground" for the location and management of the equipment

Kent Martin stated the equipment needs to be in a more visual location.

A member reported that the Trailside may have been purchased.

Stephen Widrick reports that the equipment is currently located at the Trailside and the new "wand" has been secured at boat wash station.

Several members suggested that Campgrounds could be a good location as it could allow vehicles with trailers to pull in and out easily

Kent Martin states the Town of Greig DPW has already created signs that state "BOAT WASH 500 FEET" but are awaiting instruction on a location for placement.

Polly Peterson suggests that additional training be provided on the use of the boat washing station.

Mr. Widrick suggests that we wash boats at the end of the season to practice using the station and perhaps request a donation as a fundraiser. This would also serve to empty the water tank on the boat washing equipment.

BOAT LAUNCH SIGN UPDATE: Kent Martin reports that the current sign at the boat launch is inaccurate. Mr. Martin has found a company that can make a sign using an aluminum corrugated sign that can be mounted over the existing sign. The company does not offer brown signs. The sign will be dark green with yellow printing. At this point, he is waiting for correct language and information for the sign so it can be completed. The estimate for cost is \$400.

Karen Murphy suggested the Lewis County Sheriff's Department and Supervisor Patterson would be good resources for accurate information

Diane Miller states she can provide assistance with information.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE PURCHASE FOR MARINE ONE: Mike Leviker requests the BCA purchase a second personal flotation device. This PFD is designed for law enforcement and will inflate when the wearer falls in water. Marine West in Watertown, NY quoted Deputy Sheriff Leviker \$290.00 for the device.



Stephen Widrick motions to approve the purchase of the personal flotation device. Polly Peterson seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.

NYS SAFE BOATING COURSE: Karen Murphy reports that the Lewis County Sheriff's Office has cancelled next weeks scheduled New York State Boating Safety Course due to low registration. A new course will be scheduled for next June.

Mr. Widrick reports that as of 2025, all person operating a watercraft must have evidence of successful completion of a boating safety course.

BCA SHIRTS: Karen Murphy states she spoke to Kelly Kovach about creating BCA t-shirts and stickers. No members present voiced concern regarding the idea.

POSSIBLE DISTRICT #12: The membership voted to consider this new district at the July BCA Annual Dinner Meeting. Mr. Abbey presented a map that represents the geographic boundaries of the proposed district.

This district includes North-South Road from corner of Pleasant Valley and North South Road up to Brantingham Road intersection. (Greater Pleasant Valley Rd and Deer Run Roads Not Included)

Partridgeville Road from Pine Tree Restaurant to and including Partridgeville Rd. Extension to the end of the pavement, and from Partridgeville Rd to adjoining Long Point Road to Kovach Repair.

Middle Road down to and including Rugby Road. (Hill Road is not included)

Brantingham Road from and including Linda Place to Pine Tree.

Mr. Abbey reports this district would double the geographic area for aerial insect spraying. Therefore, at least 140 property owners would need to pay BCA dues to generate enough money to cover the additional cost of the insect spraying for District #12. Mr. Abbey reports that Tom Gunn has already agreed to be the area director.

Bob Hinman suggested that District 12 be formed, in and of itself. Mr. Abbey stated that creating the district would fall under the mission of Brantingham Community Association which an inclusive community organization. Bob stated once the district was created, it is up to the district area director to come up with enough members to pay for the spraying. Mr. Abbey motioned for a vote to approve the district. The board felt it better to get approval by the general vote of the membership.

In the past, several members felt that there should be no vote until more information is gathered regarding number of properties and if the minimum number of memberships can be collected to cover the cost for spraying the area. Mr. Hinman suggested the district could be created regardless of the number of property owners, which appeared to be the consensus of those present. The issue of spraying would remain a secondary issue dependent on amount of memberships collected.

Several members present suggested that the motion should be presented to the entire BCA membership as there were members who voiced concern over the idea at the BCA Annual Meeting in July.

Members asked if the BCA by-laws required the vote go to the BCA general membership. Duflo Chemical Spray has estimated \$4300 to cover that area.

A motion was set forth: Subject to a general membership vote, the BCA board of directors moves to create District #12. The boundaries to be as follows; North-South Road from Mallettes (on corner of Pleasant Valley and North South Road) up to Brantingham Road intersection. (Greater Pleasant Valley Rd and Deer Run Roads Not Included)

Partridgeville Road from Pine Tree Restaurant to and including Partridgeville Rd. Extension to the end of the pavement, and from Partridgeville Rd to adjoining Long Point Road to Kovach Repair.

Middle Road down to and including Rugby Road. (Hill Road is not included)

Brantingham Road from and including Linda Place to Pine Tree.

As a second point. District 12 will not be included in the Duflo any spraying Contracted area unless until there are enough dues paying property owners in District 12 to pay membership dues to offset the cost of each individual spray. for District #12,

The motioned was presented by Bob Hindman and seconded by Steve Widrick. The motion was so approved by a voice vote.

Mr. Abbey reports that this motion will allow Mr. Gunn to begin to work towards achieving the required membership for District #12.

BCA PRESIDENT VACANCY: Gail Roes reports that the BCA is still without a president. No members present indicated an interested in taking on the role of president. Steve Widrick stated he would agree to facilitate the BCA meetings. Diane Miller stated she would agree to create the annual BCA newsletter.

Sue Lorenzini agreed to take charge of the Directors and Officers Insurance Contract.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy
BCA Secretary