

BRANTINGHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS & OFFICERS MEETING
May 14, 2022

Officers in attendance: Sue Lorenzini, Karen Murphy, Gail Roes

Directors in attendance: Pam Brewer, Tom Gunn, Karin Hennigan, Diane Miller, Polly Peterson, Mary Lynn Schmandt, Gary White

Committee Leaders in attendance: John and Mary Dixon, David Fisher, Karin Hennigan

Members in attendance: Dave Adamsen, John Droz, Marie Duink, Bob Johanson, Ward Jones, Carol Kunkle, Katrina Looby, Pat Loucks, Robert Hindman, Martha Jenkins, Robert Johnson, Bill Lamb, Mary Lee O'Brien, Lisa Rizzo, Stephen Widrick, Whitelock

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm

BCA PRESIDENT POSITION OPEN: Karen Murphy reminds those present that the position of BCA president remains open.

TREASURERS REPORT: Please see full report posted on the BCA website.
Gail Roes reports for the year 2021:

INCOME

Boat Washing Station Donations: \$2003.00
Fish Fund Donations: \$3925.00
Member Dues – Primary Camp: 18,090.00
Member Dues – Add'l Camp: \$600.00
Member Dues – Business/Associate: \$200.00
Total Income: \$26,010.88

Total Expenses:

\$21,480.71
Includes Aerial Insect Spraying Fish Fund, Insurance, Water Quality Testing, Publications, Boat Launch Steward, NYS Lake Association Dues, etc.
Net Income minus "other expenses": \$2882.78

Diane Miller asked for clarification on Arts Council. Gail Roes explained that this money is controlled by the Arts Council and is separate from BCA.

Mary Dixon, from Arts Council, explained that money currently in the account will be used to pay the upfront costs of the many events this summer.

Polly Peterson motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Sue Lorenzini seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a raised-hand vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for the prior meetings are posted online at all times. Members were reminded to review the minutes.

Dave Fisher motioned to approved the minutes as presented. Stephen Widrick seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a raised-hand vote.

AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING: David Fisher reports that the Duflo Spray Chemical contract reflects a 5% increase in cost. This was expected, especially with the increase in the cost of fuel. The contract is for 3-4 sprays and a 5th spray if deemed necessary. Mr. Fisher reports that in the past year, the first spray has been applied before the Memorial Day weekend. Because of strict weather requirements, an exact day cannot be planned.

Diane Miller asks how many sprays typically occur each season.

Gail Roes reports that we typically request 3 sprays. Last year, we had 4 sprays.

DISTRICT #12/AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING: Mr. Gunn introduced himself to the membership. Mr. Gunn has a long history of BCA, community, and local government involvement. Along with his current role at the Town of Greig, Mr. Gunn will also be the District #12 area director.

Mr. Gunn reports that using AIS technology, he is able to estimate an approximate 180 properties adjacent to the roads identified in Area #12. He further estimates that 130 of the properties are active. Mr. Gunn reports that he has formulated a letter that he would like to send out these identified properties to solicit their membership to the BCA. Mr. Gunn feels confident that at least 60 property owners will respond.

Dave Fisher addresses the issue of spraying District #12 for the 2022 season by first reminding of the motion for the district:

The motion is as follows: "Subject to a general membership vote, the BCA board of directors moves to create District #12. The boundaries are as follows; North-South Road from the 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." as it has been with Districts 1-11," **District 12 will not**

be included in the Duflo aerial insect spraying area unless, until there are enough paid memberships among the property owners to offset the cost of each individual spray. In the 2022 contract, District 12 will be listed as a separate line item for spraying, contingent upon funds available before any and/or each spray. Such to remain until there is membership substantial enough to support an entire aerial spraying program.”

Based on the motion, the area for District #12 will not be included in the aerial insect spraying until they have solicited enough money to cover the cost.

Tom Gunn reports that he has spoken with Mr. Duflo and he plans to fly the district to determine a hard quote. The current estimate is approximately \$1500 per spray.

Mr. Fisher explains to the membership that the larger spray area will benefit districts 1-11 because “the bigger the area, the more effective the treatment.”

Stephen Widrick reports that District 12 would need 75 members to pay for 3 sprays annually. 60 members will cover 2 applications.

Pat Loucks asks for clarification on cost for just the original districts and district 12. Gail Roes reports the cost for the 2021 season was \$6800.

Pat Loucks states it is an interesting comparison that District #12 by itself is as large as all of the other districts together.

Karen Murphy reports that the motion for District #12 was posted online last November and received 117 votes. 78% of the votes were in favor of the motion. Karen Murphy states she believes Mr. Gunn should begin solicitation of new members.

Diane Miller asks if Linda Place is within the new district and Mr. Gunn responded, “yes”.

Mr. Widrick suggested that the membership drive letter should include a deadline for response to ensure enough membership prior to the July 4th aerial insect spraying.

BOAT LAUNCH STEWARD:

Karin Hennigan reports that the AWI contract has been signed and returned after a requested revision regarding boat decontamination training. Total cost for the season will be \$7680. The steward will begin on May 20th and end on September 4th.

According to the contract:

“The Paul Smith’s College Adirondack Watershed Institute will provide one Watercraft Inspection Steward at the Brantingham boat launch on Fridays from 3-

7pm, Saturdays from 9am-5:30pm, and Sundays from 9am-12pm to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The steward will be trained to inspect and decontaminate boats and will facilitate boat washing at the Association-owned decontamination station as necessary.”

Karen Murphy reports that last years boat launch steward left the position early. It was reported that he was dealing with difficult boat owners. Karen suggests that more support and oversight will be necessary to ensure an effective program and encourage an educational component. Karen also reminded the membership that last years steward was not given a chair, table or any type of shelter through Paul Smith’s.

BOAT WASHING STATION: Gary White reports that the station was kept in cold storage at the Town of Greig storage buildings. The equipment was winterized and will need to be prepped for the season. Mr. White reports that he no longer has his truck and will need assistance moving it to the lake area.

Karen Murphy reports that she has been in contact with the AWI Director regarding boat decontamination training for board members. Will report to him how many are interested in training.

Mr. Widrick asks how many boats can be washed with a full reservoir of water.

Mr. White stated that the water storage contains approximately 200 gallons of water and is filled by Mr. Kogut in Greig, NY. Boat decontamination for an average boat on the lake would require approximately 10 gallons of water and therefore 20 boats could be decontaminated.

Doug Hunt reports that he has a truck with a hitch and would be happy to assist in the transporting the station.

Diane Miller asks where the station will be located. Mr. White responded that the station will be placed at the former Trailside parking lot until advised otherwise.

Mr. Widrick suggested a community boat wash to make some money and gain some experience with the boat washing station.

Mr. White suggested included the boat launch steward be included and recommended Friday May 27th and Saturday May 28th

Gail Roes suggested limiting to a single day.

Mr. Widrick stated he would volunteer to assist.

Suggest date and time is Saturday May 28th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, up to 20 boats, depending on the size of the boat.

RENTER EDUCATION: After a discussion on promoting respectful behavior on the lake, it was recommended that educational materials be developed and landlords encouraged to disburse to their renters.

Diane Miller suggested that area directors should be knowledgeable about which camps are being rented.

Sue Lorenzini reports a document that has been used in the past. Sue will share a copy of this document.

LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Gail Roes reports that the liability insurance related to the buoys was just paid. The bill was \$3065.00. Directors and Officers Insurance will be due on 1 month.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:

Gail Roes reports that the Brantingham Golf Course is available both Saturday, July 2nd and Saturday July 9th. A number of comments were made in favor of the latter date because of conflicts with July 2nd. Mrs. Roes reported a slight increase in the cost of the dinner and anticipates \$20 or more per dinner.

Gail Roes suggested the same format as the prior in-person annual BCA meeting with the meeting portion first, followed by dinner.

Diane Miller responded to the idea of a hybrid meeting with a reminder that the Wi-Fi service at the golf club is poor and may not be possible.

Karen Murphy asks members present to raise their hand if they are interested in returning to an in-person dinner in lieu of the virtual annual BCA meetings that occurred the past 2 summers. Approximately 1/3 -1/2 of members presented voted in favor of an in-person instruction.

Sue Lorenzini suggested that cocktail hour be from 5:00 pm, the meeting from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, and dinner at 7:00 pm

BCA WEBSITE: Karen Murphy reports that the website needs to be updated and asks directors and officers if they are okay with both their email address and phone number listed on the website. All presented indicated they were agreeable to having their contact information posted.

ARTS COUNCIL: Mary Dixon reminds members that the Arts Council keeps a heavy balance to pay ahead of events. Mrs. Dixon reports that the Brantingham Arts Council received a 3000.00 grant from the St. Lawrence Arts Council. Planned events for the summer include the craft fair, 3 music events, Mystery Dinner Theatre, 5K Walk/Run, Artisan Fair, Crafting classes.

WATER QUALITY TESTING: Karen Murphy reports that Chris Murphy was unavailable for the meeting. Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) has reported that testing supplies will be arriving late as they lost the UPS contract and need to ship with FEDEX.

FISH STOCKING: Karen Murphy reports that fish have been stocked in both Pleasant and Brantingham Lake using the funds donated specifically for fish stocking.

ADIRONACK CENTER LOON CONSERVATION:

Karen Hennigan reports that the BCA reached out to the ACLC after the loons had an unsuccessful attempt at raising a chick last year. The BCA elected to participate in the Lake Loon Certification Program. This program requires the following: the placement of signage, installation of a receptacle to collect used fishing line, disbursement of educational brochures and several lake clean-ups. The ACLC will assess our loon pair's nesting situation and determine if we would benefit from a loon raft or buoys and signage to keep boat aware and away from the nest.

BCA COVERAGE FOR CRAFT FAIR:

Polly Peterson: 11:00 am

LEWIS COUNTY BOATING & PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY COURSE:

Polly Peterson shares information about the class.

TIME: June 27th AND June 28th, 4:45 pm – 9:00 pm (Must attend both classes)

LOCATION: Glenfield BOCES, 5836 State Route 12, Glenfield, NY

To operate a Personal Watercraft, you have to be at least 14 years old and a safety certification.

Registrants must be 10 years of age by June 27, 2022

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

<https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/182007>

Need assistance: Cornell Cooperative Extension: 315.376.5270 or email Mike Leviker at tugmike704@hotmail.com

Brianna's Law

If you were born on or after:	You will need a boating safety certificate when operating motorized vessel in :
January 1, 1993	2020
January 1, 1988	2022
January 1, 1983	2023
January 1, 1978	2024

All operator of motorized vessels, regardless of age will need a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025

POST OFFICE: Members expressed frustration over the loss of the Brantingham Post Office.

Member reported that the Glenfield is keeping their window open all day and closing at 4:45 pm. Currently, those you have a P.O. Box must go to the window and request their mail. Mr. Widrick reported the Glenfield Post Office is planning to add post office boxes to their facility to accommodate Brantingham patrons.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy
BCA Secretary