

Lake Bel Air Property Owners Association

Board of Directors

North Adams Library

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

Present: Karl-R. Hermann, Pres., Terry Skelley, Vice Pres., Lynnea Bendixen, Sec., Linda Snoes, Treas., Patricia Giese, Director, Sue Rausch, Director, (via phone).

Guest: Duane Chase

Quorum established.

6:26 pm: Meeting called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Secretary:

18-01 Voted to approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 meeting.

Treasurer:

18-02 Voted to accept the treasure's report as follows:

Bank Checking Account -\$3,758.54

Bank Savings Account - \$35,211.27

- The treasurer has registered Lake Bel Air papers of incorporation as a 501C3 organization. Also presented was a sample letter of explanation and invoice that will be sent to property owners with second, third and split lots regarding the over-charges of the past three years. These property owners will be receiving a credit on their 2018 invoice. The 2018 assessment invoices have been mailed.

18-03 Voted to renew the web-site which operates through a "Go Daddy" domain, aided by "Word Press".

Committee Reports:

Website:

- Explanation of annual costs, the "Go Daddy" bill paid.
- The idea of web security and a draft proposal will be presented in the future regarding the idea for Board members having an Association e-mail address and take into consideration data continuity and care.

Weed Control:

- The new PLM contract for 5 years is signed and returned. The Lake Depth Study/Mapping report from PLM has been received. Information has been distributed to all Association members who have e-mail addresses. The latest Water Quality report is in.

Dam:

- Concern about the thickness of the ice around the dam restricting water flow created the need to have the County Drain Commissioner inspect the dam. The Commissioner inspected and loosened ice behind the boards so as to enable proper overflow of water.
- It was reported that the company who will be moving the rocks from the boat landing out to the island will be working that project with 4-wheelers pulling small wagons and most likely will be getting to it on January 18 & 19.

Sediment Reduction:

- The contract, along with documentation of past lake history to the Spicer Group, has been mailed. Three individuals are working with DNR opportunities in regards to the "Aquatic Habitat Program". There may be grant money available to assist with the different clean up options.

Newsletter:

- A winter newsletter was sent out just before Christmas. A Spring Newsletter is in the works.

Lake Directory:

- The Directory is up to date as of January 2018. The next update will be in June.

Island Restoration/Lake Programs:

- Individuals are working with contractor Kyle Bastein on getting the rocks out to the island. Ice thickness is building up and chances are the rocks will be able to be moved this winter. Labor costs are being estimated at \$1,000.00 plus cost of small wagons. The portion of the project that requires the soil getting out to the island after the rocks are in place has been tabled. Approximate cost for the soil is \$760.00.

Social Events:

- As was reported in the Christmas newsletter, the *Christmas Box* delivery was successfully completed. Next year we may plan to co-ordinate with the school as we have in the past but also check with a local church.

Unfinished Business:

- We had a brief discussion regarding publishing Board decisions and regulations. We will now be posting the minutes to the web-site in their shortened form with numbered motions. Important decisions can also be added to the Regulations booklet.
- As was suggested earlier, the Board needs to keep considering a financial plan for unexpected expenses or upcoming capital improvements.

New Business:

1. The new format created for Board meeting minutes will be posted to the web-site.
2. The 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes will be completed for the next meeting.
3. Bel-Air Lake falls in the purview of the St. Joseph watershed. The US Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Services does have a program that offers grant money for certain types of projects. Does the Board want to pursue this?

Association Members Open Forum:

- Duane Chase, representative on the Adams Township Board, informed the Board that this spring or summer the Township Road Commission will be re-sealing North Lake Pleasant Road from as far down as Bacon Road.
- Our next board meeting will be the third Tuesday in February, 6:00p.m. Feb. 20 at the North Adams Library.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnea Bendixen