



Birch Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2020

Board Members; XX = Present							
XX	Paul Blomgren - President	XX	Tim Funkmeyer – Asst. Treasurer	XX	Steve Hanneman - Secretary		Denny Harnstrom - Director
XX	Sue Holthaus - Director	XX	Shirley Johnson - Treasurer	XX	Mary Knautz - Director	XX	Gary Krimmel - Director
XX	Mark Larison - Director	XX	Jim Madland - Director	XX	Betty Martin - Director	XX	Gary Martin – Vice President
XX	Jackie Schumacher - Director	XX	Rick Zaske - Director				

Call to Order: President Paul Blomgren

Secretary's Report: Steve Hanneman

- 6/13/2020 Board Meeting Minutes - Prepared by Steve Hanneman (Secretary)
- Made two revisions: 1) Clarified that lit buoys cost approximately \$440 each; 2) Removed references to the Highway 371 project that carried over from the 5/09/2020 Board Meeting Minutes by mistake.
- Revised Board Meeting Minutes approved - M/S/P – Rick / Jim

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Johnson

- Effective immediately, Tim Funkmeyer will serve as Treasurer.
- Paul and Shirley will remain as check signors. Tim will not be a check signor to create segregation of duties.
- Recommended using the Memorial Garden designated funds balance of \$3,385.35 towards the Memorial Garden project.
- 7/16/2020 Treasurer's Report approved – M/S/P – Jackie / Rick

OLD / ONGOING BUSINESS:

Memorial Garden:

- The garden looks terrific.
- Landsburg performed work in July. Additional volunteers helped keep the cost down.
- Plants are guaranteed for the season. Trees are guaranteed for expected lifetime.
- Sprinkler adjustments will be performed later.
- Some items, like rocks, were added that were not part of the plan at no additional cost.
- Paul is holding a bench at his place that can be moved to the garden.
- Agline product was used for the path. It becomes hardened as people walk on it. Portions washed away in recent heavy rains and will be corrected within the next week.

Boat Parade:

- The parade has fallen into a pattern. Good feedback has been received.
- 45 boats were counted.
- The *Lake County Journal* is writing an article on local boat parades. It is slated to be published June 2021. Jackie sent them several pictures of BLA's boat parade.
- Jackie took drone footage of the boat parade – the video quality was very good.

Annual Meeting:

- Virtual Facebook meeting (due to Covid-19) scheduled for Saturday, July 25 at 9:00a
- Paul, Mark and Tim will moderate from Paul's place in Hackensack.
- Facebook invitations will be sent by Tuesday, July 21.
- Postcard notices will be printed and mailed next week.
- Questions will be solicited in advance and given to Paul prior to the meeting.
- Decided to skip door prizes this year due to Covid-19 related logistical challenges.
- Paul will take questions in person in the City Park from 11:00a – 11:30a, also on Saturday, July 25. Proper social distancing will be required.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):

- AIS Survey completed in Birch Lake July 13 by Mark and Susan Larison.
- NO evidence of AIS plants or zebra mussels was found.
- Starry Trek – an event sponsored by Cass County will be demonstrated on Birch Lake on August 15. Several AIS will be searched for and they will go to several area lakes.

Up the Creek Program (organic and water sensitive farming):

- The program is completely sold out this year.
- A lake association in the Gull Lake area is going to do a pilot. Mark will monitor to help determine if this would be a good fit for the BLA in the future.

Lake Management:

- The University of Minnesota will be performing a study on the impact of wake boats in the context of shoreline erosion created by wakes and impact of motor propulsion on native lake vegetation. The study will cost about \$100,000 which will be privately funded. Approximately 1/3 has been raised so far.
- There is no existing data to show for wake boat impacts.
- A lake etiquette article will be put in the spring 2021 newsletter.
- Fish and loons are negatively impacted by lead. Use lead free tackle.

Buoys:

- A ball buoy is missing. No one has seen it.
- It would be OK to take one ball buoy from the South Bay if needed since there is vegetation there now making shallow water easier to see.

NEW BUSINESS:

August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021 Budget

- A draft budget was presented by Tim and Shirley.
- After discussion and recommended adjustments, a budget resulting in net income of \$6,365 was approved. The budget will be presented at the annual meeting. M/S/P – Sue / Gary K.

Next **virtual** Annual Meeting Date / Time: **Saturday, July 23, 2020 at 9:00a**

Next **virtual** Board Meeting Date / Time: **Saturday, September 12, 9:00a** (meeting in August this year is not needed since the Chainsaw Event has been cancelled)

Meeting adjourned by Paul

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Hanneman - Secretary