

BDLIA
Board of Directors
Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Participants: Bill F, Bill B, Nancy S, Dick E, Pete H, Wes N, Randy S, Mark W and Joel W. Excused: Mike G and Russ W

Minutes

The January minutes were approved.

Financials

The January 31, 2016 financial reports were approved.

The final report on DNR grant 1555-14 was reviewed and approved.

The board was advised that three of the 5 payments for the 2015 Healthy Lakes Grants had been paid to participants.

The board agreed to continue to research the idea of participating in the Chamber's semi-annual Sporting Goods flea market.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

- Bill F touched on following items from the LCC meetings
 - The land preservation program is underutilized in the county
 - He attended a nutrient training session
 - The county will support the state-wide water resolution
 - There was a major manure spill in Grant County
- BDLIA will purchase and keep at the office 3 well testing kits for convenience of members to come in and purchase
- The board passed by vote of 10 to 0 a resolution encouraging the Town of Westford to adopt the Farmland Preservation Program in Westford Township
 - It will be presented at a Town meeting on Monday, March 7 and supported by BDLIA board members in attendance
- Bill F from BDLIA, Julie from Fox Lake and Ruth from Sinnissippi agreed that DCLG should continue and will arrange a meeting to help this April
- Bill F and Wes will meet with Russ Warren to discuss his continuing on the Board of Directors

Buildings and Property

Chair Pete H reported all is OK at the storage shed

Membership

Membership as of this date is 332, up 1 from last month.

The board was encouraged to bring in one new member application at the April meeting.

The membership committee is planning a door-to-door membership campaign in 4 neighborhoods in April.

Fish Program Committee

- Board members were mailed the Fish Program meeting minutes, discussion followed
 - It was agreed to produce a small survey regarding what is the favorite species of fish in Beaver Dam Lake and what fish they would like to see more of in the Lake. This survey will be placed on the tables at the banquet and a prize will be awarded to the survey that is selected
 - The committee will look at the fish regulations and if they feel necessary will bounce some ideas off people in the community to see if there is a consensus for some changes

Lake Management Committee

Bill F updated the board on actions regarding the LMP. He stated that our planning grant submitted in December was denied. Some of his points were:

- The panel reviewing the grant was out of the area and not familiar with our lake
- They questioned if our LMP was approved
- The plan did not identify progress
- They felt the priorities were not properly listed
- Also several other points including items on lake drawdown, dredging and our carp harvest evaluation

In addition, our implementation grant was not submitted after concerns expressed by Susan Graham from the DNR

The committee will meet with DNR water specialist Travis Schroeder and Columbia County's Curt Caulkins to get more input from these sources. In addition, the committee will meet with consultants Rob Montgomery and Tim Hoyman for advice on going forward, addressing and getting answers to points brought up in the denied grant.

Four Healthy Lakes Initiative projects have tentatively been approved for BDLIA grants by the DNR for 2016.

The no wake buoys were discussed as to maintenance and placement this spring. Dale Maas will be contacted and a report will be made to board in April.

Information and Education

The newsletter and anniversary insert have been mailed to members.

Website is going through a transition and as soon as we can the newsletter will be placed on the website.

Special Events

The board was advised that the banquet committee was on schedule to deliver a great 20th Anniversary banquet for BDLIA.

The major set up day will be Monday, March 28 from 8:00 am until we are complete. The following board members volunteered to work on Monday, March 28:

- Dick E
- Nancy S
- Pete H (if in town)
- Mark W
- Joel W
- Bill B
- Bill F (not until noon as LCC meeting in the morning)

The dedication of the kayak dock and launch will be on Thursday, May 19 at Waterworks Park.

Fish 'n Fun

Nancy S reported that the committee met recently to do initial planning. She is attempting to get the DNR to provide us the fish tank, Smokey Bear and DNR staff to teach boat safety. Laura Stremick-Thompson will be the introductory speaker.

Anniversary Fishing Tournament May 14

The Fish Program Committee will be meeting on March 9 to plan this event.

The Great Beaver Paddle Festival

The initial draft of the brochure to market this big lake event was shown to the board. Major marketing will take place March 10-12 at Canoecopia in Madison.

175th Anniversary Parade

Beaver Dam will have a major parade on Saturday, July 16. The board discussed its participation in this event.

Chamber Business after Hours June 15

BDLIA and the Beaverland Must-Skis will host the event to bring the Chamber and its members up to date on BDLIA and Must-Skis at this event at Tahoe Park. Joel W is assisting in the planning for this event.

Solicitation Campaign

The following highlights of the campaign were given

- 7 weeks into a 10 week campaign
- 151 of the 303 solicitation sheets have been returned
- We have collected \$22,529 in cash and merchandise of the \$40,000 goal

There is no March board meeting because of the banquet. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Meeting adjourned