

BDLIA
Board of Directors
Minutes
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

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

Guests: Thane Lyons introduced himself to the board and announced that the Conservationists Club had secured the DNR OK to shoot Cormorants.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Financial Reports:

The January and February financial reports were approved.

A summary report on launch fee income along with a summary financial report on this year's banquet were given to board members and reviewed.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

- Bill F gave the following up date regarding LCC items:
 - Manure spill on shores of Fox Lake with no punitive action to date
 - The Farmland Preservation matter will be on the ballot in Westford Township this November. Lakeshore members were encourage to vote in favor of the measure
 - CREP program users will be expiring soon
- Bill B reported that the nonpoint task force would not be meeting until after the crops had been planted. Too busy a time for farm members to attend
- Bill F reported that the DCLG may meet this June
- After a brief discussion on the development of a Lake District for Beaver Dam Lake the board approved by consensus that the executive committee move forward with some preliminary research

Buildings and Property Committee

The board was advised that Doug Sackett expressed an interest in buying a 250 gallon stainless steel fish tank. Bill B was instructed to get an offer from Doug

Membership Committee

- The membership count as of this date is 367
 - The increase from end of February is the number of contributors whose contribution was at the level where membership was included
- The door-to-door membership campaign on Saturday, April 19 achieved some memberships but also the meeting of property owners and getting out the BDLIA word. About 20 property owners were contacted. It was suggested that this be continued

Fish Program Committee

- 23,500 bluegill were stocked over the last month
- To date there doesn't appear to be a lot of interest in the May 14th Fishing Tournament
 - A signup sheet for volunteers for the tournament was passed around
- The results of the fish survey taken at the banquet was given to board members
 - The survey reflected the interest in perch and walleye
 - A great number of fishermen fish the lake in both summer and winter
- Changes in fish regulations on BD Lake
 - The committee will bring their recommendations for changes in fish regulations to the board next month for board approval
 - It was suggested that we post the changes on our website and ask for comment
 - Also put something at launch sites to get comments
- The committee will be recommending funding in next year's BDLIA budget for coarse woody habitat
- The committee is also working on the development of a Fish Management Plan

Lake Management

- The board is concerned that we have not communicated with the new commercial fishing contractors and Bill B was instructed to "encourage" Laura to set up this meeting
- Bill F updated the board regarding:
 - The committee's invited guests Travis Schroeder, a DNR Water Management Specialist and Kurt Calkins of Columbia County's LWCC
 - A review of the DNR denial of our application for a second planning grant
 - A short history of Fox Lake's decrease in phosphorus content from 2005 to present
- Bill B added the following to the update:
 - Rob Minnema from the City Water Utility has been added to the committee
 - The committee voted to ask Tim Hoyman to meet with them and if the parties could reach a satisfactory agreement, to act as an advisor to the committee regarding implementation of action items in the Lake Management Plan and other matters regarding water quality
- The three requests for Healthy Lakes Grants for 2016 were approved by the DNR
- Bill F, Pete H and Bill B met with Dale Maas regarding BDLIA taking over responsibility of the no-wake buoys. Over the last several years BDLIA has been deploying and removing them each season
 - The board approved a motion to take on the responsibility for the no-wake buoys
 - Bill B will follow up with Dale regarding financial records as well as any funds remaining in any accounts.
 - It was suggested the BDLIA look for places along the shoreline where the buoys can be stored during the winter. Much easier than loading on trailers and taking to the shed

Information and Education

- Updating of website is moving forward but much more work is needed
- The Shoreline seminar held on April 23 was successful with 35 attendees
- June 15 Lake Expo and Chamber Business After Hours
 - BDLIA will have an exhibit at Tahoe Park for the purpose of updating the citizens and Chamber members regarding the ongoing programs and activities of BDLIA
 - The public portion will be from 1 to 4 with the Chamber portion 5 to 7
 - Joel is working with Bill B on this presentation. Others will be asked to participate
- The next newsletter will be July distribution with article deadline of June 10

Special Events

- The banquet was briefly reviewed and termed a success both in attendance and financially
 - The banquet committee had their wrap up meeting and made preliminary plans for 2017
- Kayak Dock and Launch
 - It was installed by EZ Dock and the city on April 19
 - Dedication will be held on May 19
 - City officials and Fiegel family members have been invited to attend
 - Board members were encouraged to attend
 - The board approved a motion to spend up to \$1,450 for a message center which will also serve as a dedication plaque to Randy Fiegel. The City Community Activities and Services has agreed to pay up to \$200 toward this message center
- Fish 'n Fun
 - Nancy has been in contact with the office and is moving forward with arrangements
 - A volunteer signup sheet was passed around for the event
- Lake Days
 - BDLIA will again offer pontoon rides and hold the Cardboard Boat Regatta
- Paddle Festival
 - This event will be held July 30
 - Marketing has begun
 - A special committee is being assembled to support this event
- City-wide parade for the 175th Anniversary
 - Bill B was advised to contact Jessica J for ideas
 - To get volunteers to assist it was suggested that an email be sent to all members
 - Based on ideas and support BDLIA will or will not participate in this parade

Solicitation

- It was reported that solicitations exceeded budget and goals
- Also more individuals participated in this campaign than in previous years. 283 this campaign against 242 last year

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the BDLIA board will be on May 31.

Meeting adjourned