

Big Basswood Lake Association Board Meeting

September 19, 2016 Sowerby Hall

Members present: Larry Allcorn, Mike Hunting, Dixie Olmstead, Dave Currie, Marilyn Kellum, Maeve Coccimiglio

Members absent: Ron Trivers, Pat Mitzi

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by the Chair. He announced that Lolly Hunting has resigned from the Board and acknowledged her service. She plans to continue in the role of lake historian. Larry also welcomed new Board Member, Dixie Olmstead.

Larry reported that Pat Mitzi, elected at the 2016 AGM, has not responded to his inquiries or notification of tonight's meeting. The election process did not run smoothly this year and the Nominating Committee consisted of one person. Currently the Board consists of 8 members. By-Law 9. (a) states that the Board of Directors can be comprised of "at least seven and not more than eleven Voting Members". Also, Board vacancies that occur between Annual Meetings can be filled by action of the Board. It was decided to approach two Voting Members, Nancy Bakemeier and David Baskomb, to see if they would be interested in serving on the Board. Larry will follow up with Pat. The recommendation was made to begin the election process in the fall prior to the election year.

Additionally, the Chair noted that the new volunteer technology person has been struggling with the web-site. Nothing has been added since Andrew resigned. The web-site has been an information source and needs to be kept current. Push e-mails have been sent and the Facebook page is being kept up-to-date. Alternative ideas were presented. Larry will try to keep working on the web-site issue.

Minutes from the June 20, 2016 Board Meeting, the July 24, 2016 AGM and the July 24, 2016 Organizational Meeting have been circulated for additions and corrections by the Secretary. The minutes from each of these meetings were approved as circulated.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Larry, in Ron's absence. As of 9-12-16 total revenues were \$3084.40. Total expenses are \$3021.58.. The account balance stands at \$6740.58. It was noted that we are breaking even. Any of us can make deposits into the account but we need to inform Ron and also let Mike know who has paid dues. It was moved by Marilyn, seconded by Dixie to accept the Treasurer's report. It passed unanimously.

Mike presented the Membership Report. With a goal of 100 members he reported that we have 94. Mike reviewed the list of former members and urged Board members to contact the ones they know about rejoining BBLA.

Old Business:

Both the AGM and the Sweet Sowerby Social this summer were well-received and well-attended by members and the community. Larry will arrange to get the power-point from the Sweet Sowerby Social posted on the web-site. Suggestions for next year's meetings include a speaker on fishing, lake history or shoreline management.

The calendars were a popular item and sold out. Maeve was thanked for making the printing and distribution arrangements.

Committee Reports:

Marilyn reported the August secchi reading was 13.9 M. The phosphorus reading will be released in the spring. Next May we plan to sample phosphorus at both ends of the lake. Dixie has volunteered to participate in the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey through Bird Studies Canada.

Water levels are being monitored at the dam and are 4" down according to Peter Falk.

New Business:

Larry has developed a brochure to promote the lake association with a form that can be returned with membership dues. He will circulate it to the Board for their input.

It was suggested that we consider a mailing to all lake residents that will include the brochure and newsletter. After some discussion it was decided to review and update the Google Drive list and plan for a spring mailing.

The Board began the initial planning for a lake-wide septic inspection program. Clear Lake was done by Tulloch Engineering and funded by the Municipality. Larry has had informal discussions with the Municipality in regards to funding. Questions were raised by the Board in regards to access to property and how the information would be acted upon and documented. Several years ago BBLA passed a resolution that supports mandatory septic inspection and a thorough plan to do this was written. The inspections were started, but then stopped due to lack of funding. Marilyn suggested that a committee be formed to put together a plan. Larry, Dave and Marilyn volunteered to form this committee. Mike made the motion to establish the committee. It was seconded by Dixie and passed unanimously.

It was decided that the BBLA will sponsor another photo contest to be announced in the fall newsletter. "Seasons on Basswood" will be the theme. Marilyn will talk to her nephew, a professional photographer, about writing an article about photography for the fall newsletter.

Larry will circulate a list of potential articles for the fall newsletter with the goal of getting it all done by early November.

The fall meeting date for FOCA is 11-12-16. The spring date has not been determined.

The meeting calendar for 2017 is as follows:

Board Meeting: Monday June 26th

AGM: Sunday July 23rd

Board Meeting: Monday, September 18th

Matters Arising/Announcements:

- 1) Obtaining wake warning and larger invasive species signage for members
- 2) It was noted that the BBLA is developing a good relationship with the Municipality and perhaps we could hold the June Board meeting at their office.
- 3) Getting more specifics re: the insurance discount that is listed as a member benefit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Marilyn Kellum

Secretary

