Minutes of the June 4, 2016

Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The June 2016 Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Mike Cunningham at 9:05 AM with 24 homeowners and 3 officers present.

Brian Gunderman with the DNR gave an informative talk about the fish that are in Barlow Lake. Brian provided a history of fish surveys and methods used and the types of species of fish found in Barlow Lake. There are currently 25 species of fish in Barlow. Brian also discussed fish stocking and what we can do to maintain and encourage good fishing in Barlow Lake.

Following Brian Gunderman’s presentation, the current officers were introduced and Area Captains and event volunteers were recognized. The minutes of the August 8, 2015 meeting were distributed for the homeowners to read.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Don Visser gave the Financial report. Dues for the 2016 summer season are beginning to arrive. Don expressed his appreciation that many members who paid their dues and also for paying above the $40 annual dues amount for the fireworks and fish funds.

**Fireworks**

Mike reported that this year’s fireworks will be on Saturday July 2nd with the start time set at 10:15 PM. Raindate will be Saturday, July 9th.

**Boat Parade**

The Boat Parade will be Saturday, July 2nd at 2PM. Contact Mary Lou Johnson to let her know you are participating. Meet in Turtle Cove. The theme for the 2016 Boat Parade will be Era’s (50’s, 60’s, 70’s etc.) or Patriotic. All are encouraged to participate and put a boat in the parade.

**YMCA/Association 2016 Picnic**

Mike Cunningham reported that the date for the Lake Association picnic at the Y Camp will be August 6th from 4 to 7PM, with food served at 6 PM. All members encouraged to attend this fun event.

**Fish Program**

Mike Hoekstra reported that fishing has been good so far this year. Remember to turn in your catch information to Mike for the fishing contest. It was discussed that we would follow the DNR’s recommendation to plant 500 good sized Walleye every other year. Mike H. would talk with the DNR about the possibility of planting Perch this fall as well.

**Newsletter**

Mike Cunningham encouraged everyone to send articles and pictures for the newsletters. Mike also mentioned that an Addendum to the Directory will be put in the August newsletter to update changes in address and owner information

**Milfoil Update**

Tony Groves gave an update on the weed control program on Barlow Lake. The goal is to control the growth of invasive exotic plants that outcompete with the native lake plants. The two plants of concern are the Eurasian Milfoil and Starry Stonewort which is a new weed recently seen. The weed control program has been effective and we are now treating just 7.5 acres of the lake. Tony also reported on the new technologies available for lake mapping which will provide good information including depth findings, plant heights and more.

**Old Business –**

Area sign boards – new boards were installed over the winter and are now in use.

Boater Safety Poster – laminated rules sheets have now been distributed to homeowners. A few extra are available.

**New Business**

Boater Safety training was discussed. Classes are available online.

All Lake Association officer positions are currently filled but homeowners were encouraged to become involved anticipating future openings.

Volunteers are needed for the picnic and also Area 5 needs an additional captain.

**Member Comments**

There was discussion about notifying homeowners prior to the day that the weed control chemicals would be applied to the lake. Mike will work with Tony on the details for sending out an email notification.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Cunningham