Minutes of the June 6, 2015

Barlow Lake Association Meeting

The June 2015 Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Luke Miller at 9:05 AM with 14 homeowners and 4 officers present.

Current Officers were introduced and Area Captains recognized. The minutes of the August 16, 2014 meeting were read.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Don Visser gave the Financial report. He expressed his appreciation that many members were giving extra above the $40 annual dues amount for the fireworks and fish funds.

**YMCA/Bill Hinton**

Mike Cunningham introduced Bill Hinton, the new YMCA Camp Director. Bill spoke to the group telling us that he and his family moved here from Texas in November 2014. The Y Camp enrollment for the 2015 season is about 400 more campers than last year. New improvements for the Camp include the Welcome Center and updating several of the bathroom facilities at the Camp. Bill is excited about being on Barlow Lake, hopes to help with the fireworks and welcomes comments both good and bad from the Association members.

**Fireworks – Earl Kroll**

Earl reported that this year’s fireworks will be on Friday, July 3rd with a start time set at 10:15 PM. Raindate will be Sunday, July 5th. The group consensus was that the music prior to the fireworks was appreciated and will be continued again this year. Delays or cancellations will be posted on the Lake Association website and an email will be sent out as soon as the Board is notified of a delay/cancellation.

**Boat Parade**

The Boat Parade is set for Saturday, July 4th at 2PM. Meet in the usual location – Turtle Cove. The theme for the 2015 Boat Parade will be Patriotic plus another theme yet to be determined. The group noted that last year’s parade was especially nice. All are encouraged to participate and put a boat in the parade.

**YMCA/Association 2014 Picnic**

Mike Cunningham reported that the date for the Lake Association picnic at the Y Camp will be held August 1st from 3 to 5PM, with food at 5 PM. Volunteers and helpers were requested to work the registration table and all members encouraged to attend this fun event.

**Fish Program**

Luke Miller and Mike Cunningham reported that 1000 7” Walleye were planted in the lake last October in Area 4. Fish contest winners were included in the recent newsletter and are also found on the Lake Association website.

**Newsletter**

Luke encouraged everyone to send articles and pictures for the next newsletter which will be distributed near Labor Day weekend.

**Lake Directory**

Barb Cunningham reported that changes to the Directory will be made only when notified in writing or by email. An addendum will be included in the end of season newsletter updating any changes received through the summer.

**Milfoil Update**

Luke reported that the second Special Assessment program for weed control was approved a year ago. The first program was planned to last for 5 years but the funds allowed it to go for 7 years. The lake was recently sprayed in the locations where Milfoil was found. The weed control program has reduced the size of Eurasian Milfoil from about 17 acres to about 5 acres. Luke reminded people not to cut the Milfoil but to call Tony Groves if a patch is seen.

**Old Business – Area sign boards**

Mike Cunningham distributed a picture of the new sign board installed in Area 1. Plans are underway to continue replacing all the area signs. The sign will include the lake name and the area number when finished.

**New Business**

Laminated Boater safety information signs. A draft laminated sign was distributed for review during the meeting. Sgt. Julie Jones of the Sheriff’s Marine Patrol Division has reviewed the information for accuracy. It is hoped that laminated 11”x17” sign posters will be distributed to each homeowner near the 4th of July weekend. Members are encouraged to post these signs where residents, guests and renters will be able to review the information.

Boater Safety training was discussed and who was required to participate in order to operate a watercraft legally in Michigan.

Officer elections will be held at the August meeting. All positions are currently filled but members were encouraged to express any interest in any position.

**Member Comments**

The golf outing that took place years past was discussed and any members interested in organizing one in the future were encouraged to do so.

The Tri Del Sol Triathlon will take place in and around the lake on July 18th. Members were encouraged to watch and cheer the participants and also to be careful if driving on the roads that morning.

The Y Camp will install soon blinking lights and a crosswalk will be painted on the road for campers to cross the road at the Y Camp.

Quiet hours and early morning skiers were discussed.

Discussion followed regarding the leaves that land at the north end of the lake.

Lost and Found – a kayak paddle has been found, a kayak is missing – both over a year ago. Lost and found notices are good items for the new sign boards.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Cunningham