Brant Lake Improvement Association

Sept. 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Chester Farmhouse Café

**Members Present**: Jeri Mehlbrech, Paula Wagner, David King, Jan VandenBos, John Monahan, Dave Landry, Lorie Ellis, Jody Ackerman, Lisa Christenson, David Phalen, Barry Brown. Guest: Bonnie Monahan

Meeting called to order by Pres. Dave Landry 9:00

**Secretary’s Report**—approved as amended.

**Treasurer’s Report**—Jan VandenBos shared treasurer’s report:

 6/11/22 checking account balance: $7,144.07

 5/20/22 Money Market Savings balance: $64,334.80 Balance of certificates of deposit, 1/29/24 est. maturity: $1,114.79

 Advertising money still due: $275.00

**Old Business:**

 **Banking change**—David King proposed that for simplicity we leave checking account with First Interstate bank. Jan V and David King will complete signature update process. David K. shared information on 2 different investment options for BLIA funds in the Money Market account. Board authorized keeping checking account as is and discussed opening an investment account at One American Bank. David K shared that he is CEO of One American Bank; at this time the 9 month CD will give us a far better return on our investment. Discussion followed.

Paula W. made a motion that Board authorizes transfer of the $64,334.80, current balance in Money Market account, to a 9 month CD at One American Bank at a rate of 3.01 APY to be reevaluated at maturity. Dave P. seconded. Motion carried.

**Outlet Update**—Dave Landry shared a letter update from Kip Rounds. GF and P are currently working to get a hydraulic analysis completed on the structure of an outlet. Project is continuing.

**Directory distribution wrap up**—Board discussed the need to address delivery distribution for next year. Options were discussed. Suggestions for mailing, pick-up opportunities, Board members delivering in their areas any still left mid-summer. Suggestion to make clear BLIA members need to be responsible for getting directory from central location or Board members. Problems this year seemed to be in communication. Need for a central distribution list of members be maintained with Board members communicating any directories picked up or delivered. No action taken.

Promotional materials—Paula Wagner did preliminary research with Fox Promo, Madison. Option for all online orders with all ordering and payments being handled by Fox was discussed. Jody Ackerman will gather more information.

**Zebra Mussels**—John Monahan gave an update on zebra mussels in South Dakota.

Boaters need to be diligent to make sure that no water remains on boats as they move from lake to lake.

**New Business:**

 **Directory for 2023**---Jan V. proposed that advertisers in the directory must pay money before their ad is included. Collecting the monies required numerous contacts before bills were paid with one still outstanding. Suggestions for next year: Clear cut deadline for advertising $ be paid.

 Communication between Board and Directory contractor needs to be streamlined.

 Board needs to research possibility of paying dues on line.

 A master list of directories distributed needs to be kept with Board members responsible for informing list keeper whenever directories are given out.

 A system needs to be developed for creation of invoices and mailings to advertisers. ie—treasurer create invoices, directory contractor mails and collects.

 Dave L. asked for any suggestions re. directory publication.

 Motion made by John M. seconded by Paula W. that the Board authorize Dave L to meet with Yvonne Ernster to negotiate a contract to be approved by the Board via email. Motion carried.

**Board membership/ officer positions—**Board members need to check with neighbors, etc. to identify others interested in joining the Board.

**Suggestions for projects, focus, direction of the Board**—Discussion followed on ways/projects that would benefit the quality of the lake. Should BLIA be looking at assisting GF and P in improving access at the public landing? Are there projects we could partner with other entities that would help the lake as a whole? Dave L commented that anything we do at the high water lines is a public domain. Dave L will talk with GF and P if there are specific projects identified in which BLIA could be involved. Board members should talk with BLIA members for any suggestions.

Motion to adjourn: 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Mehlbrech, Secretary