**Brant Lake**

**Brant Lake Improvement Association**

**Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2020**

***Attendees:***

Officers
[x]  Barry Brown [x]  Jan VandenBos [x]  Jody Ackerman [ ] Dave Gillespie

Board Memebers

[x]  Terry Mehlbrech [ ]  Lorie Ellis [x]  Dave Landry [x]  John Monahan [x]  Paula Wagner

[ ]  Pat Leitheiser [x]  Jason Becker [ ]  Dave Phillips [ ] Chris Skoglund [x] Lisa Hohman

[x]  Lisa Christenson

Guests

 Mrs. Monahan

***Call to Order:***

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by President Barry Brown

***Secretary’s Report:***
Summary of previous meeting minutes read and approved by board.

*Motion to approve minutes as read made by Paula W. and Second by Dave L.*

 *Motion approved with no opposing votes*

Discussion Items

Secretary read minutes from previous meeting (not annual meeting) no changes were needed. Informed Board that Dick Neish had provide current secretary all historical paperwork from previous meetings/years. Anyone else that has historical BLIA items are welcome to drop off or arrange for exchange. Jody will get with Treasure (jan and/or lisa) to discuss a file cabinet option for housing all information. Goal will be to make portable so can be transitioned as needed.

 *Motion to approve minutes as read made by Paula W. and Second by Dave L.*

 *Motion approved with no opposing votes*

***Treasurer's Report*** *:*

Summary of previous meeting minutes given verbally by Lisa C.

Discussion Items

Overview of account status’ and noted that we are at approx. 136 paid members. Transition discussion held to determine best time for Barry, Lisa and Jan to meet at bank and complete signature cards and any other necessary tasks for transition completion. Lisa will get Jan all the historical items and provide narrative to ensure Jan is up to date on how previous business conducted. Mail key to also be transitioned, goal to have this completed before end of June 2020.

 *Motion to approve transition steps and report as presented made by Jody and Second by John M.*

 *Motion approved with no opposing votes*

***Regular Business:***

**Directories**

Discussion Items

Lisa and Jody provided update about Shipwreck pick up event –there were approx. 13 folks that picked up books and aprox same amount that bought them there (so “new” memberships) them but there are still a lot to be delivered. Had interest from various lake residents about joining BLIA, Lorie followed up via email to those interested parties.

Every Board member should take some Directories and deliver to their area and adjoining area’s as soon as you can. Lori and Lisa (Jan) are going to be keeping the master list so we know who has been delivered to. Dave L. and Jody A. have some directories please get with one of them if you need some (more).

Dump passes – update as of the meeting was it was still pending on when SF would be ready. Since then Dave L. has confirmed the application process has been submitted for us to get passes.

 *No Voting items at this time on topic*

**Spray for bugs – Entire Lake**

Discussion Items

Chris S. has been checking on getting cost for spraying for bugs around the entire lake area. Confirmed that the RV Park is doing own, City of Brant is doing their own spraying.

Would like to have 2 applications around the lake and spend upto $2,000.00 this year. Will look into programs of public assistant offerings next year, however a volunteer association will most likely not qualify as these options are usually for more government recognized organizations. Can look into more for next year if interest.

*Motion to approve a pre-determined amount ($2,000.00) to spray for bugs around entire lake upto 2 applications made by Paula W. and Second by Jody A.*

*Motion approved with no opposing votes.*

***Database/Website/Facebook updates***no additional updates at this time as Lorie was unable to attend meeting

Discussion Items

General thought was the website it getting more views, Jody updated that Lorie has gotten more email inquiries on topics.

*No Voting occurred on this topic*

**Zoning**

What to do with inquiries from lake residents

Discussion Items

Much discussion was had around how the BLIA should handle inquires, requests and overall concerns that get brought to BLIA from any method of communication. Thoughts and points of view were shared by Jody for those Board members that could not attend in person.

Discussion had that sometimes a “courtesy call” by the BLIA carries more impact versus just neighbor to neighbor discussion.

The BLIA would simply act as a neutral party providing awareness to each party within the reported concern in a general manner (no specific names at this time communicated). The violating party may not know they are in violation or may have a reasonable explanation and plan of action not yet executed, to which the BLIA can inform parties respectively, thus keeping the peace overall.

It was agreed that the BLIA has no legal authority and does not enforce laws/covenants/personal views.

It was agreed that the BLIA is not looking for violations/violators for reporting purposes.

It was agreed that permits – permits with variances – and nuisance issues are separate items, however the BLIA may get asked for same action to be carried out for any of them.

Examples:

New build – BLIA *may* get asked opinion. **IF** this occurs, the Board is to be made aware and direction is followed based on Board determination. (email to all Board members is acceptable)

New build with a variance requested (variance is anything outside standard building guide lines set by Lake County Zoning) – BLIA *may* get asked opinion. **IF** this occurs, the Board is to be made aware and direction is followed based on the Board determination. (email to all Board members is acceptable)

Nuisance – BLAI *may* get request for assistance from resident or Lake County, **IF** this occurs the Board will determine action to take on a case by case situation. There must be a legitimate qualifying issue (must be an actual violation not personal opinion) for Board to discuss action. (email to all Board members is acceptable)

Again, noted that the BLIA is not the authority rather the BLIA is providing lake residents a resource for information/options available and *may act as a* courtesy step before complaining party takes formal action with Lake County based on Board decision of action.

*Motion made that any awareness made to the Board or Board member should be brought to entire Boards attention, email is ok unless President determines a meeting is needed, for discussion and determination of action. This includes, but not limited to a courtesy reach out to the complained about party by Lisa H and Second by Jody A.*

*Motion approved with no opposing votes*

Discussion about having a liaison from the Board to Lake County Zoning office was determined, Terry M. said he has been doing this for 20+ years.

 *Motion made to continue to have Terry M. be the liasiaon to Lake County Zoning office by Lisa H and Second by Paula W.*

 *Motion was approved with one opposing vote*

***Other Topics***

Discussion Items

Wagner Pond

Paula updated Board that they will not be digging out the pond next to their home, but will be putting in quartz locking rock to help mitigate the silting issue. Dave L. volunteered to reach out the GF&P contact about any program, shoreline restorations and/or aid that may be available from GF&P. Any information that may aid Wagner’s on this topic is much appreciated.

*No voting item*

Annual Meeting

Jody proposed changing the format of the Annual Meeting to suspend any Regular Business, only vote in Officers, Board Members and allow for status recap by President of the BLIA. Perhaps make this meeting an event that people can attend and a way for the BLIA to give back to the members. More discussion at next meeting to perhaps sub-committee this out for Board approval at later meeting.

Pancake Feed

Discuss at next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

July 21st – Tuesday 7pm

Jody has volunteered her garage for those wanting to meet in person.

Barry will provide Zoom meeting information

**Adjourn Meeting**

 Motion to adjourn *made by Paula W and Second by Jan V.*

 Motion approved with no opposing votes

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am

Respectfully Submitted
Secretary