



BWLA Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday August 27, 2022

Location: Pierson Township Hall

ATTENDEES

Present: Kevin Gilfillan, Jane Dykhous, Kelley Root, Dave Cornelius, Laura Wiltz, Ron Van Timmeren, Mike Dazy, Jon Durren and Jeff Vanhattum

Absent: Mike Fish and Mark Judge

Invited Committee Member/Guest: Don Knottnerus, Kathy Gleason, and Dan Buyze

Agenda

1. Call to Order 9:45 am Kevin Gilfillan
 2. Roll Call: Kelley Root
 3. June 11, 2022, Minutes Approval: Kevin Gilfillan
 4. Opening Remarks: Kevin Gilfillan
 5. Pierson Township Supervisor Report: Dan Buyze
 6. Treasurer's Report Jon Durren
 7. Ecology Report: Dave Cornelius
 8. Committee Reports: Jane Dykhous
 9. BWLA Logo Bylaw addition/member vote Jane Dykhous
 10. BWLA BOD Candidates/ August 27, 2022, election: Kevin Gilfillan
 - a. Expired terms: Kevin Gilfillan, Jon Durren and Jane Dykhous
 - b. Candidates: Jon Durren, Jane Dykhous and Tom Krehbiel
 11. Questions, Comments, New Business: Kevin Gilfillan
 12. Adjourn: Kevin Gilfillan
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MEETING NOTES

- **Roll Call – Kelley Root**

- Meeting called to order by Kevin Gilfillan at 9:45 am - Roll call conducted by Kelley Root.

- **Minutes from Last BWLA Member Meeting June 11, 2022 - Approved (Vanderkolk)**

- **Opening Remarks – Kevin Gilfillan**

- Thank you to board members and all committee chairs.
- BOD continues to focus on membership communication. There will be a continued focus on Facebook page and email blasts.
- BOD has at least one member that attends the Pierson Township meetings to take notes and to share the updates with the BOD.
- Work from the Fertilizer sub committee has been tabled and the committee has not met since that time. When the subcommittee resumes, a notification will be sent to the BWLA membership regarding next steps.

- **Pierson Township Supervisor Report – Dan Buyze**

- Taxes and sewer bills can now be paid online.
- Blood drive at township hall to be held on 8/30/22 from 3 to 7 pm.
- White Pine Trail soon to be paved from Sand Lake to Howard City.
- Later hours are now available to meet with the township treasurer and clerk on Wednesdays until 7:00 pm.
- Township Park has had a lot of progress. There will be more opportunity for individual and corporate funding in the future.
- Extra parking has been made available at the township hall to make voting safer.
- Road millage open house to be held for educational purposes. Pierson township is one of the few townships in Michigan that does not have a milage for roads.

- **Treasurer's Report - Respectfully Submitted/Signed/Jon Durren, Treasurer Dated 8/27/22 - Approved (Rohen/Herrema)**

- Cash balances as of 8/27/22, are as follows: Chase checking account \$28,884 and Chase savings account \$7,589 for a total of \$36,473.
- Weed Control Fund as of 7/31/22 has a balance of \$49,090.
- Dues payments to date: As of 8/27/22 205 dues payments have been received compared to the 2022 budget of 205. Twenty-two additional directories have been purchased as compared to the budget of twenty-four. For ads \$1,075 in purchases have been collected as compared to the budget of \$1,500.
- A suggestion was made to start putting money aside in the budget each year for tennis court maintenance.

- See attached Treasurer's report for a full report.

- **Ecology Report – Dave Cornelius/Brad Quist**

- See attached ecology report.

- **Committee Reports – Jane Dykhouse**

- Boating – Jacqueline Brayman: A reminder to review boater safety rules in the BWLA Directory and to also share the safety rules with lake guests. There was also a reminder that you need to have a life jacket on board while operating any personal watercraft.
- Communication/Directory – Judy Warner/Laura Wiltz: The website is up to date and if there is feedback, please use the “contact us” feature on the website. Laura reminded committee chairs to review the word documents that are distributed documenting event details and times. Also make sure to check the website as well for accuracy.
- Fireworks – Mark Wiltz: Jerry Poisson will continue to stay on the committee. The 2023 fireworks will be held on July 3rd. The committee will have pricing proposals for the BOD to review to establish the 2023 budget. Applications for 2023 have already been submitted for approval. Thank you to those who helped make improvements to the barges.
- Safety – Diane Gilfillan: There have been several reports of theft on the lake. Diane reminded people to make sure they are reporting those to the Sheriff. There has been a light added to the boat launch. There will be continued discussion around putting a park gate at the boat launch and enforcing a time when the launch opens and closes.
- BWLA Apparel – Kerry Ottenwess: Kerry was not present.
- Boat Parade – Laura Wiltz on behalf of Jenn Walker: We will need to find a new chair for the boat parade in 2023.
- Fishing Contest – Brad Quist: There was a great participation this year. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs which was a new addition for 2022.
- Fun Run/Walk – Kelley Root: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the event. We had a great turn out this year and brought the pie eating contest back. If there is any feedback, please send to the “contact us” feature on the website. Two suggestions were made at the meeting. The first was to stick to a start time for the events because not everyone comes out for the run, and it is a late night for kids on the 3rd of July and many would like to be present for the balloon toss. The second was to see if we can get someone to help ensure that cars do not try to drive through on Hillis as the run is taking place.
- Golf Scramble– Kathy Gleason: The golf scramble was held on August 13, 2022, at The Links of Bowen Lake. There were fifty-four golfers registered. Due to the rain the closest to the pin and longest drive was not awarded. The overall winner for nine holes was the Gilfillan/Krehbiel twosome

- Reflections 4 – Phyllis Nykamp: Reflections 4 is in progress and still accepting any changes. New pictures will be taken of the homes for the publication.
- Mix and Mingle – Cheryl Stormzand: The Mix and Mingle was an enormous success and thank you to the Stormzand, Stout and Ottenwess families for hosting. The event will be held there next year as well.
- Pickle Ball Social – Jim Warner: The event was held on June 28th with twenty-eight people. There is a list on the website of drop-in times on the website that members can refer to if they would like to play. There was also a recommendation to institute an annual cleaning of the courts. Thank you to Mark Wiltz for cleaning the courts this year.
- Fish Spearing Contest – Dan Buyze: 2022 winners were as follows: Gar Pike was the Hubbard cottage and Dogfish/Bull Heads was the Lemond's cottage.
- **BWLA Logo Bylaw addition/member vote – Jane Dykhous:**
 - After discussion and comments were accepted, the motion was declined to add a bylaw regarding the logo at this time.
- **BWLA BOD Openings August 27, 2022 – Kevin Gilfillan**
 - Expired terms: Durren, Gilfillan and Dykhous. Candidates: Durren, Dykhous and Krehbiel. Because there were only three candidates for three openings the elected board members are Durren, Dykhous and Krehbiel.
- **Adjourn – Kevin Gilfillan (Hatch/Gleason)**
- **BOD Elect Officers:**
 - President – Laura Wiltz
 - Vice President – Jane Dykhous
 - Treasurer – Jon Durren
 - Secretary – Kelley Root