



BWLA Fall Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday August 26, 2023

Location: Pierson Township Hall

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES

Present: Dave Cornelius, Mike Dazy, Jon Durren, Jane Dykhouse, Mike Fish, Tom Krehbiel, Kelley Root, Ron Van Timmeren and Laura Wiltz

Absent: Mark Judge and Jeff Van Hattum

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Laura Wiltz |
| 2. Roll Call: | Kelley Root |
| 3. June 2023 Minutes/Approval | Kelley Root |
| 4. Opening Remarks | Laura Wiltz |
| 5. Welcome New Members | Laura Wiltz |
| 6. Treasurer: Report | Jon Durren |
| 7. Township Update | Dan Buyze |
| 8. Ecology | Dave Cornelius |
| 9. Boat Cover Recycling | Ron Van Timmeren |
| 10. Committee updates | Jane Dykhouse/Committee Chairs |
| 11. Summer Awards | Laura Wiltz |
| 12. Board of Directors – Fall Elections | Laura Wiltz |
| a. Expiring Terms: Judge, Van Hattum, Wiltz, Cornelius | |
| 13. Questions, Comments, New Business | Laura Wiltz |
| 14. Adjourn | Laura Wiltz |

MEETING NOTES

- **Roll Call – Kelley Root**
 - Meeting called to order by Laura Wiltz at 9:30 am
 - **Minutes from Last BWLA Association Meeting - Approved (Kathy Gleason/Jerry Rohen)**
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- **Opening Remarks – Laura Wiltz**

- Thank you to the BOD and to the Committee Chairs and Committee Members.
- Major focus areas for the BOD are Membership Communication and Ecology.
 - Communication – Thank you to Judy Warner for managing our website and email blast process for our membership. Main vehicles for communication are the website, Facebook page, email, and the Directory.
 - Ecology – the Ecology Committee partners with PLM and follows their recommendations for lake treatment.
- Welcome to new BWLA members Ron and Betsy Hatley.

- **Treasurer’s Report - Respectfully Submitted/Signed/Jon Durren, Treasurer Dated 8/26/2023 - Approved (Susan Smith/Jeff Smith)**

- Refer to attached Treasurer Report or BWLA website for full report.
- Hard copies were handed out to those who attended the 2023 Fall Association Meeting.

- **Township Update – Dan Buyze**

- Township Park construction continues. Playground toys should be installed at the end of August into September. The pickleball courts are scheduled for coating mid-September. Construction will also start mid-September on the Pavilion. Donations were received to pay for the Pavilion and all the picnic tables.
- Pierson Township will be reviewing and updating the current Pierson Township Master Plan starting October 2023.
- Fleis & Vandenbrink, who currently maintain our sewer system, has been retained to do a Capital Improvements Plan and Feasibility Study which is due by the end of the year. Dan Buyze organized a site visit on 8/8/23 to the sewer treatment areas for BWL and LWL. While the system is functioning well enough, it clearly will need some investment soon. Some of the infrastructure is pushing 40 years of age (underground tanks) and some of the electronics for pumps, etc. relies on technology/parts that are no longer serviceable. The good news is that the sites do have unused capacity/land so while we look at planning for replacing infrastructure we can also plan for future upgrades and capacity (potentially more RU’s, Residential Units).
- No plans have been submitted to the Township Planning Committee to make any changes to the Whitefish Lake Golf Course.
- Late September the township will conduct several financial outreach meetings. Discussions will focus on township roads and fire protection.
- Wood Lake Road has been paved.

- **Ecology – Dave Cornelius**

- See attached email correspondence for details.

- **Committee Chairs**

- **Boating: Regulations, Launch and Safety – Jane Dykhouse on behalf of Jackie Brayman:** Reminder to adhere to the maximum number of people allowed in a watercraft. Another reminder for those who paddleboard or kayak is that they are required to have a personal floatation device on board. Final reminder to review Lake Rules and Guidelines on pages 8 and 9 in your 2023 Directory.
- **Communications – Jon Durren on behalf of Judy Warner:** Modifications were completed to the Member Section where the feature now works to change and retrieve passwords. Please pay attention to BWLA E-Blasts as that is one main form of communicating updates to our membership.
- **2024 BWLA Directory – Laura Wiltz:** Please send all pictures for the 2024 Directory to Mike Dazy. The designer ultimately chooses which photo to use so please send those that are important to you.
- **Republic Trash Pickup – Jon Durren:** The last day for trash pick-up will be September 25th. Please email or contact Jon Durren or Mike Dazy for any questions.
- **Attire – Amy Judge:** The committee is planning to have another order opportunity the beginning of October to accommodate the upcoming Holiday.
- **Fishing Contest – Brad Quist:** Brad thanked Jerry and Cindy Poison for hosting the weigh in and for cooking and distributing the hot dogs. It was a record turn out again this year. Winners have been posted to the Facebook Page.
- **Fireworks – Mark Wiltz:** Fireworks will be held the evening of July 3rd and we will need to establish a rain date.
- **Fun Run – Kelley Root:** The Fun Run was held on July 4th. There was a record turn out again for all events. Kelley thanked all the volunteers and those who donated items. Winners will still need to be posted to the Facebook Page.
- **Golf Outing – Kathy Gleason:** The Golf Outing was held on August 12th at The Links of Bowen Lake. There were 72 golfers who participated. Awards were as follows: Shawn and Gail Quinn shared first place with Ryan and Kelley Root. Craig McPhee won Closest to the Pin, Tracie Cree won Women's Longest Drive and Ryan Root won Men's Longest Drive. Kathy Gleason will be looking at which golf course to hold the event next year.
- **Historical Committee – Jon Durren:** Work on Reflections 4 has been completed and books delivered to those who purchased them. Jon Durren still has a couple left and there are also copies at Sticks and Stones that can be purchased. A big thank you to the committee; Phyllis Nykamp (Chair), Jane Dykhouse (Co-Chair), Diane Gilfillan, Jill Blauwkamp and Mary Underwood.
- **Mix and mingle – Julie Amato:** The Mix and Mingle will be held on May 31st. The event will be held at the Amato, Stout and Ottenwess properties.

- **Neighborhood Watch – Jane Dykhouse on behalf of Diane Gilfillan:** A reminder to lock your valuable items up. If something is taken, please notify the Montcalm County Sheriff Department. Also continue to report any suspicious activity.
- **Pickle Ball – Laura O’Rourke on behalf of Jim Warner:** the Pickle Ball Social was held on June 17th 11:00 am at the tennis courts with 34 in attendance. There was discussion around upgrades that need to be made to the courts. There may be a possible increase in dues to help with funding.
- **Spearing Contest – Dan Buyze:** The contest was held on July 15th and 16th. Dan announced the winners and handed out awards.
- **Boat Cover Recycling – Ron Van Timmeren:** This year the BOD paid for the bags where shrink wrap boat covers could be collected and recycled. For the upcoming Fall the cost will be \$7.00 per bag. There was a sign-up sheet at the meeting and more communication to follow.
- **Summer Awards – Laura Wiltz:** Laura presented the winners of the Boat Parade with the 1st place trophy and plaques for 2nd and 3rd place. Winners were as follows:
 - **1st Place – The Patterson’s Cottage**
 - **2nd Place – The Hasso’s Cottage**
 - **3rd Place – The Sharpe’s Cottage**
- **Board of Directors Fall Election – Laura Wiltz**
 - **Expiring Terms:** Judge, Van Hattum, Cornelius, and Wiltz – Judge and Van Hattum will not be running for another term. Wiltz and Cornelius will be running for another term as well as Susan Smith and Erik Hendrickson will be running to fill Judge/Van Hattum open spots. Wiltz, Cornelius, Smith, and Hendrickson were voted in for an upcoming three-year term.
- **Other Business**
 - None
- **Adjourn (Kathy Gleason/Jerry Rohen)**

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Lake Ecology & Water Quality

1.) CLMP Program:

- a. Transparency – Measured weekly. Range this year 11.0-22.0 Feet. Current is 13.5 feet.
- b. Temperature/DO Profile – Biweekly. 67F water at 19 Feet. Bottom is 48F. No Oxygen below 22 feet!
- c. Concern for 2024 is the lack of oxygen below the thermocline since the end of May. Potential to release more Phosphorus from the sediments leading to Spring 2024 algae blooms.

2.) Rainfall 2023

- a. 0.33" of rain from mid-April through June 25
- b. June 26 – August 24th 22.55"
- c. Obvious impact on lake levels, etc. this year. We did NOT have a big algae impact in 2023 from runoff.

3.) Boating

- a. For the most part, the surf boats are doing an excellent job staying in deep water. Thank you!!!!

4.) Invasive Aquatic Weeds:

- a. Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). Need continued help locating large/nuisance locations.
- b. Starry Stonewort – 2019/2020 off boat launch. 2021 small areas throughout the lake. Now it is widespread in 5-12 feet of water. Biggest current impact is on fish spawning habitat.
- c. Phragmites (Canary Reed) found this year.

5.) PLM Treatments:

- a. Focused on Invasive Weed Control: EWM, Curly Leaf Pondweed and, Starry Stonewort
- b. 8/16/23 Aquatic vegetation survey with Jason Broekstra from PLM. PLM does not think we need to do a Sonar treatment in 2024. We will continue to treat with ProcettaCOR in heavy areas in 2024.
- c. 2023 Treatments:
 - i. \$20,685 EWM/Curly Leaf treatment in May
 - ii. Algae 5 treatments May-June \$11,124.40 Algae
 - iii. Starry Stonewort \$1595.80
 - iv. Additional Starry and Phoslock to reduce weed growth/algae next week.
 - v. Phoslock: NW cover inlet (Douthett/Hendrickson) and Blind Lake inlet on West shore (Hubert/DeYoung)
- d. 2024 Algae.
 - i. Same restrictions will apply (unless further restrictions are implemented).
 - ii. Cannot use Cooper Sulfate during May/June.
 - iii. We will have a bloom, but timing and weather determine the nuisance level.

Big Whitefish Lake Association
Treasurer's Report
8/26/23 Members' Meeting

1	Cash Balances Chase checking account \$33,373 and Chase savings account \$11,590 for a total of \$44,963. (\$36,473 at 8/27/22 or an increase of \$8,490.)				
2	Property Fund The Property Fund totals \$145,400 valued at 2 times the SEV for BWLA owned property at 22260 Hillis & Elmwood Roads (8+acres). This is a 11.2% increase vs 2022.				
3	Total Assets and Fund Balances	8/26/23 <u>\$190,363</u>	8/27/22 <u>\$ 167,273</u>	Increase <u>\$ 23,090</u>	
4	Revenue review	Budget	Thru 8/26/23	% of Budget	
	Dues payments to date:	205	207 \$ 37,260	101.0%	<\$180 per member
	Additional Directories to date:	20	29 \$ 290	145.0%	
	Directory & Website Advertising	\$2,050	\$ 3,350	163.4%	<\$16.18 per member vs.
	Rebate on Apparel Sales	\$0	\$ 1,068		\$2240 cost
			Ttl> <u>\$ 41,968 (A)</u>		
	Reflections 4				
	Sales	135	\$ 4,050	<\$30 each	
	Cost of Printing, etc		\$ 3,995		
	"Profit"		<u>\$ 55</u>		
5	Comparison to Budget	Budget 2023	Projected 2023		Over (Under)
	Revenues	\$ 39,151	\$ 41,968	(A)	\$ 2,817
	Expenses	\$ 38,085	\$ 38,260		\$ 175
	Revenues over (under) expenses	<u>\$ 1,066</u>	<u>\$ 3,708</u>		<u>\$ 2,642</u>
	Directory page no. 74				
6	Weed Control Funds (held by Pierson Township) Balance \$50,671. PLM 2023 expenditures total \$35,950. SAD amount was \$217 for 220 property owners. Reconciliation & renewal in 2024. Page 75				
7	BWL Sewer Fund (held by Pierson Township) Sewer Advisory Committee (SAC) Reps include Dan Buyze, Ron VanTimmeren, and Miles Underwood As of 7/31, \$613,970 earning 1.75%. As of 8/17, 4 CDAR's invested of \$100k each earning 4.25%. F&V 8/24 Equipment Procurement, \$93,826.80, BWL 60% or \$56,296. Estimated balance, \$213,970 minus \$56,296 plus CDAR's of \$400,000 or a balance of \$557,674. Page 80				

Respectfully Submitted

signed/

8/26/2023

Jon Durren, Treasurer

Dated