



BWLA Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Location: Pierson Township Hall

BOARD ATTENDEES

Present: Dave Cornelius, Mike Dazy, Eric Hendrickson, Kelley Root, Susan Smith, Laura Wiltz, Tom Krehbiel, Mike Fish and Ron Van Timmeren

Absent: Jon Durren

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | Laura Wiltz |
| 2. Roll Call | Kelley Root |
| 3. August 26, 2023, Minutes/Approval | Kelley Root |
| 4. Opening Remarks | Laura Wiltz |
| 5. Treasurer: Report | Eric Hendrickson |
| 6. Montcalm County Sheriff | Guest |
| 7. Township Update | Dan Buyze |
| 8. Ecology Report | Dave Cornelius |
| 9. Hillis Road (tennis/pickleball courts) Update | Mike Dazy/Laura Wiltz |
| 10. Committee Reports | Jane Dykhousé/Comm.Chairs |
| 11. CPR Training | Susan Smith |
| 12. Board of Directors – Fall Elections | Laura Wiltz |
| 13. Question, Comments, New Business | Laura Wiltz |
| 14. Adjourn | Laura Wiltz |

MEETING NOTES

- Call to Order – Laura Wiltz
 - Roll Call – Kelley Root
 - Approval of minutes from August 26, 2023, membership meeting (approved Kathy Gleason/Pat Mead)
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● **Opening Remarks – Laura Wiltz**

- Thank you to the membership, board of directors, committee chairs and volunteers.
- Thank you for all the monetary and physical help for the Hillis Road Restoration Project.
- Welcome to the new members.

● **Treasurer's Report - Respectfully Submitted/Signed/Jon Durren, Treasurer Dated 6/8/2024 – Approved (Kevin Gilfillan/Frank Johnson)**

- Presented by Eric Hendrickson in Jon Durren's absence.
- See the attached full Treasurer's Report which is also posted on the BWLA website.

● **Montcalm County Sheriff – Guest**

- Jacqueline Brayman introduced the guest speakers and reminded everyone to review the six pages in the directory related to safety. Montcalm County Sheriff covered the following:
 - If you want to report something you must have the MC #s and it is helpful to have a video.
 - Reminders for appropriate personal flotation devices
 - Appropriate distance for personal watercraft drivers to adhere to.
 - The County has appropriate funding for staff, they just need to find people to hire.
 - A cell phone number was given to call if there are any questions or issues. That number is 989-613-0365.

● **Township Update – Dan Buyze**

- The new Pierson Township Park hosted a grand opening. Dan thanked the community and the BOD for the gift of food for the event. Basketball courts still need to be installed.
- Township is working on a new Master Plan. Many developers have an interest in Pierson Township and currently the new elementary school is at capacity.
- Reminder that all township meetings are public, and meeting minutes are posted on the website.
- Fire Mileage will be on the fall ballot.
- There is a sewer update meeting that will be held on June 12th at 6:30 at the Tri County High School. The purpose is to give the community the history of the system and discuss future alternatives as repairs are necessary.

● **Ecology – Dave Cornelius**

- A full report is attached.

● **Hillis Road (tennis/pickleball courts) Update – Mike Dazy/Laura Wiltz**

- Laura Wiltz reviewed the survey results that were listed at the bottom of the meeting agenda. The top areas of interest were parking lot improvements, storage building, benches/seating, and a pavilion.
- Thank you to Dean and Joan Downs and Todd and Michelle Emery for donating towards the purchase of new pickleball nets. This left the BOD additional budget money to purchase benches.
- Thank you to all who donated to the Hillis Road project. Over one half of our membership contributed something. We will continue to assess needs and funds available over a three-to-five-year plan.

● **Committee Reports**

- Communication – Judy Warner: Please continue to check for email and Facebook page communications. Also, a reminder to support those local companies that placed ads in our annual directory.
- Fireworks – Mark Wiltz/Jerry Poisson: Fireworks will be held on July 3rd and the make up date is July 6th. A request was made for volunteers to help with the barges. Mark Wiltz also gave the membership a reminder that 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Fireworks will increase in cost. An idea of drone show was suggested as an option to be researched.
- Neighborhood Watch – Diane Gilfillan: Please keep items locked up.
- Attire – Denny Bergers: Website will open on June 16th.
- Boat Parade – Laura Wiltz: Parade will be on July 4th and theme is “anything goes” reminder that paper ballots are in the directory.
- Mix and mingle – Kerry Ottenwess in Julie Amato’s absence. The event was successful, and they plan to host it again in 2025.
- Pickleball Social – Laurie O’Rourke: Social will be held on Saturday, June 15th for 11 to 1.
- Spearing Contest – Dan Buyze: Contest will be held on August 3rd.
- Fishing Contest – Brad Quist: Contest will be held on July 20ths with a hot dog lunch served at the first weigh in at Jerry Poisson’s.
- Golf Outing – Kathy Gleason: Outing will be held on August 10th at the Links of Bowen Lake. If the weather permits the pontoon tie up will be held after.
- Fun Run/Walk – Kelley Root: Event to be held on July 4th with the race starting at 9:00 am, the pie eating contest at 10:00 and balloon toss at 10:30.

● **CPR Training – Susan Smith**

- Sue asked the membership if they would be interested in attending a CPR training to be held at Pierson Township. The membership agreed it would be beneficial. Susan Smith to organizes dates and times.

- **Board of Director – Fall Elections**

- If there is anyone interested in running for the BOD please reach out to Laura Wiltz. The BOD will also be looking for someone that would be interested in becoming Treasurer and training with Jon Durren for a year before his term ends.

- **Adjourn – Amy Parks/Mike Julien**

Big Whitefish Lake Association

Treasurer's Report

6/08/24 Members' Meeting

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Jon Durren, Treasurer

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Ecology Report 6/8/24 Spring Meeting

CLMP Program – Water Quality

- 1.) Weekly sampling mid-May thru mid-September
- 2.) Current Conditions:
 - a. Thermocline approximately 15 feet
 - b. Oxygen levels can sustain fish to about 35 feet
 - c. Water Clarity measured this week 16.5 feet (which is very clear)
 - d. Fish spawning is mostly done, with very minimal fish die-off from spawning stress.
- 3.) PLM treatment plan
 - a. Focus on invasive species primarily Curly Leaf Pond weed & Eurasian Water Milfoil
 - b. On 5/23/24 PLM treated 33 ¾ acres. Cost \$20,350.75
 - c. We applied for and received a special permit to treat within 500' of the outlet, which is the first time we've treated EWM in the shallows near the outlet.
 - d. No algae bloom yet. Last year's bloom occurred at the end of June, so we will likely still see a bloom.
 - e. Reminder that we cannot use Copper Sulfate to treat algae in May or June. We attempted to treat last year's bloom with Chelated Copper products late June ~~last year~~, and those treatments were almost completely ineffective.
- 4.) Surf/Wake Boats
 - a. Boaters have been doing a great job staying in deeper water – Thank You!
 - b. Underwater wave action rips-up vegetation which washes up on shorelines and that problem is reduced if surf boaters stay in the deeper water.
- 5.) Wildlife violations and violations of Township Ordinances – call the DNR Report All Poaching line or the Montcalm County Sheriff's Office.