

Barbee Lakes Property Owners Association Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2023

I. Call to order

Kathryn Schmidt, Vice President, called to order the meeting of the BLPOA at 08:33 on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at North Webster Community Center.

II. Attendees Directors

Greg Bird, Larry Brey, Bethany Chanley, Dawn Chanley, Steve Dillman, Nicole Heuchan, George Hiatt, Sue Hiatt, Andi Kuzma, Chuck Parr, Cullen Reese, Jude Roose, Jerry Schmidt, Kathryn Schmidt, and Neil Schwartz.

Attendees Guests/Members

Austin Heuchan, Mike Totte

III. Approval of the Minutes

Dawn Chanley made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as written. Steve Dillman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IV. Reading of the Treasurer's Report

Larry Brey read the treasurer's report - Total income received for January and February 2023 was \$5,719.67. Total expenses for January/February 2023 were \$15,439.34. Total income received for March 2023 was \$238.87. Total expenses for March 2023 were \$390.00. Checking account balance as of 03/31/23: \$44,119.60. Money Market balance as of 03/31/23: \$128,237.49. Total Balance: \$172,357.09. Larry included that we had to add liability insurance to the pontoon for this season.

Bethany Chanley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, Dawn Chanley seconded. Treasurer's report approved.

Presentation of bills to be paid: Larry Brey presented the Allegra printing bill for mailings and a bill for office supplies. Steve Dillman made a motion not to exceed \$3,000 for these bills. Seconded by George Hiatt. Motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Weeds - Neil Schwartz: Planned with Aquatic Weed Control for this season. Chemical costs have increased 70% this year. However, this is the first increase in 7 years. Our cost of spraying per acre this year will increase about \$25/acre. DNR survey has been approved and our grants have been approved for the year, and we are one of a very select few lakes that were accepted for the LARE Grant. Plan is to spray 3 times for SSW this year. Kathryn asked if they have found any new areas, but we have not had another survey since 2022. The next survey has been approved, so there will be an updated SSW map at some point this year. Channel spraying has been moved to May to accommodate the musky

tournament. The channels will be sprayed before the tournament, and the lakes will be sprayed 2 weeks later.

- B. Buoys and Signs: Bill Thompson was unable to make the meeting. Austin Heuchan has been in contact with Bill about buoys that need a vinyl wrap replacement and that Bill has been looking into quotes for that. Goal for this year and for upcoming years is that buoys will be in shortly after the lakes are melted for the year. We will continue to have an increased need for purple buoys as SSW areas increase. *As a reminder, it is legal for homeowners to purchase and use copper sulfate to keep SSW under control as it is an algae.
- C. Wildlife: Chuck Brinkman was unable to make the meeting. Kathryn reported getting an e-mail from Chuck that stated swan eggs have been added on Big Barbee and Irish. George Hiatt reported that there were 11 eggs in total.
- D. Membership: Sue Hiatt: BLPOA currently has 94 members as of today. Larry included that he has had some members pay dues through stripe as well. Total number of members last year was 637.
- E. Clean-Up Dates: Jerry Schmidt: The clean-up day will be May 20th this year with the rain date being May 21. Anyone willing to help should contact Jerry Schmidt. Bait shop on 13 is willing to take care of the trash once again.
- F. Hot Dog Boat: Lake Life is willing to supply all buns, hot dogs, and brats for the fundraiser. The event will take place the weekend of July 4th (July 1, with the rain date being July 2). The location will be at Carla Trobridge's house. We will decide after the first run if we are planning to do any additional dates.

VI. Old Business

Kathryn Schmidt: We are a marquee donor again this year for The Watershed Foundation. Our logo will be featured on the TWF promotions and advertisements for the year.

VII. New Business

Jude Roose: a friend inquired about having a weather siren installed somewhere on the lake. Consensus is that it would have to be approved through both the county and DNR. Kathryn Schmidt: if anyone has any new business, e-mail Lon and he will get it on the agenda.

VIII. Adjournment

Steve Dillman made a motion to adjourn at 08:58. Dawn Chanley seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Nicole Heuchan.