

Barbee Lakes Property Owners Association

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2021

I. Call to order

Lon Sloan, President, called to order the meeting of the BLPOA at 8:45 a.m. on May 15, 2021 at North Webster Community Center.

II. Attendees Directors

Chuck Brinkman, Roger Bruce, Dawn Chanley, Darla Davis, Steve Dillman, George Hiatt, Sue Hiatt, Andy Kuzma, Judith Roose, Larry Emmick, Lon Sloan, Tammy McClone, Patrick Perry, Dave Reddin, Cullen Reece, Jerry Schmidt, Kathryn Schmidt, Neil Schwartz, and Bill Thompson.

Attendees Guests/Members

Tom Beck, Fredi Beck, Lynda Orr, Heidi Orr, Charles Perry, Bob Yaggi, Barb Murphy, James D. MacDonald, Greg Bird, Sona Bird, Lissa Krull

Guest Speakers: Dr. Nathan Bosch, Director of the Lilly Center for Lakes and Streams and Steve Meadows, The Papers

Dr. Bosch gave a brief overview of the Lily Center for Lakes and Streams. The lakes and streams in Kosciusko County are some of the best-studied in the state of Indiana, due to the Lily Center. Dr. Bosch reviewed some of the information in the Lily Center's publication "Beneath the Surface". He discussed water clarity reporting (page 4) and dissolved oxygen lakes report (page 5) for Big Barbee Lake. Big Barbee Lake is less clear and oxygen levels not very deep. Nutrients from algae and farm runoff from Grassy Creek, and weed decomposition are some of the things that contribute to less oxygen and clarity in Big Barbee Lake. Grassy Creek at Big Barbee Lake is sampled every week beginning in June. Volunteers are welcome. Please visit their website at lakes.grace.edu to volunteer. Dr. Bosch also reviewed the Barbee Lakes Sewer Study. The study compared the Barbee Chain water quality pre and post public sewer installation. Read the full study on their website.

Steve Meadows is the marketing director of the Papers, Inc. Mr. Meadows gave a brief discussion on having a directory published for the Barbee Chain. Mr. Meadows explained this would not cost the association any money. He would need a liaison from the association. The

directory would be in hard copy form and be updated every year. The cost of the publication is all paid for through advertising and The Papers, Inc. would take care of everything.

III. Approval of Minutes

Steve Dillman made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chuck Brinkman seconded. Minutes approved.

IV. Reading of Treasurer's Report

Larry Brey - Total income for April 2021: \$49,276.98 Total expenses for April 2021: \$3,409.29. Checking Account balance 04/30/21: \$90,833.66. Money Market balance 4/30/21: \$90,113.02. Total Balance of: \$180,946.68 Larry Emmick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chuck Brinkman seconded.

Presentation of bills to be paid - Aquatic Weed control - \$14,622.50 for spraying of channels on May 6th. Larry Emmick made a motion to pay the bill and Chuck Brinkman seconded.

Committee Reports

- a) Weeds: Neil Schwartz: All channels were treated for weeds on May 6th. Received the permits for treating weeds on lakes. Big Barbee, Little Barbee, and Sawmill can spray the same amount, Irish can spray a little more than last year. Only 4% of Kuhn can be sprayed (same as last year). Very little can be sprayed on Sechrist Lake. The lakes will be sprayed on May 20th (weather permitting). We have starry stonewort on Sechrist Lake, this is a very invasive weed. We anticipate treating the starry stonewort on Sechrist Lake three times this year beginning in June. We can't get rid of it, we can only control it. Was discussed placing buoys around the starry stonewort to discourage boaters from going through the weed mass. George Hiatt made a motion to get buoys made to put around the starry stonewort in Sechrist Lake. Neil Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.
- b) Buoys and Signs: Bill Thompson: The buoys and signs will be going in the water this week. Working on two new signs, one to be put in the boat launch area on Kuhn Lake and the other sign to go between Little Barbee and Big Barbee lake. Framing for all of the 9 signs going from lake to lake will need replaced. The framing will be made from aluminum. George Hiatt and Bill Thompson are working on this. They will get a price and report back.
- c) Wildlife: Chuck Brinkman – no news.

- d) Membership: Sue Hiatt: We have 425 paid members.

V. Old Business

- a) Hot Dog Boat: Judith Roose and Carla Trobridge will chair this event. The hot dog boat will be held on July 3rd on Irish Lake. Volunteers are needed.
- b) Clean Up Day– Will be held on May 22, with rain date of May 23. Jerry Schmidt is chairing this event. Safety Vests, bags, and gloves will be provided by KC Recycling. Jerry will deliver supplies to the leaders of each group.

VI. New Business

- a) Directory: Lon asked if we wish to have the Papers do a Directory for the association. Dave Redden made a motion to have the directory, Jerry Schmidt seconded. Discussion then motion passed. Lissa Krull volunteered to act as a liaison to the Papers, Inc. for the Directory.

VII. Adjournment

Larry Emmick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Steve Dillman seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Prepared By Tammy McClone.