**Brantingham Community Association Annual Dinner Meeting**

July 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Phillip Stark at 5:30 pm

Mr. Stark opened the meeting by expressing appreciation for the membership.

**SECRETARY REPORT**: Minutes were distributed to the membership before the start of the meeting and members were asked to review. Dave Fisher motioned to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Sue Lorenzini. The motion was passed by voice vote.

**BCA BOARD ELECTIONS:** Mr. Stark reported to the membership that the positions of President and Treasurer were up for re-election this year.

**Dave Fisher motioned to re-elect Phillip Stark, McClain-Bove seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

**Phil Stark motioned to re-elect Gail Roes for Treasurer, Mr. Bill Lamb seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

Mr. Stark reported that all odd area directors were up for re-election: Gary White, Polly Peterson, Karl and Pat Keiffer, Bob McQueen, Bruce Buckingham and Ann House.

**Mr. Bill Lamb nominated Diane Lamb Miller for the Area 5 directorship to replace Karl and Pat Keiffer.**

**Mr. Stark motioned that all other area directors be re-elected; Gary White (Area 1) Polly Peterson (Area 3), Bob McQueen (Area 7), Bruce Buckingham (Area 9) and Ann House (Area 11). Dave Rider seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

**Mr. Stark asks for raised-hand vote to address the contested election for Area 5.**

**Vote for Karl and Pat Keiffer: 24 votes**

**Vote for Diane Lamb Miller: 3 votes**

**Karl and Pat Keiffer are re-elected for the Area 5 directorship.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Gail Roes placed a comprehensive BCA financial reports at all tables. Membership dues collected for 2019 is $9065.00. In addition, $180 for associate memberships and $60 for business memberships. Income includes a 13% reimbursement from the Brantingham Golf Club for the aerial insect sprays. Boat Launch steward donations are up, Memorial fund donations are up this year because of Barb Buckingham’s death. Cost of Boat Launch Steward Program this season is $10,200.00.

Please see separate treasurer’s report

Pat Dowling commented that the income from membership dues are roughly $9200.00 and the expenses for the BCA are approximately $15,000.00.

Mr. Stark states that this will be discussed further during the meeting

Mr. Lamb asks if the BCA added the Arts Council finances on a separate line item as he suggested the year before.

Mr. Stark responded that this was done.

**Fran Abbey motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Bill Lamb seconded the motion and the motion was so approved by a voice vote.**

**BOAT LAUNCH STEWARD PROGRAM:** Mr. Stark reports this is the second year we are conducting the boat launch steward program. The boat launch steward is contracted through the Paul Smith’s Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI). AWI employs the steward and we are billed for the service. The boat launch steward hours are Friday for 4 hours and for 10 hours on both Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Stark reports that many boats have been inspected. *(Reported in the morning BCA Director’s and Officer’s Meeting that168 boats have been inspected this year for aquatic invasive plant species and 432 people have been educated regarding the program)*. The question is now how we continue to fund the program. The bank accounts were higher before after raising dues in 2009. The BCA was aware we could only fund the program for 2 years and would seek out and apply for grant monies. The boat launch steward program will be unsustainable by the year 2021.

Mr. Stark reports that Nichelle Swisher from Lewis County Soil and Water is assisting to seek grant opportunities.

Mr. Stark reports possible strategies include reducing hours of coverage at the boat launch. Volunteers are difficult to manage the boat launch because they require training through the AWI program. The BCA needs to continue fundraising and consider raising dues in the future. Mr. Stark asks if anyone in the membership has experience with writing grants to contact a board member. The BCA will continue to look at other opportunities through local government and companies.

Kathryn Underhill ask is there is anything that precludes us from charging a fee for those launching their boat.

Mr. Stark responded that we do not have the ability to mandate a charge.

Kathryn Underhill asks if we can request a donation.

Mr. Stark responds that there has been discussion of placing a donation box at the boat launch so long as Paul Smith’s AWI program does not have a problem with this.

Kathryn Underhill reports that she does have experience writing grants.

Bill Lamb asks if the BCA has reached out to other organizations that are running a similar program.

Mr. White reports that they have brought a guest from Lake George. Mr. Ed Shiver from Bolton Landing reports the Lake George Park Commission charges a fee at all 8 of the boat launches on Lake George.

Mr. White proposes the BCA could cooperate with the town and agree to collect a fee and share of percentage of the income. Consider that 168 boats have been inspected thus far in 2019

Mr. Stark responded that we have discussed options. Our only way to fund is through membership donation and grant monies. Mr. Stark reports he will approach the town and see if we can reach some sort of agreement. Now that the program is up and running, we can show them how the program is working. We should have local government support.

Fran Abbey suggests that a request should be made to the Town of Greig to place the topic on the agenda and then reach out to membership and encourage them to attend the meeting.

**AERIAL INSECT SPRAYING:** 3 sprays have been conducted so far this season. Just before Memorial Day and 4th of July and another date in-between. The price per spray remains the same. Mr. Stark reminds the membership that the sprays are an attempt to control the population of black flies and mosquitoes. This program does not kill larvae. It only kills flying adult insects exposed to the material sprayed.

Ron Ziomek asks if it safe to be outside during the spray.

Mr. Stark responded that it is safe to be outside unless you have a specific reason why you feel you should not be exposed. Kontrol 30-30 is used across the country.

Gary White stated that the spray includes 1.7 ounces of synthetic permethrin per \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The product has very low toxicity and it not sprayed over water

Dave Fisher addressed the membership reporting that this topic represents his industry. The sprays treat adult mosquitoes and the spray does not reach the ground Larva will continue to produce. Timing of the spray is critical in terms of temperature, weather forecast and wind. Mr. Fisher reports the spray prior to the 4th of July was well executed. Mr. Fisher states that Duflo Chemical spray has an excellent reputation in the industry and have good equipment for delivery.

Gary White encourages the membership to empty any receptacle that is holding water. This is a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Mr. Fisher informs the membership that we are doing the best thing we can do.

If there was a better option, we would be using it.

Gary White stated that Chases lake is using Bacillus Thurengiensis Israelensis (BTI) to treat black flies. BTI is placed in flowing water to kill the eggs and larvae. Brantingham Lake is spring-fed. In addition, should we switch to BTI, we cannot return to using aerial spraying as we are currently grandfathered to use this program. BTI does not kill mosquitoes; only black flies.

Ron Ziomek asks how the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation would be notified if we were not to spray.

Mr. Stark respond that Mr. Duflo notifies the NYS DEC of the sprays

Mr. Stark reinforces that timing is critical. In the spring, the male black flies show up first and do not “bite”. The females show up after the males to lay eggs and they will “bite”. It is critical to apply the first spray as soon as possible as weather allows. Mr. Duflo will not spray unless conditions allow for an effective spray.

Mr. Stephen Widrick states if there are only 295 property owners out of 440, we are missing out on potential income. The BCA should be encouraging people in the community to join as soon as possible.

Mr. Ziomek asks if the membership dues could be part of the town tax bill.

Mr. Stark responded that the BCA does not have the power or authority to dictate that property owner pay membership dues.

Bob Anson, wildlife biologist and veterinarian raises a concern with the bat population. He proposes an integrated pest management plan to encourage bats to inhabit the area with bat houses.

Marie Dowling ask how do you know, other than the membership cards, if you neighbors are BCA members?

Gail Roes responds that the BCA directory includes all property addresses, but the address that have paid their dues are noted with an asterisk.

John Lormore asks what reason property owners give for not wanting to be a member.

Gail Roes responded that reason include: the increase in dues or the aerial insect spraying. Gail reminds us that some property owners in the area have their own association fees.

A member suggested to update the website so that people can pay electronically

Mr. Stark responded that we do have a Paypal option, but will look into other methods.

**ARTS COUNCIL:** Fran Abbey thanks everyone who has made donation or become a sponsors of the BCA Arts Council. There was a great turnout for the Fred and the Eds concert. The craft fair profited $600 and the artisan fair profited $116.00 toward future events. Ms. Abbey remind the membership to pick up a calendar of events card at the registration table. Ms. Abbey thank Kent Martin for the logo, John and Mary Dixon for working on the concerts, Carol Kunkle for the Artisan Fair, Bob McQueen for organizing our first run/walk. The next concert, Gena and Ron Coffee House, is this Friday, July 19th in the Stacy Room at Camp Aldergate at 7:00 pm.

**BCA ANNUAL DINNER MEETING 2020:** Mr. Stark reports that Saturday, July 11th, 2020 was chosen during the morning directors meeting. The meeting will have the same format.

**BOAT PARADE:** Mr. Dixon announced there is some concern that the boat parade should fall on the 4th of July and take a more traditional approach. The Dixons have proposed some ideas to make it more engaging for folks such as themes, judging, prizes.

Mr. Stark responded he did not think anyone would have a problem with having the boat parade on the 4th. Hopefully we will have some members who are willing to take an active role organizing and running the boat parade.

Marie Dowling asks is the membership can agree the boat parade will be held on July 4th.

Mr. Stark responded that there is no objection to having the boat parade on July 4th.

Mr. Dixon reported that the BCA board approved spending $100 toward the boat parade to be used for prizes. Mr. Dixon proposed that Survey Monkey be used so that anyone who wishes to vote may do so.

**2019 GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Gail Roes reported that the 2019 BCA Golf Tournament was a success raising almost $500.00 that was dedicated to the boat launch steward program. Ms. Roes states this may be a great opportunity for fundraising in the future. BCA is looking for someone who may be able to organize a 2020 golf tournament. Kim at the Brantingham Golf Course was tremendously helpful and much of this year’s planning will serve as a template for next year. The second Saturday in June has been reserved. Please contact Gail Roes if you are interested in organizing the event.

**SHERIFF CARPINELLI**: The sheriff addressed the membership to announce that the marine patrol has been reinstated. He apologized that the recreational patrol for the lake was stopped because of politics. Sheriff Carpinelli voiced his commitment to lake safety.

Mrs. White thanked Mr. Carpinelli for patrolling for several hours during the 4th of July to keep us safe.

Polly Peterson reminds the membership, if you see something you should say something. Inform the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office and they will respond.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murphy

BCA Secretary