



The Birch Bark

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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September 2011

www.whitebirch.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 8 th	Board Meeting	10:00am
November 12 th	Board Meeting	10:00am
December 10 th	Board Meeting	10:00am

All Meetings are held at the Clubhouse
unless otherwise noted

2011 Board of Directors ELECTION RESULTS

Dawn Holzer	159
Steve Bryant	114
Brian Kozlowski	79
Cindy Delong	31
Marsha Thomas	31

The Amendment to the By-Laws

Passed YES 151 - NO 54

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good morning everyone,

Congratulations to Dawn Holzer and Steve Bryant and welcome to the Board of Directors. I believe you both will be very helpful to the Board and the members of this association. We are looking forward to working with you.

Thanks to the activities committee for the Labor Day picnic and sharing their day with us to hold our membership meeting and election. I was very concerned with being able to do the meeting and picnic on the same day. Some past meetings have been very lengthy. The membership deserves big thanks also for sticking it out thru the rain storm, and helping me to have a quick and respectful meeting.

I have been told the fence around the camper storage area will be completed this week-end. Participants in this project were; Dave Conley, Mark Connelly, Kevin Dombrowski, Dan Hopper, Patrick Nalepa and Fred Witchell, Thanks guys for your help.

Thank You,
Bob Briggs



REMINDER

You must show your Membership Card when entering pool. All guest must be accompanied by the Member. The Clubhouse Attendants will be enforcing this policy.

If you do not have a card call Alice or Elaine at the office to make arrangements, they can have one ready and waiting for you to pick up.



WINTER HOURS

October 1st – May 25th

POOL HOURS

Mon	9am – 3:30pm
Tues & Thurs	9am – 3:30pm
Fri & Sat	12noon – 8:30pm
Sunday	10am – 2pm

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs	8am - 4pm
Fri – Sat	8am – 9pm
Sun	10am – 2pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Fri	8am – 4pm
2 nd and 4 th Saturdays	8am – 12 noon
Closed Sunday	



Campground Storage

The end of Summer is almost here and members are beginning to move their Camping Units into the storage area. All campers must be moved from your lot no later than October 31st. Lots must be left clear you are allowed to leave your picnic table and wood pile. A special 14 day permit may be requested for camping on your lot during the winter season.

Please remember before you can move your camper/boat into the campground or storage area for winter storage, you **MUST** have a current sticker identifying your unit.

Your reservation needs to be paid & assessments current before a sticker will be issued. Please go the Clubhouse Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM or the 2nd and 4th Saturdays 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for the necessary sticker.

If you are unable to get to the Clubhouse during these times, please call (989)588-2853 during business hours & a sticker can be left for you at the Pool Attendant's desk or mailed to you directly. The Pool Attendants are unable to issue stickers on their own to you; authorization first has to be obtained through the office. Units without proper identification stickers will be subject to removal.

HELP WANTED

Clubhouse/Pool Attendant

Every 3rd weekend:

Fri. night, Sat. & Sunday during the Fall/Winter months.

Fri. night, Sat. Sun. & Mon night during the Spring/Summer months.

One 4 hour Saturday morning every month in addition to regular hours.

If interested, please see Supervisor Alice @ Clubhouse Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays to complete an application or call (989) 588-2853.

Upcoming Activities



Have you been admiring your neighbors flowers--wishing you had some of the same in your garden?

Do your hostas need dividing, but you have no room for the extras?



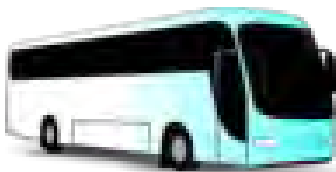
Then get ready the Activities committee is holding the
1st Annual WBLRA Plant/Seed Exchange
Saturday October 1st @ 1:00pm
Campground Pavilion

Please put any plants you bring into some type of container with either a label or short description card.

A master gardener will be on hand in case anyone has any questions.

NOVEMBER 17 Hunters Chili Night

DECEMBER 10 Christmas Party



Looking for interested participants to head up north to the casino. The Activities Committee is looking into a Charter or a package deal. More information at our next meeting. Sounds like it could be a lot of fun.

Let Sally or Dawn Holzer know if you might want join in.

OPERATION GRATITUDE

We are once again collecting items for Care packages for those in the Military. There is a list of needed items at the Clubhouse as well as on their website.

www.operationgratitude.com

This round of collections will last till the middle of November.

THANK YOU!

White Birch Lakes
September 10, 2011
Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order:

President Briggs called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Board members present: President Briggs, 1st Vice President Stephens, 2nd Vice President Cox-Perkins, Director Bryant, Director Dombrowski, Director Holzer and Director Nalepa. Also present Secretary, Elaine Carrasco.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

New Business:

Director Bryant adds foreclosure proceedings.

Director Stephens adds EPC lot improvement application form.

Director Dombrowski adds electrical escrow account and suspension of privileges.

President Briggs will appoint committees and chairs after committee reports.

III. Approval of Minutes:

(1) Director Stephens moves to approve the August meeting minutes as presented, second by Director Cox-Perkins, carried.

IV. Income Statement-Treasurer's Report:

(2) Director Bryant moves to accept the financial report, second by Director Holzer, all ayes, with exception of a nay by Director Nalepa, carried.

(3) Director Stephens moves to pay the bills, second by Director Cox-Perkins, carried.

V. President's Report:

VI. Committee Reports:

EPC chair Chick Witchell reports one cement slab/trees, driveway/trees and another trees application approval. Reports the new application form, when signed by the member, will allow EPC to enter their property.

Bob Pelfrey for safety reports that motorists are speeding in the association. He reminds members that school is in session and children are on the roads walking to and from the bus stop. Members are also walking our roads, you need to slow down.

Election Committee Chair, Carolyn Neal reports that she will hold another meeting with the committee and report their recommendations to the Board.

Activities Chair, Sally Keillor reports we ran out of food at the Annual Meeting picnic, we will have more next year. We had to cancel the bounce house because of the weather, unfortunately.

Our next event is our fall garage sale, Saturday September 17, 2011. Membership can pick up a map on Friday. A bake sale in the bus stop will take place along with the garage sale. Activities committee is thinking about a casino bus trip. The beginning of October will be a member's plant exchange, more to come on that and the chili event which will take place in November.

President Briggs committee appointments:

Activities:

Sally Keillor, Chair
Dawn Holzer, Liaison
Kathy Lutz
Jeanne Briggs
Helen Thompson

EPC:

Chick Witchell, Chair
Chris Van Pelt
Dick Brandt
Jim Neal
Janice Ochss

Conservation:

Marty Perkins, Chair
Dan Holzer
Tom Crook

Campground:

Fred Witchell, Chair
Sally Keillor

Finance:

Terry Obrecht, Chair
Mary Cox-Perkins, liaison
Elaine Carrasco
Sylvia Wagner
Carol Neal

(4) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the committee appointments, second by Director Bryant, ayes by Directors, Cox-Perkins, Dombrowski, Bryant and Holzer; nays by Directors Stephens and Nalepa, carried.

VII. Comments from the Floor:

(Agenda Items Only)

Available at the Clubhouse.

VIII. Old Business:

No unfinished business.

IX. New Business:

(5) Director Cox-Perkins moves to transfer the CD account into a Money Market account, second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, carried.

- (6) *Director Bryant moves that we start foreclosure proceedings on any member with an account balance over \$1000.00 who have not responded within 90 days after our collection policy has been exhausted and to approve the expenditures involved in this process, second by Director Cox-Perkins, carried.*
- (7) *Director Stephens moves to approve the revised EPC lot improvement form with one exception, to include the board approval date at the bottom of the form, second by Director Cox-Perkins, all ayes, exception of a nay by Director Bryant, carried.*
- (8) *Director Dombrowski moves to post a copy of the electrical escrow account policy on the website, along with copies to be available at the clubhouse, second by Director Stephens, carried.*
- (9) *Director Cox-Perkins moves that this board exercise their right to enforce Section 7 of the bylaws regarding suspension of privileges, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.*

X. **Comments from the Floor:**
(Available at the clubhouse.)

XI. **Adjournment:**

- (10) *Director Cox-Perkins moves to adjourn, second by Director Holzer, carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

President - Robert Briggs
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1st VP - Teresa Stephens
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2nd VP- Mary Cox-Perkins
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Director - Dorothy Nalepa
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Director - Steve Bryant
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Sec/Treasurer - Elaine Carrasco
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Director - Dawn Holzer
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NOTICE

The Board of Directors would like to remind you and have passed a motion to reaffirm that any Member not current on any and all Association Assessments or charges forfeits the right to use the facilities and common properties until they again become Members in Good Standing. Per our Covenants and Restrictions and our By-Laws **Article III Section 7**. We will be enforcing this restriction We will be initiating foreclosure proceedings on those who are more than \$1,000 in arrears and have not agreed and adhered to a payment plan..

It is not fair to expect the Members who do pay to support those who don't. We would collect over \$100,000 more if those people would just pay this years Assessments alone.

Section 6 - Privileges of Members and Associate Members

Members and Associate Members shall have the use of the Common Properties subject to the provisions of the Declarations, these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, and the rules and regulations established by the board.

Section 7 - Suspension of Privileges of Membership

The Board shall have the right to suspend the voting rights, if any, the right to use and share in the Common Properties of the Association and the other privileges of membership of any Member or Associate Member. The use of the roads within the Development shall be allowed for ingress and egress only and shall not include use of the roads for recreational purposes.

1. For any period during which any Association charge, including fines, owed by the Member or Associate Member remains unpaid.
2. For any period of continuing violation of the Declarations, after the existence of the violation shall have been declared by the Board.
3. Because of any violation of the By-Laws or rules and regulations of the Association.

OUR STAFF

Supervisor Alice Van Bennekom
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MAINTENANCE

Jeff Wheeler
Tom Alsup

CLUBHOUSE

Tammy Verlage
Frank Metz



Don't wait for the mail. Get your Birch Bark a week sooner by signing up for an e-mail copy. It saves the Association money and puts our Assessments and time to better use.

We now have over 90 members signed on!
Just contact our supervisor Alice @

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supervisor@whitebirch.org

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