



# The Birch Bark

## White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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[www.whitebirch.org](http://www.whitebirch.org)

### MEETING SCHEDULE

November 12 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	10:00am
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	11:00am
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	11:00am

All Meetings are held at the Clubhouse  
unless otherwise noted



Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Priscilla Moore. We were very saddened to hear of her passing. As a long time volunteer and then employee of White Birch she will surely be missed.

## Presidents Report

Good morning everyone,

White Birch has lost a long time friend, neighbor and past employee this past week. Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Priscilla Moore. There is information posted on the bulletin board. She will be missed by many of her friends and neighbors here at White Birch.

The flowers behind the clubhouse received a much needed weeding this week, thanks to Donna Cross. Donna is always weeding flowers, picking up trash around White Birch or helping in any way she can. Thank you Donna, we appreciate having you for a neighbor.

In the past few years there has been a lot of work done to collect past assessments, and I would like to thank the ones who have cooperated with the office by bringing these up to date, or getting on a payment plan to do so. It has now come to the point that the board's only option left is to foreclose on the properties that have not cooperated. That is the step we are taking now. These properties will be turned over to our attorneys as soon as the treasurer finishes getting the information required by the attorneys. We are also going to start getting court injunctions against the ones who are not current on their assessments, and still continue to use the roads, lakes and other facilities. These measures may sound a little harsh to some, but we have done all we can with the delinquencies, and these are the only other options available to us through our covenants and restrictions. It is not fair to the ones paying their assessments for this to be allowed any longer.

The new roof has been started. I am told it will take about a week to finish. I hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy this good weather and the beautiful colors that we have, we all know it doesn't last long.

Thank You, Bob Briggs

## IMPORTANT YEARLY REMINDERS

### Campground Storage

Camping season is coming to an end and all camping units must be removed from your lot by October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet reserved a storage spot they are now on a first come basis and going fast.

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. 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.

### Unimproved Lots

Please remember that WBLRA only allows the following items to remain on your lot when you are not camping or when closing down for the winter months.

1. Picnic tables
2. Wood piles (may be covered with neutral-tone colored tarps) blue tarps may not be used after November 1<sup>st</sup>

Please have all other items removed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### CAMPGROUND ELECTRICITY NOTICE:

The electricity at the campground is now turned off during the off season. If you plan on fall and/or winter camping, please call the Clubhouse at (989) 588-2853 during business hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) Monday through Friday to arrange to have the power turned on to your particular site. **There is no one on duty during the weekend to turn it on.**

Regular camping fees are in effect until October 31, 2011. Off season electrical cost is \$5.00 per night.

### CAMPGROUND WATER

The water at the campground will be turned off October 31, 2011 at the very latest.

If the weather gets cold enough to freeze overnight and damage the pipes, it will be shut off sooner.

**IF YOU CAN READ THIS..  
I'VE LOST MY TRAILER**

Bumper sticker sighting!

### OUR STAFF

Supervisor Alice Van Bennekom  
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### MAINTENANCE

Jeff Wheeler  
Tom Alsup

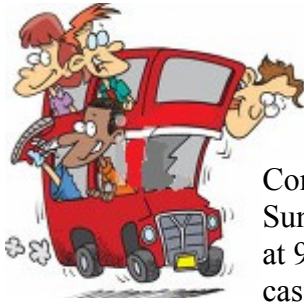
### CLUBHOUSE

Tammy Verlage  
Frank Metz  
Jordan O'Brien

# Upcoming Activities

## LITTLE RIVER CASINO TRIP

Thursday November 17th



Come and join us for a fun filled day. We will be meeting at the Sunoco Station on M115 just west of US10. The bus will pick up at 9:20 am and have us home before 5:30 pm. We will be at the casino from 11:00 am till 3:30 pm.

Cost of the trip is \$20 per person and you receive \$35 back in comps, like hitting the slots before you even enter the door!

Call North Country Tours @ 1-888-396-9580 to reserve your seat before they are full. Make sure you tell them you are from White Birch Lakes.

Bring your picture ID and since we all know we're going to cash in that big pot make sure you have your Soc Sec card in your wallet!



## Hunter's Chili

Sat. November 19<sup>th</sup>

1 pm to 3 pm



Take a break from the cold and warm up with a hot bowl of chili. Thanks to the Activities Committee.

## WINTER HOURS

October 1<sup>st</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>

## POOL HOURS

Mon & Tues 9am – 3:30pm

Closed Wednesday

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 – 2:30pm

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Fri 8am – 4pm

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 8am – 12 noon

Closed Sunday

December 10<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Christmas Party at the Clubhouse.

White Birch Lakes  
October 8, 2010  
Board Meeting Minutes

**I. Call to Order:**

President Briggs called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. Board members present: President Briggs, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cox-Perkins, Director Bryant, Director Dombrowski, Director Holzer and Secretary, Elaine Carrasco. Absent due to a family obligation, Director Nalepa.

**II. Additions to the agenda:**

Director Cox-Perkins adds under new business, meeting time.

Director Briggs adds under old business, committee appointments and closed session for a legal matter.

**III. Approval of the minutes:**

(1) *Director Stephens moves to accept the September 3, 2011 annual meeting minutes as presented, second by Director Holzer, carried.*

(2) *Director Stephens moves to accept the September 10, 2011 meeting minutes as presented, second by Director Bryant, carried.*

**IV. Income Statement- Treasurer's Report:**

(3) *Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, second by Director Stephens, carried.*

**V. President's Report:**

**VI. Committee Reports:**

**EPC:** Chick Witchell reports there was no meeting this month, not anything to meet for. We had 4 tree removal approvals, one covered porch, a deck and one contiguous lot approval.

**Campground:** Fred Witchell reports that Saturdays will be busy this month with camper storage. There are three campsites available for winter camping in the campground. Sites 29, 31 and 5A will be available throughout the winter and spring.

**Finance Committee:** Terri Obrecht reports the committee had their first meeting. Excluding assessment collection we are shy about \$5000.00 in anticipated revenue at the half way mark in this fiscal year. We expect to be slightly under budget in expenses. Energy usage is questionable, our liaison will be doing a study on past consumption. We may have to increase the budget for no lead consumption next year. She requests that the board reinstate a budget review at one of their workshops. The next finance committee will be Tuesday, October 18. We intend to have the proposed budget completed for the board by the end of October.

**Activities Committee:** Sally Keillor reports we had our first plant exchange last Saturday. Members exchanged about 40 plants and discussed where and how to plant them. A trip to Little River is being planned for November 17. Information on the trip is posted on the Clubhouse board. If you call for information, be sure to make them aware you are a member of White Birch Lakes. She quoted Sally a group rate of \$20 per person, which includes \$35 in comps. Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have chili available at the clubhouse for the hunters.

VII. **Comments** (agenda items only)

Comments are available at the clubhouse office, by the Secretary.

VIII. **Old Business:**

Campground committee appointments: President Briggs appoints Patrick Nalepa and Richard Allen to the campground committee. Director Dombrowski is appointed liaison of the campground committee.

- (4) *Director Stephens moves to accept the campground committee appointments, second by Director Bryant, carried.*

IX. **New Business:**

- (5) *Director Dombrowski moves to discuss the Craig's list ad for our lots for sale, second by Director Stephens, withdrawn.*  
(6) *Director Cox-Perkins moves to change the meeting times to 11 a.m. beginning the December through April meeting, second by Director Stephens, carried.*  
(7) *Director Stephens moves to closed session for legal matters, second by Director Bryant, carried.*  
(8) *Director Stephens moves continue forward with legal matters based on the attorney's recommendations, second by Director Cox-Perkins, carried.*

X. **Comments from the Floor:**

For the good of the order: Available at the clubhouse office, by the Secretary.

IX. **Adjournment:**

- (9) *Director Stephens moves to adjourn, second by Director Holzer, carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Elaine Carrasco

**YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS and OFFICERS**

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## THANKSGIVING HOURS

The Office and Clubhouse will be closed  
Thanksgiving Day Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Office will remain closed thru the  
weekend and re open Mon the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## POOL HOURS

Fri Nov 25<sup>th</sup> & Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Sun Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 10: am to 2:00 pm

## CLUBHOUSE

Fri Nov 25<sup>th</sup> & Sat Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm to 9 pm

Sun Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 10: am to 2:30 pm



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**