



The Birch Bark

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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November 2011

www.whitebirch.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

December	9 th	Workshop	7:30pm
December	10 th	Board Meeting	11:00am
January	14 th	Board Meeting	11:00am

All Meetings are held at the Clubhouse
unless otherwise noted

OPEN BOARD SEAT

Interested Members must submit a request
in writing to the Board Secretary

Deadline for submissions: December 5, 2011 4 P.M.

**APPOINTMENT WILL BE MADE
BEFORE THE DECEMBER 10, 2011
MONTHLY MEETING**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Good Morning everyone,

Our neighbors Dick Brandt, Jeanne Briggs, Bill Dorcey, Stan Graham, Greg Griswold, Joe Romine and Phyllis Scozzari are all either in the hospital or recovering from hospital visits. I would like to wish them all a speedy recovery and send our prayers and thoughts out to each one of them and their families.

Director Dorothy Nalepa has taken on a new career and has sadly reported to me that it requires too much of her time to allow for her to continue being a member of the Board of Directors. Dorothy has put in an amazing amount of work over her period of time on the Board and has been a lot of help in accomplishing the improvements in White Birches financial status. Thanks Dorothy for all you have done for us here at White Birch.

We will be posting for somebody to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant director's seat. If anyone is interested, please turn your name into the office. We will try to fill this seat at our December Board meeting.

Thanks goes out to Dave Conley and Dan Holzer for their help with the stocking of walleyes in our lakes this past month.

I don't know where the misunderstanding has come from, but we have had a few people storing their campers in the campground, thinking that they should have free electricity for cleaning, winterizing and camping. These people have told me they have had the use of the electricity for years. Storage fees at the campground do not include electricity. I feel sorry for the people that have been told otherwise. At least it was only a few, and now they are upset at the Board. It is unfortunate that this has had to happen.

I hope everyone that is in the hospital gets home to family for Thanksgiving. Good luck to all the deer hunters and I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

Bob Briggs

OUR STAFF

Supervisor Alice Van Bennekom
supervisor@whitebirch.org

MAINTENANCE

Jeff Wheeler
Tom Alsup

CLUBHOUSE

Tammy Verlague
Frank Metz
Jordan O'Brien



The new roof on the Clubhouse is now finished. It looks great and no more leaks.

Winter Camping & Electricity

Due to safety and economical concerns the electricity at the campground is turned off during the off camping season. If you plan on winter camping you must call the office ahead of time during regular business hours Mon. thru Fri. to make arrangements to have it turned on.

Please remember there is no one on duty to turn it on for you during the weekend.

Holiday Hours

CHRISTMAS

Sat Dec 24 & Sun Dec 25
Office, Pool & Clubhouse
CLOSED

Mon Dec 26

Pool 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Clubhouse 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Office CLOSED

NEW YEARS

Sat Dec 31 & Sun Jan 1
Office, Pool & Clubhouse
CLOSED

Mon Jan 2

Pool 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Office & Clubhouse
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM



All you lucky snow birds who have flown the coop in search of sunshine and warmth, don't forget you can opt to receive your Birch Bark by e-mail. It saves on cost and you receive it as soon as it is published, not a week or two later in the mail. We now have over 90 members signed up.

Send your request to
supervisor@whitebirch.org

Upcoming Activities



CHRISTMAS PARTY and Family Game Night

December 10th 5:00 PM WBLRA Clubhouse

The Association will supply the meat entree and a beverage.

Please plan on joining in on the food, fun and fellowship.

Bring a side dish to pass.



We are once again collecting food for the Church in Lake George. There is a basket at the Clubhouse.

They are also collecting toys for local children at the Lincoln Township Hall if you care to donate.

There are many families who are in need of extra help this year. If you have a little extra please help.



There is also our yearly Mitten Tree, which is always a big success. Bring in mittens, hats and scarfs to keep the little ones warm this winter.

White Birch Lakes
Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2011

I. Call to Order:

President Briggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present: President Briggs, 1st Vice President Stephens, 2nd Vice President Cox-Perkins, Director Dombrowski, Director Holzer and Secretary, Elaine Carrasco. Absent Director Bryant, due to illness, Director Stephens previous family obligation and Director Nalepa, resignation.

Director Holzer led the membership in prayer, followed by President Briggs leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

Director Dombrowski adds under new business: pool lights and campground bath heaters.

Director Dombrowski adds under old business: foreclosures.

Director Cox-Perkins removes rental properties from new business.

III. Approval of Minutes:

(1) Director Cox-Perkins moves to approve the October meeting minutes, 2nd by Director Holzer, carried.

IV. Income-Statement-Treasurer's Report:

(2) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Director Holzer, carried.

(3) Director Cox-Perkins moves to approve the payables, second by Director Dombrowski, carried.

V. President's Report:

VI. Committee Reports:

EPC: Chick Witchell reports 5 tree removal approvals, one contiguous lot and letters to members on violations for open toilets, camping without 14 day permits and blight.

Campground: Fred Witchell reports that confusion on policies is the reason for the electricity being on. Three campers in wrong places, we will contact them. 165 units stored this year, 175 last year. Removed 6 units. 8 brand new units this year. 6 from campground storage to back storage.

Activities: Sally Keillor reports the casino trip is this Thursday. Saturday, November 19th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will have chili at the clubhouse for the hunters. The Christmas potluck and family game night event will be on December 10th, 5 p.m. Three boxes for "Operation Gratitude" will be shipped to our military; we collect again in the spring. Donation boxes are here in the clubhouse. We will have a mitten tree this year also.

VII. Comments (Agenda items only)

Available from the Secretary at the clubhouse.

VIII. Old Business:

(4) Director Cox-Perkins moves to amend a prior motion to foreclose on lots with a balance of \$1000.00 or more to read “to foreclose on lots with current past due balances of \$375.00 or more, who are not already in a current payment plan”, per our attorney’s advice, second by Director Dombrowski, carried.

IX. New Business:

(5) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept Director Nalepa’s resignation, 2nd by Director Dombrowski, carried.

(6) Director Dombrowski moves we replace the lights in the pool room, second by Director Holzer, withdrawn.

(7) Director Cox-Perkins moves to have Seiter Electric redo the wiring with conduit inside, with eight 4 ft. two bulb fixtures for \$2,902.00, second by Director Dombrowski, carried.

(8) Director Holzer moves accept the Ackerman bid on replacing the heaters at the campground bathhouse, second by Director Dombrowski, carried.

X. Comments From the Floor:

Available from the Secretary at the Clubhouse.

XI. Adjournment:

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

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 - Kevin Dombrowski
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Director - Dawn Holzer
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Director - Steve Bryant
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Sec/Treasurer - Elaine Carrasco
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Happy
Thanksgiving!