



Birch Bark

February 2012

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
4370 Lake Road
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Emergency Maintenance (989) 588-7006
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Board of Directors Upcoming Meeting Schedule

March 10 11:00 a.m.
April 14 11:00 a.m.

All meetings are held at the clubhouse
Unless otherwise noted.



Please extend a warm and special thank you to Teresa Stephens who has graciously accepted the position as President of the Board of Directors at White Birch Lakes Recreational Association. Thanks Teresa for all you have done and will do for the benefit of White Birch Lakes.

ATTENTION!



If you have a past due balance of \$375.00 or more and have defaulted on a previously agreed upon payment plan, you may be in foreclosure.

Per our lawyers recommendation, please be advised that White Birch Lakes Recreational Association will only accept payments in full for these past due balances.

If you have any questions on your status please contact Elaine in the office for details at (989)

588-2853.



Snow Report



A very special thank you to Dennis Karlson, (lot 1297) our very own "snow guru." Dennis reports that so far for the season we've received 21 inches of snow. This number is low compared to last year's number which was 51 inches at this time and at this time in the winter of 2010 we had received 97 inches. Thanks Dennis for keeping us so well informed.

Birch Bark by E-Mail

Help us save money and trees by receiving your Birch Bark newsletter in your e-mail rather than through the postal mail. It's not only faster but it's a cost savings for White Birch Lakes. You can sign up by sending an e-mail request to supervisor@whitebirch.org



Food Drive

Please remember that the food collection for Clare County will be continuing throughout the year. We are accepting canned goods, dry foods such as rice, macaroni and noodles. Please no perishables. The box is located at the clubhouse just inside the door. All your charitable donations stay in Clare County. This is a wonderful way to share with others less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Open Board Seat

Interested members must submit a request in writing to the Board Secretary.

Deadline for submission is March 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

An appointment will be made before the March 10, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.



Your Board of Directors and Officers

President - Teresa Stephens
rapidstamper@yahoo.com

1st Vice President - Mary Cox-Perkins
funk49pt@yahoo.com

Director - Kevin Dombrowski
kd460@sbcglobal.net

Director - Dawn Holzer
muleman2318@gmail.com

Director - Tom Crook
tcrooksy@yahoo.com

Director - Steve Bryant
sfbryant1@yahoo.com

Sec/Treasurer - Elaine Carrasco
ecoffice@whitebirch.org



Slippery Roads

Maintenance tries their best to keep our roads clear of ice but sometimes at night you'll find yourself slipping and sliding especially at the entrance near the keypad and getting through the gate.

We've placed garbage pails of salt and sand close by so please use what you need to get yourself going.

Word Search Puzzle "Wedding Gowns"

A	C	C	E	S	S	O	R	I	E	S	S	A	V	E
T	K	A	I	E	F	S	N	P	L	I	N	E	S	F
B	O	L	V	T	W	T	E	I	E	C	L	A	S	S
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B	A	D	E	T	A	C	I	T	S	I	H	P	O	S

Accessories	Motif
Beauty	Organza
Best	Page
Bodice	Past
Bride	Pearls
Chic	Pretty
Class	Romantic
Cost	Satin
Crepe	Save
Drapes	Seam
Dress	Shoes
Elegant	Silk
Fancy	Sleeveless
Flow	Sophisticated
Gems	Spot
Gloves	Straight
Jewel	Sweep
Lace	Thread
Layer	Traditional
Length	Tulle
Linen	Veil
Lines	Velvet
Long	White
Look	Woman
Mass	Year
Model	

White Birch Lakes
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2012

I. Call to Order:

President Stephens called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Board members present: President Stephens, 1st Vice President Cox-Perkins, Director Dombrowski, Director Holzer, Director Bryant, Director Crook and Secretary, Elaine Carrasco.

Director Holzer led the membership in prayer followed by President Stephens with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

President Stephens strikes "Acceptance of lots in lieu of assessments" from Unfinished Business.

President Stephens adds "Real estate offer" to New Business.

III. Approval of Minutes:

I. Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the minutes, second by Director Holzer, all eyes with exception of Director Dombrowski's nay, carried.

IV. Income Statement-Treasurer's Report:

(2) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the Income Statement, second by Director Crook, all in favor, carried.

(3) Director Cox-Perkins moves to pay the bills, second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, carried.

- V. President's Report:** Good morning, a few of our friends and neighbors, as Dawn mentioned earlier, are battling serious health concerns. Please keep Kindra Norlander, Brian Kozlowski, Amy Carrasco, Stan Graham and Keith Geyer in your thoughts and prayers. Also, Carolyn Neal's mother passed away this week. Please keep the Neal family in your prayers as well. Winter has finally arrived at White Birch Lakes! Let's hope we continue to get enough precipitation throughout the winter to support our lake levels this summer. Please, also remember that there are barrels located at many corners which contain a sand/salt mixture; if you have any traction problems at those locations please feel free to use it. Bob Briggs has resigned from the board of directors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob for his many hours spent at White Birch to make it a better community. Whether many of you know it or not, Bob put in a lot of selfless hours and a huge contribution, thank you Bob and you will be certainly missed.

A member will be appointed at the March meeting to fill Bob's vacancy. If you are interested in being considered for this temporary position, please contact Elaine in the office, no later than February 29, 2012, 4 p.m. The appointee seat will then be up for election for a three year term at the July's annual meeting and general election.

The Clare County tax foreclosure notices were published and their were properties listed with White Birch Lakes name, I have been assured by Elaine that these are properties of which White Birch Lakes has a lien and are not White Birch Lakes owned properties.

The renovations are being completed at the campground bathrooms and should be done in a couple of weeks. I understand they are ahead of schedule. At any rate they will be done in plenty of time before the camping season.

Tom Crook who was already on the conservation committee, he was just a member, has agreed to be the liaison for that committee and Kevin Dombrowski has offered to take over the communications committee, as liaison for me. Have a good month and Happy Valentines Day!

Teresa Stephens,
President

VI. Committee Reports:

Activities Committee:

Director Holzer reports we had the Super Bowl event on Sunday, lots of food, about 25 people. We had Super Bowl squares and Donna Cross won the first two quarters. Christina Van Pelt won third quarter and Kathy Lutz won the final quarter. With the donations from the squares the activities committee collected an additional \$100.00. Funds to be used for future events. Thanks for your support.

Campground committee:

Director Dombrowski reports it was cold.

VII. Comments (Agenda Items Only)

None given.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

(4) Director Cox-Perkins moves to ratify the e-mail motion to accept the bid from Aquatic Doctors for a three year contract, with the inclusion of Teal pond being treated from the shoreline only and more aggressive posting when the lakes are treated, second by Director Dombrowski, all ayes, with exception of nays by Director Crook and Director Bryant, carried.

(5) Director Cox-Perkins moves that starting March 1st 2012 we follow our C&R's and add the yearly 7% interest on past due accounts, second by Director Holzer, carried.

(6) Director Bryant moves to accept the budget of \$370,494.00 for the fiscal year 2012-13, second by Director Cox-Perkins, carried.

IX. New business:

(7) Director Dombrowski moves to accept the resignation of Bob Briggs, second by Director Cox-Perkins, all ayes with exception of Director Bryant's nay.

(8) Director Dombrowski moves to remove Bob Briggs from all Bank accounts and add Mary Cox-Perkins, second by Director Crook, carried.

(9) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the revisions on the amenity rental form as presented by Alice, the supervisor, with amendments, second by Director Dombrowski, carried.

(10) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept McMahan, Thomson to do our 2012-13 audit, second by Director Holzer, amended to include the 2013-14 fiscal year also, carried.

(11) Director Dombrowski moves to purchase a time clock and time cards, not to exceed two hundred dollars for the purchase, second by Director Holzer, carried.

(12) Director Crook moves to reject the current real estate offer on lot #320, listed at \$4000.00 with an offer on the table of \$1,200.00, all ayes, with exception, Director Bryant excused himself, carried.

X. Comments From the Floor: Available at the clubhouse.

XI. Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Submitted by,
Elaine Carrasco



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Winter Hours

October 1st – May 25th

Pool Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	12:00 noon – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Hours

Monday through Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 2 nd & 4 th of each month	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Sunday	Closed

Our Staff

Supervisor

Alice Van Bennekom
supervisor@whitebirch.org

Maintenance

Jeff Wheeler
Tom Alsup

Clubhouse

Tammy Verlague
Frank Metz
Mark Sullivan