



Birch Bark

March, 2012

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
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Board of Directors Upcoming Meeting Schedule

April 14 11:00 a.m.

May 12 10:00 a.m.

June 10:00 a.m.

All meetings are held at the
clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

FOR SALE



White Birch Lakes has three Modine ceiling mount propane heating units, 40,000 BTU for sale. Two of the units work : one does not.

If interested, please submit your sealed bid in writing by March 31, 2012 to the Board of Directors at White Birch Lakes.

Please address your envelope to:

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
Attn: Board of Directors/Modine Heaters
4730 Lake Road
Farwell, MI 48622



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

Please Join Us

Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday, April 21st at the Clubhouse
- Refreshments after
- **Everyone welcome!**
- Starts at 11 AM



Patriotic Drive - Operation Gratitude Collection

Once again, the Activities Committee members are collecting donations for Operation Gratitude - a nonprofit group that sends care packages to all of our military service people. The wish list is posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. For more information, go to their website at operationgratitude.com.



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.

New Pool and Clubhouse Hours

Beginning April 1, 2012 the pool will be open on Sundays from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.

The clubhouse will be open on Sundays from 12:00 noon until 4:30 p.m.

Your Board of Directors and Officers

President - Teresa Stephens	rapidstamper@yahoo.com
1st Vice President - Mary Cox-Perkins	funk49pt@yahoo.com
2nd Vice President - Dawn Holzer	muleman2318@gmail.com
Director - Kevin Dombrowski	kd460@sbcglobal.net
Director - Tom Crook	tcrooksy@yahoo.com
Director - Steve Bryant	sfbryant1@yahoo.com
Director – Mary Griswold	homeinfarwell@yahoo.com
Sec/Treasurer - Elaine Carrasco	ecoffice@whitebirch.org



IMPORTANT CAMPGROUND WINTER STORAGE NOTICE

All campers stored in the campground for winter storage **MUST** be moved out of the campground by Monday, May 21, 2012.

Spring clean-up will begin the week of May 21st.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 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. Director Stephens appoints Mary Griswold as new director to fill the vacant seat on the board. She invites Director Griswold to join the board at their table.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

President Stephens moves "closed session" down to below item X , "Comments from the floor" on the Agenda.

New Business:

Director Dombrowski adds wood chipper.

Director Stephens adds ratification of the appointment of Mary Griswold to the board.

Unfinished business:

Director Dombrowski adds incidentals to the campground bath remodel.

III. Approval of Minutes:

(1) Director Cox-Perkins moves to approve the February Minutes, 2nd by Director Dombrowski, carried.

IV. Income Statement-Treasurer's Report:

(2) Director Bryant moves to accept the EOY Financial Report , subject to audit, 2nd by Director Holzer, carried.

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(3) Director Cox-Perkins moves to pay the bills, 2nd by Director Bryant, carried.

V. President's Report:

Good morning;

A few of our friends and neighbors are still battling serious health issues. Please keep Kindra Norlander, Dennis Karlson and Keith Geyer in your thoughts and prayers.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mary Griswold to the board of directors.

The gate has been repaired. The sensor probe underground that detects outgoing vehicles needed to be replaced. I would like to apologize for the inconvenience to outgoing traffic when the probe failed, and thank the association for your patience until the repairs were completed.

The Nominating Committee sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you are interested in serving the association on this committee.

The renovations are nearly completed at the campground bathrooms. Some fixtures were backordered but have been received and final touches should take place within the next two weeks.

Have a good month and Happy Spring!

VI. Committee Reports:

Activities Committee: Sally Keillor reports the Easter egg hunt will follow Easter on Saturday April 21st, 11 a.m. at the clubhouse.

We will begin our "Operation Gratitude" collection. A wish list will be posted above the box in the hallway of the clubhouse. We will continue to collect until the end of April. There is a wish list also, for those who have been wounded and those items will be posted on the second page of the wish list. White Birch Lakes sent out three boxes last year for our military.

Our snow Guru, Dennis Karlson, reports a total of 36 and ½ inches of snow has fallen for this season, same time last year we had a total of 65 and ½ inches, we are down in snowfall by 29 inches.

VII. Comments: (Agenda Items Only)

No comments.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

(4) Director Dombrowski moves to set aside \$300.00 to purchase odds and ends for the campground bath remodel, 2nd by Director Holzer, withdrawn.

(5) Director Cox-Perkins moves to run an add in the Birch Bark with a deadline of March 31st for bids on the heaters we removed at the campground bathrooms, second by Director Holzer, all ayes with exception of a nay by Director Holzer, carried.

IX. New Business:

(6) Director Bryant moves to ratify the appointment of Director Cox-Perkins to the nominating committee, 2nd by Director Crook, carried.

(7) Director Dombrowski moves to purchase a cover for the wood chipper, 2nd by Director Bryant, withdrawn.

(8) Director Dombrowski moves to have Jeff in maintenance get an estimate on shelter for the wood chipper, 2nd by Director Bryant, carried.

(9) Director Bryant moves to ratify the board vote to elect Mary Griswold to the vacant board seat, 2nd by Director Dombrowski, carried.

(10) Director Cox-Perkins moves to authorize the association Secretary and a member of the Nominating Committee to rent a post office box for the absentee ballots for the 2012 general election and to secure the key with both signatures until the ballots are retrieved on July 21, 2012, second by Director Holzer, carried.

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

(11) Director Crook moves for the board to begin closed session, 2nd by Director Holzer, carried.

XI. Closed Session:

Closed session results:

Legal issues concerning foreclosures were discussed

Motion to use Clare County 2nd option for our title searches

Dawn Holzer voted/appointed 2nd Vice President

Employee vacation policy was set

XII. Adjournment:

(12) Director Bryant moves to adjourn, 2nd by Director Holzer, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3 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	10:00 noon – 2:30 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

Secretary/Treasurer

Elaine Carrasco
ecoffice@whitebirch.org

Maintenance

Jeff Wheeler
Tom Alsup

Clubhouse

Tammy Verlague
Frank Metz
Mark Sullivan