

# The Birch Bark

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## New Opportunities

**Tim Fall**

General Manager

The new fiscal year is underway as of March 1, 1999. With each day I am more impressed with the opportunities that are before us. For some of you who have weathered the difficult times at WBL it has to be refreshing to see the growth, the increase in property values, and the excitement of the new property owners. We have all looked back at a missed opportunity and said, "If I only would have known...". I believe the next five years will be a time of opportunity at WBL. Our future weighs on the decisions we are making now.

I want to encourage you to "get involved" in our future. We have committee and board positions that need to be filled in the next few months. Are you a candidate? Maybe you know a fellow member who can look past special interest and vendettas to "focus on our future". Consider the difference you or they could make.

I appreciate the calls and correspondence we have received from many of you. This is a busy time with

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## February Minutes

Unapproved Minutes of Feb 13, 1999 Board Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

President Gail White called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Present were 1<sup>st</sup> VP Pat Zakalowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Steve Bryant, directors Roy Miller, Don Kuester, Jay Farr and Linda Brabant. Also present was Manager Tim Fall and Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Lawson.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jay Farr moved to accept the minutes of January's meeting as published. Seconded by Pat Zakalowski. All in favor. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Lawson reported that income for the month of January was \$8,735.72 with a total of \$183,919.10 year to date. Expenses were \$11,351.85 for January with a total of \$239,550.66 year to date. The balance at the end of January was \$31,459.42. Roy Miller moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by Linda Brabant. All in favor. Motion carried.

### PAYABLE APPROVAL

The list of payables for the month of February, totaling \$6,331.86, was presented to the board for approval. Don Kuester moved that we pay those bills. Steve Bryant seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report given by President Gail White.

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE-

Report given by Linda Brabant. Discussed upcoming events.

### FUTURE COMMITTEE-

Report given by Joni Farr. Committee met and came up with a list of "concerns & priorities" for White Birch. She addressed some of these concerns. The committee requested a spot in the *White Birch Bark* to keep the membership up to date with what the committee is doing. The future committee also submitted a proposal to the C&R Committee pertaining to assessments on secondary lots. The committee has also decided to let the original mission statement remain intact with no changes.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Board Meeting

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 9 AM at the Clubhouse

April 10<sup>th</sup> 9 AM at the Clubhouse

### St Patrick's Dinner

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 6 PM at the Clubhouse \$6.00 each

“EOY” taxes, reports and implementation of our new accounting system. Please accept my apologies if I have been slower than usual in my response. We will be responding and talking with you as we get this New Year started. I am looking at procedures that will improve our ability to communicate effectively with our fellow members.

I am verifying the new member database as we enter your payments for the New Year. This is a much slower process then it will be in the future. The receipts and stickers will be mailed over the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience and the wonderful early response to our invoicing. If you have questions or did not receive an invoice please call or write. You have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to mail your payment and avoid late charges. The annual payment is \$275. Quarterly payments are \$76 and the monthly payment amount is \$27. Be sure to include the lot number on your check or MO. No coupon is necessary. We also accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover/Novus and American Express cards.

I'm looking forward to getting acquainted with some of you I haven't met yet and also to the return of friends coming back for the summer. \*

**January 1999 Income**

<b>Income</b>	
Assessments	7,873.28
Sales, Permits & Other	862.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>8,735.72</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>11,351.85</b>
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<b>Net Income(loss)</b>	<b>(2,616.13)</b>
<b>January “EOM” Cash on Hand</b>	<b>31,459.42</b>

**C&R COMMITTEE-**

Report given by Ann Hobart. She states that her committee will meet soon as she has now completed her search for materials pertaining to the C&Rs.

**CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE-**

Report given by Roy Miller. Discussed removal of abandoned trailers and expansion of storage area.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Manager Tim Fall discussed the Gypsy Moth situation. No state funds this year as the county did not submit us for spraying because of bureaucratic difficulties. We definitely need to be sprayed as our population of moths is high. To do this on our own will be approximately \$15,000.00. Letters will be written to the state and the county to express our dissatisfaction with the situation. Steve Bryant moved that we have the manager proceed with the paperwork etc. for Gypsy Moth spraying and report back to the board at next months meeting. Don Kuester seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried. This will be added to the agenda for next months meeting.

Manager Fall also presented to the board samples of labels that White Birch could make on a special printer. We could print our own personalized car stickers, RV stickers and labels. The cost of the printer including software is about \$1,000.00. Over time this could save us a lot of money. Board members seemed favorable to this idea.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

It was asked if Doug Lake had received a raise as of yet. He was told that Doug had received his raise. He also wanted to know how the security patrol is coming along with getting communication equipment. The manager stated that they have been pursuing this and are still trying to find the best form for communicating with each other.

Frank Zakalowski, lot #1305, asked how the maintenance on our vehicles is doing. The manager stated that it is a continuing process and that Doug is doing a great job of routine maintenance. He expects the equipment to last another year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE-**

Board member, Linda Brabant was appointed chairman for the nominating committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Linda Brabant moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pat Zakalowski. Meeting adjourned at 10:20am. The next meeting will be 9:00am, Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1999, at the White Birch Clubhouse.

*RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,*

*MARGARET E. LAWSON*

# Bulletin Board

**Please be careful to observe White Birch Lakes 25-MPH Speed Limit.** We have had several near collisions reported. I know it is difficult to maintain the speed limit on some of the "straight stretches" here in WBL. However, several of our residents are regularly traveling in excess of 40 and 50 mph. Please don't let this point be "driven home" by the loss or injury of one of our members. Thanks for being careful. – Tim

## Monthly Calendar

Starting in the March issue we will be publishing a WBL calendar. This will enable us to keep you informed of events, office and pool hours as well as local activity. If you have items for the calendar please call the office.

## WBL Entrance Lights

The underground electrical feed was evidently damaged by frost. We are aware the lights are out and have contacted an electrical contractor to correct the problem.

## Gypsy Moth Spraying

White Birch Lakes will be sprayed for Gypsy Moth Suppression. Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT) will be used in White Birch Lakes. BT is a naturally occurring substance.

BT is NOT dangerous to humans, honeybees, pets or natural insect enemies of the Gypsy Moth. If a White Birch property owner does not want their lot sprayed they will need to contact the WBL office in writing.

## WHITE LAW OFFICE

**Gerald L. White**

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Real Estate - Corporations*

## Brush Disposal at Old Maintenance – Ski Hill area Discontinued

Due to the liability we can no longer accept brush and tree limbs. We will be able to continue accepting leaves and grass clippings.

## Pets must be leashed

We have several residents that are not complying with our pet guidelines. As our residency increases we must have better control of pets. We will continue to utilize Clare County animal control as necessary. We know you enjoy your pets and we want to keep WBL safe for them as well. Thanks.

## White Birch Board of Directors

GAIL WHITE, PRESIDENT

PAT ZAKALOWSKI, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP

STEVE BRYANT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VP

DON KUESTER, DIRECTOR

JAY FARR, DIRECTOR

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## White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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**We are excited about our new location and anticipate the additional exposure to create more awareness of White Birch Lakes.**

Help me sell my lot at White Birch Lakes:

Mail this form to:

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Lot Number

White Birch Realty, Inc.  
4941 White Birch Lane  
Farwell MI 48622

Address

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City

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.  
Steve & Louise Bryant  
Lot 1 (1<sup>st</sup> house inside the gate)

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