

# The Birch Bark

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## Four New Board Members Elected

This year four seats were open on the WBL Board of Directors. New candidates starting their first term as Director filled them all.

GAIL WHITE, President	Jul 2000-Jul 2002
TOM DORCEY, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Jul 2001-Jul 2003
TODD GRAHAM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Jul 2001-Jul 2003
DON KUESTER, Director	Jul 2000-Jul 2002
LINDA BRABANT, Director	Jul 2000-Jul 2002
MARVIN RICHARDSON, Director	Jul 2001-Jul 2003
ROBERT ADAIR, Director	Jul 2001-Jul 2003

I hope you will join me in expressing appreciation to our retiring members, Jay Farr, Roy Miller and Pat Zakalowski for their faithful service.

Congratulations and thanks to our new members for their willingness to serve for the future of our association.

**The August WBL Directors Meeting will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. Future meetings will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.**

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Unapproved Minutes of July 21, 2001 Annual Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

President Gail White called the Annual Meeting of the Membership to order at 1:30 PM. Present were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pat Zakalowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay Farr, Directors Linda Brabant, Don Kuester and Roy Miller and Manager Tim Fall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was made by the membership.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Farnham, Lot 637, moved to accept the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting as written. Marv Sieger, Lot 1114, seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2001 the Treasurer reported income of \$360,233.72 and expenses of \$347,202.20. Net Income for the fiscal year was \$13,021.52. Cash Balance at the end of February 2001 was \$25,562.57. Joe Romine, Lot 542, moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Barb Sieger, Lot 1114. Motion carried.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION

Committee chairman Linda Brabant stated that currently nominations for the board include Robert Adair, Marvin Richardson, Roy Miller, Jay Farr, Todd Graham and Charles Dorcey. There being no further nominations from the floor nominations were closed. Each nominee was given an opportunity to introduce himself to the membership. Robert Adair introduced himself followed by Marv Richardson, Roy Miller, incumbent, Jay Farr, incumbent, Todd Graham and Charles (Tom) Dorcey. Questions directed from the floor requested a description of the work related experience of each nominee, their

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WBL Board of Directors

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM

**WBL Board of Directors will decide on the presentation of the Proposed Restriction Changes at the October 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.**

## Hospitality Committee

**Dorothy McArthur is serving as chair of the Hospitality Committee.**

**Any information regarding welcoming of new members, deaths, births or other noteworthy events should be directed to Dorothy.**

**Dorothy McArthur  
4821 Pearway  
Farwell MI 48622  
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Andrew Carnegie said, "It marks a big step in your development when you come to realize that other people can help you do a better job than you could do alone."

## US-10 Highway Clean-Up

**The next clean-up day has been scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM.**

**The “walk” usually takes a couple of hours and is a good chance to meet some of your members. Lunch is provided at the WBL Clubhouse following the pick-up. Please call the office if you need more information.**

Thank you, to the volunteers that have enabled us to make this program a success.

"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be and you help them to become what they are capable of being."

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

positions regarding 4 wheelers and how the candidates would preserve the positive aspects of the past with the necessary changes of the present and future. There being no further questions from the floor the voting was completed.

### PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President White stated her appreciation and thanks from the board to the various committees. She introduced the following chairpersons:

Chick Witchell, Environmental Committee  
Ann Hobart, Restrictions and Covenants Committee  
Fred Witchell, Future Planning Committee  
Martin Moore, Campground Committee (absent)  
Hospitality Committee, Dorothy McArthur

On behalf of the board, thanks are being given to Pat Zakalowski for her years of service and the time she has donated as a board member.

Some of the accomplishments during the year have been the purchase of a new truck, repair of the boilers, a bike rack at the gate and the building of the pavilion under the direction and guidance of Moe Lombardo, Lot 658-9. A special thanks to Moe for his dedication to this special project.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** –Chick Witchell introduced the committee members, Charles Hastings, Lots 75-80, Ron Tagg, Lots 245-6 and Todd Graham, Lots 956-7. Larry Franklin, Lots 908-909, was unable to attend. This month new residences will be going in on Lots 160, 768, 655, 582, 43, and 333-4, 3 new drives at campsites and residence additions at Lots 60 and 629 and a new contiguous lot status at 653-654.

For the year 10 contiguous lot approvals, 15 campsites and driveways, 13 new garages, 4 septic systems for campsites, 21 sites for tree removals and 9 others for docks and decks, fire pits etc and 23 new homes. The Committee has also developed fine schedules for violations. The Chairman gives thanks to all the committee members for all their time spent.

**RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS COMMITTEE** – Ann Hobart named committee members, Larry Franklin, Lots 908-909, Jerry White, Lots 1258, Charles Hastings, Lots 75-80, Joni Farr, Lots 942, 930-31. Jay Farr was board liaison. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final committee draft as revised has been given to the Board and has been circulated in the *Birch Bark* to the members for comments. These comments must be submitted in writing. The restrictions have been updated to show the responsibilities of the Association rather than that of the Developer, to improve the ease of understanding and to place related activities together and thirdly to reflect comments made by the membership, specifically the proposal to have secondary lot status. Finally the need to have all 7 sections of White Birch to fall under the same restrictions.

**FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Fred Witchell requested that members send in writing any suggestions they would like the committee to consider for future planning.

## “NOTICE”

### PAVILION

Please call the Office to schedule events at the “Pavilion”. There is no charge but events need to be scheduled with the office to prevent conflicts.

### PICNIC TABLES

Many thanks for the tables that have been donated. The cost is \$100 for a table. A plaque is attached naming the donor or memorial. Your generosity will be remembered for years to come.

### ENTRANCE

Thanks to the Adair’s and Dorothy McArthur for the time they have spent working on the landscaping at the entrance.

## White Birch Lakes Board of Directors

GAIL WHITE, PRESIDENT

TOM DORCEY, 1<sup>ST</sup> VP

TODD GRAHAM, 2<sup>ND</sup> VP

DON KUESTER, DIRECTOR

LINDA BRABANT, DIRECTOR

MARVIN RICHARDSON, DIRECTOR

ROBERT ADAIR, DIRECTOR

### White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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Tim Fall, General Manager

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Fred will work with the youth and their families to develop summertime entertainment for the teenagers. A member requested that the volunteers who donated their time to build the pavilion come forward and be introduced. Please see the *Birch Bark* for the names of the volunteers. A hearty applause was given to the volunteers.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Dorothy McArthur stated that all people in this community would be properly greeted.

### MANAGERS REPORT

Mgr Fall gave his thanks for all the volunteers who donated their time and energy to build the pavilion, especially Mo Lombardo who spear headed the project. Thanks to the Environmental Control Committee members for the great amount of work done to protect the overall rights of the White Birch community. Further appreciation is given to the Board Members who have given so much time and support. Capital Improvements, a new item in the budget, of \$33,818 is for the replacement of boilers at \$18,000, the purchase of a road grader and a slide-in salt spreader, a variety of equipment upgrades, increased fish stocking in lakes, increased amount of gravel for the roads and plans for more upgrades in the future. Handicapped accessibility is a priority but first there are legal issues that must be resolved. The final draft of the Covenants and Restrictions has been submitted in the last issue of the *Birch Bark* for members review. The Board has decided to put off until October the finalized Covenants and Restrictions that will be presented to the members for vote. It is imperative that all comments and suggestions be submitted in writing. Past due assessments collected have exceeded the budget estimates for the first 6 months of this year.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR- Dorothy McArthur, Lot 30-31, announced there is an exercise class for adults Mon. Wed. & Fri. mornings at the swimming pool. Joe Romine, Lot 542, plans to do a history of longtime White Birch members, have luncheons, photo some old documents, copy some old pictures etc and form a web site. He suggests that the Chairman of the Environmental Committee be a paid employee and the Manager be given a raise.

ELECTION RESULTS – Linda Brabant announced the new board members are: Robert Adair, Marvin Richardson, Charles (Tom) Dorcey and Todd Graham. There were a total of 151 valid ballots, 52 of which were absentee ballots. Congratulations to the new members. The ballots for the 2000 election will now be destroyed and ballots for 2001 will be retained for 1 year.

### ADJOURNMENT

Jerry White, lot 1259, moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pat Zakalowski, Lot 1305. Motion carried. The next regular board meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, the third Saturday of August. Thereafter meetings will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

Respectfully Submitted  
Priscilla Moore, Secretary-Treasurer

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## ***REMINDER-REMINDER-REMINDER***

### **Recommended Restriction Changes were mailed in the June Issue**

Unchanged text appears in regular type. Deleted text appears in *italics with a line drawn through it*.

Added text appears in **bold print**.

These are proposed changes. The WBL board will decide in the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting what changes will be presented to the membership for approval. If you have recommendations that you think should be omitted or included that are not in this document, please submit those items to the WBL office **in writing**. The board would appreciate your comments (in writing) as soon as possible. Your input will help make this revision as effective as possible.

**Contact the WBL Office if you didn't receive your copy.**

## **August WBL Board Meeting has been changed**

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at the clubhouse.

After August we will resume WBL Board Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month.