

The Birch Bark

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Believe it or not?

The Unidentified campers will be leaving.

After months of waiting we have received the final authorization to remove the unidentified campers from the storage area.

If you have a camper in the storage area that does not have a current WBL registration sticker it will be removed starting the first week in October.

If you're not certain as to whether or not your camper has a WBL registration displayed, please call the office promptly.

We need your help to assure that no unit is disposed of in error.

September Minutes

Unapproved Minutes of September 11, 1999 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

1st VP Pat Zakalowski called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Present were directors, Roy Miller, Linda Brabant, Don Kuester, Jay Farr and Doug Bradley. Also present were Manager Tim Fall and Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Lawson. President Gail White was unable to attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Doug Bradley moved to accept the minutes of August's meeting. Seconded by Roy Miller. All in favor. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August income was \$26,918.85 with \$230,379.88 YTD. August's operating expenses were \$45,639.90 with \$168,031.52 YTD. Balance on hand at end of August was \$77,649.25. Roy Miller moved to accept the financial statement as presented. Linda Brabant seconded. All in favor. Carried.

PAYABLES APPROVAL

Linda Brabant moved that we pay the bills submitted for September. Don Kuester seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Manager Fall read a written report

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Color Tour and Garage Sales October 2, 1999

Sales at WBL Homes - 9AM to 5PM

Bake Sale, Sloppy Joes, Cider & Doughnuts

At the Clubhouse 9AM till 3PM

Hayrides at the Clubhouse 11AM till 3PM

WBL Board of Directors Meeting

October 9th at 9:00 AM

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Gypsy Moth News

from Jim Neff Gypsy Moth Coordinator

The time has come again for the Gypsy Moth egg masses to be counted. I would like to ask for everyone's help by asking you to NOT scrape them off anything until the early spring. I will need them to, be present in order to do my count until the end of December.

When I turn in my counts to the State, they verify 10% of what I count to make sure I am doing a proper job. They generally do this in February. If they do not find the egg masses that I counted because they were scraped, they will disqualify the spray area. The best time to scrape the egg masses is in late March to early April. The GM (Gypsy Moth) generally hatches in late April. On an average for every egg mass you can see there are about 10 more than you cannot see. If you see them on your property, make a map of where they are and scrape them in the spring. There is nothing wrong with scraping them; it just needs to be done at the proper time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

August 1999 Income

Income	
Assessments	25,637.98
Sales, Permits & Other	<u>1,280.87</u>
Total Income	26,918.85
Operating Expenses	45,639.90
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Net Income(loss)	(18,721.05)
July "EOM" Cash on Hand	77,649.25

submitted by President White. Listed board committee assignments.

CORRESPONDENCE

The manager received some letters, which he directed to the appropriate committees. Jay Farr stated he received some correspondence relating to the storage units. This item will be discussed under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORT'S

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE-

Linda Brabant reported. Committee needs chairperson for the upcoming year.

FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE-

Reported by Chairperson Joni Farr.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE-

Chairperson Gary Farnham reported

COMMITTEE -

Report given by chairperson, Ann Hobart.

CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE-

Reported by Manager Fall.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Tim Fall reported. Discussed, abandoned trailer removal, gate installation at maintenance area and fish stocking program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Frank Zakalowski, lot #1305, asked if there is any extra money to accomplish some of the goals of the Future Planning Committee. The budget would have to be checked into to see where the money could come from. It was stated that the committee submits a proposal to the board for what they would like to do and it is up to the board to see if it is feasible and to come up with the monies needed.

NEW BUSINESS

STORAGE UNITS-

This would utilize the established Maintenance Area for installation of storage units to benefit the membership. Jay Farr will set up a survey to see if the membership would be willing to use it. He will submit an estimate and proposal at the next board meeting.

PRIVATE SIGN PLACEMENT-

Manager Fall asked for board input on the placement of the "Private Property" sign at the entrance.

TWO TRAILERS PER LOT-

In 1995 a "Two trailers per lot" variance was granted with some restrictions. In 1997 it was rescinded after there was some abuse of that variance. This item has come up again. Roy Miller moved to table the item till next meeting. Roy Miller took his motion to table off the floor and moved that under special circumstances members may request a variance from the manager's office to allow 1 additional camping unit per lot. Seconded by Linda Brabant. Linda moved an amendment to the motion to have it include all members, homeowner and

camper. Roy Miller agreed to the amendment. Motion now reads, "that under special circumstances members may request a variance from the manager's office to allow 1 camping unit in addition to a home or camper per lot". A vote was taken on the motion with Don Kuester, Linda Brabant, Roy Miller and Doug Bradley voting aye. Jay Farr voted nay. Motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Brabant moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Roy Miller. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am. Next meeting will be Saturday October 9th 1999 at 9:00am at the White Birch Clubhouse.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARGARET E. LAWSON

SEC/TREAS WBLRA

Of all things which wisdom provides to make life entirely happy, much the greatest is the possession of friendship.

- Epicurus

WBL Members with Boats

All Watercraft stored on WBL property must have a current Watercraft Registration Sticker. You can pick yours up at the WBL Office.

“Paddle Boats, Inflatables and Canoes are to be removed daily.”

Watercraft stored on WBL property, that do not display the WBL Registration Sticker will be removed.

Winter Storage of Campers on WBL Campsites

Members who have registered with the office may start placing camping units on the WBL campsites, October 15th.

All “camping units” and other materials must be removed from lots by October 31st.

Nearly all-available winter storage sites have been reserved at the campground. Be sure to register early for winter storage. No sites are held by default or prior usage. “First come-First serve” only.

White Birch Board of Directors

GAIL WHITE, PRESIDENT

PAT ZAKALOWSKI, 1ST VP

JAY FARR, 2ND VP

DON KUESTER, DIRECTOR

DOUG BRADLEY, DIRECTOR

LINDA BRABANT, DIRECTOR

ROY MILLER, DIRECTOR

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From the President

Thanks to everyone that has made themselves available for committee service.

The following individuals have been appointed this year. As you can see we can use more volunteers!!!

WBL Restrictions Committee:

Chair: Ann Hobart

Members:

Larry Franklin

Jerry White

Joannie Farr

Board Liaison: Jay Farr

Environmental Control Committee:

Chair: Gary Farnham

Members:

Mary Rack

Charles Hastings

Joe Romine

Board Liaison: Doug Bradley

Activities Committee:

Members:

Claudia Pelfrey

Elaine Brininstool

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(Activities Committee Cont.)

Billie Roffe

Dorothy McArthur

Marilyn Lesperance

Fran Lombardo

Georgia Romine

Board Liaison: Linda Brabant

Campground Committee:

Chair: Martin Moore

Board Liaison: Roy Miller

Historical Committee:

Chair: Joe Romine

Member: Pete BeGole

Board Liaison: Don Kuester

Future Planning:

Chair: Joannie Farr

Members:

Don Brabant

Frank Zakalowski

Marilyn Lesperance

Jim Lesperance

Board Liaison: Jay Farr

Thanks everyone, see you all next month.

Gail White

The White Birch Lakes Restrictions Committee

held their first meeting October 23, in preparation for the upcoming renewal opportunity.

If you have suggestions or ideas that you would like to have included in the renewal process, please mail or drop them off at the WBL Office by Oct 16th.

The next meeting of the "Restrictions Committee" will be October 2nd, immediately following the WBL Board of Directors meeting. Two issues that will be discussed are the proposed changes to the

Disposal of Brush and Leaves

The Old Maintenance area now has a gate.

It will be open for brush and leaves on Saturday from 8 till Noon. During the week a key can be picked up at the WBL office. Watch the Guardhouse Bulletin Board for extended Fall Hours.

WBL "VIP'S"

(Very Impressive People)

Fran Lombardo & Billie Roffe

Co-Chairs of last years Activities Committee

Thank you for a great job!

Regulations for the Storage of Camping Units at White Birch Lakes

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WHITE BIRCH RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION HAS SET FOTH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS regarding the storing of camper units in the designated storage area. The Rules are as follows:

1. Access to the area is to be restricted. Camper Units are to be moved in or out under the supervision of an employee of WBLRA. The area is to be locked at all times.
2. The removing or placing in of units is to be arranged through the WBLRA office in advance.
3. All units must be registered with WBLRA and have permanent ID numbers [Lot Number] affixed. (*Registration Sticker now available at the WBL office*)
4. Vehicle owners will file a registration card with the office that contains the unit owner's name, lot number, address, telephone number and an alternate person to notify if the owner cannot be reached. The registration card should also contain the camping units make, size, color and registration number.
5. An Annual registration fee of \$25.00 will be charged.(currently waived)
6. No unit shall be stored for more than 12 consecutive months without prior consent of WBLRA.
7. Members are restricted to storing one camping unit per each lot owned by registered owner.
8. Unit owners will be required to file a "Notice of Intent" with the office each year no later than May 31st, informing the Association of their plans regarding the unit, if they plan to move it to their lot for seasonal camping or leave it in storage.
9. Should owner fail to file "Notice of Intent" for two (2) consecutive years, the Association will regard the unit as "abandoned" and take legal action to remove and dispose of said unit.
10. All units placed in the storage area will be maintained in a serviceable and operating condition. No broken windows, deflated tires, etc. A WBLRA representative will routinely check the area. If any unit is found to be damaged, the owner will be contacted and notified of the damage and given a reasonable amount of time to repair the unit.
11. WBLRA is to be held free of any liability for damage, vandalism, fire or theft of units in the designated storage area.

WHITE BIRCH LAKES RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS: DATED
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