

The Birch Bark

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association

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November 2010

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BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2010

All meetings are held at the clubhouse unless otherwise specified.

November 13 10:00 am

December 11 11:00 am

EPC MEETING DATES FOR 2010

All meetings will begin at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.

November 12

December 10

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Campground Storage

MEMBERS: Before you can move your camper/boat into the campground or storage area for winter storage, you **MUST** have a current sticker identifying your unit. Your reservation needs to be paid & assessments current before a sticker will be issued. Please go the Clubhouse Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM or Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for the necessary sticker. If you are unable to get to the Clubhouse during these times, please call (989)588-2853 during business hours & a sticker can be left for you at the Pool Attendant's desk or mailed to you directly. The Pool Attendants are unable to issue stickers on their own to you; authorization first has to be obtained through the office. Units without proper identification stickers will be subject to removal.

PLEASE NOTE: The water in the bath houses in the campground will be shut off on December 1. We will keep the outside water on as long as possible. It will be shut off once the danger of freezing/frost is present.

Thank you.

Please remember all camping units must be removed from your lot by October 31st.

CLUBHOUSE AND OFFICE HOURS

WINTER HOURS

Clubhouse Hours

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday

8:00 AM to 9:00 PM Friday & Saturday

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM Sunday

Office Hours

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Saturday

Closed Sunday

Pool Hours

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday

Closed Wednesday

12:00 PM to 8:30 PM Friday & Saturday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday

PLEASE NOTE OUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25: Business office, pool & clubhouse closed

Friday, November 26 & Saturday, November 27:
Business office closed, pool open 12:00 PM to
8:30 PM, clubhouse open 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sunday, November 28: Business office closed,
pool open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, clubhouse open
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Christmas

Friday, December 24 & Saturday, December 25:
Business office, pool & clubhouse closed

Sunday, December 26: Business office closed,
pool open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, clubhouse open
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

New Years

Friday, December 31 & Saturday, January 1:
Business office, pool & clubhouse closed

Sunday, January 2: Business office closed, pool
open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, clubhouse open 10:00
AM to 2:30 PM



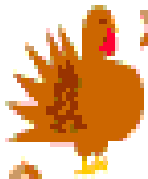
HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

October 23



Plan to meet at the Clubhouse by 11am. Hayride from 11am to 12 noon with refreshments until 1 pm. Costumes are encouraged. Indoors activities are planned in the event of bad weather.

Children on the hayride must be accompanied by an adult.



Upcoming Events

November 20th

Family Game Night and Pot Luck Dinner. 5:00pm at the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite game and a dish to pass.

December 11th

Annual Christmas Party

February

Super Bowl Party. Stay tuned for details.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Have you ever thought about being an editor or a reporter? The Board is still looking for members who would be interested in joining the Communications Committee. Sign up sheet at the Clubhouse.



ARE YOU PLANNING A PARTY?

Why not have it at the Clubhouse or Pavilion. We've had everything from Birthdays and Graduations to Reunions and Weddings.

Contact the office at 989-588-2853 for more details or arrangements.

White Birch Lakes
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2010
Proposed

I. Call to Order: President Briggs called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Board members present: President Briggs, 1st Vice President Stephens, Director Dombrowski, Director Bryant, Director Cox-Perkins, Director McNeil and Secretary Elaine Carrasco. Director Nalepa absent. Director McNeil led the membership in prayer, followed by President Briggs with the Pledge of

Allegiance.

II. Additions to Agenda:

President Briggs adds under new business: committee appointees, winter meeting hours, contiguous lot appeal, EPC decision on pulled camper.

Mary Cox-Perkins: adds under old business, part time maintenance and under new business, sheds and set aside from depreciation fund.

Director Dombrowski: adds under new business, hazardous intersection.

III. Approval of Minutes:

(1) Director McNeil moves to approve September minutes as proposed, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.

IV. Income statement/Treasurer report:

(2) Director Stephens moves to accept the financial report as presented, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.

(3) Director McNeil moves to pay the bills, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.

V. President's Report:

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VI. Committee Reports:

Fred Witchell reports for campground, first frost shut off outside water. The showers are open until December 1st. These jobs take about two days. Porta-pot is set up for winter. Dangerous tree split, hazard, we need to address that.

Sally Keillor, activities committee reports the Halloween event will be the 23rd. of month,

hayride 11 a.m to 12 noon with refreshments until 1 pm. Costumes are encouraged. Children on the hayride must be accompanied by an adult. November 13th will be family game night, around 5 pm, potluck.

Chick Witchell, EPC, reports we have been busy with trees because of the storms. 2 new driveways, 6 tree removals, one campsite and two contiguous lot requests approved.

Bobby Pelfrey, security, reports things been pretty quiet.

Carolyn Neal, teller committee, none given.

Terri Obrecht reports for the finance committee. Terri reports our second quarter results; we were expected to be \$32,000 over in expenses because of unexpected increases in utilities and unemployment tax. This second quarter found us back on track, due to unexpected reductions in expenses. Currently 825 members are paying on lots, 755 are paid in full, and there are 22% of lots not paying at all. Paying members are the main revenue supporting the associations operating costs. \$46,000 in back assessments was anticipated for this fiscal year 2009-10. This revenue was not included in our budget as was agreed by the board. Hiring addition office help would require \$23 increase in assessments based on current years assessments collected.

Suggests the board may consider paying off the truck to save paying all the interest.

Broadband, even if you have the money, you may not get a carrier willing to come into White Birch.

Chuck Lutz, bylaws committee, none given.

Sheryl Judd, webmaster, reported on our website, she tried to make it more “one click” so members don’t have to search several places. Explains other changes she made in order for the site to work more smoothly. Our special notices page is a top priority. New videos would be an improvement, maybe through UTUBE. Sheryl also recommends a photo gallery.

VII. Comments From the Floor:

Comments available at the clubhouse.

VIII. Old Business:

(4) Director Dombrowski moves to listen to the information Director Bryant has on window replacement, second by Director McNeil, withdrawn.

(5) Director McNeil moves to table window replacement, second by Director Cox-Perkins until the next meeting and/or workshop, all in favor, carried.

(6) Director Cox-Perkins reaffirms e-mail motion to hire Tom Alsup as our part time maintenance worker, 24 hours a week, \$9.50 per hour for 90 days, and \$10.00 an hour after ninety days, if its warranted, second by Director Bryant, all in favor, carried.

IX. New business:

President Briggs apologies’ to Mary Griswold for appointing her chair of the communications committee without speaking to her before hand. The communication chair position is open.

President Briggs appoints Christina Van Pelt and Dick Brandt to the EPC committee.

(7) Director McNeil moves to accept newly appointed committee members, second by Director Stephens, all ayes, a nay by Director Bryant, carried.

(8) Director Stephens moves to accept the bid from Troubleshooters of Michigan, to certify our boilers, once they have proven their certification, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.

(9) Director Stephens moves that we change the meeting start time for December, January, February, and March to 11 am, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.

(10) Director Dombrowski moves to grant contiguous lot status for lot #1093 and 1094,

based on the information provided, that all requirements have been met, second by Director Cox- Perkins, all in favor, motion carried.

(11) Director Stephens moves that we consider the issue regarding #0998, second by Director Dombrowski, withdrawn.

(12) Director Dombrowski moves to discuss tent structures, second by Director Bryant, withdrawn.

(13) Director Dombrowski moves to table temporary tent storage structures, until next workshop, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.

(14) Director Cox-Perkins moves to purchase a mini maintenance shed for the clubhouse, second by Director Stephens, withdrawn.

(15) Director Dombrowski moves to have Alice get three bids on a mini maintenance building, vented, with a floor, not to exceed 8x10, with shingles, for the next meeting, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.

(16) Director Cox-Perkins moves to set aside \$13,000.00, from the depreciation fund for the entrance asphalt repair/replacement when needed, second by Director Stephens, all in favor, carried.

(17) Director Dombrowski moves to place signage on Elm and Laurel marked dangerous intersection, second by Director Bryant, withdrawn.

(18) Director Dombrowski moves to place stop signs on Elm at Laurel, second by Director Bryant, all in favor, carried.

(19) Director Stephens moves to change the yield sign on White Birch and elm to a stop sign, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.

X. Comments from the Floor:

Available at the clubhouse.

(20) Director Stephens moves to table the “C&R discussion” to the November workshop, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.

(21) Director Stephens moves for a workshop November 12th at 7:30 pm. second by Director Dombrowski, all in favor, carried.

(23) Director Stephens moves to adjourn, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried.

Agenda item correction,” closed session”, did not occur, and is called “C&R discussion”.

XI. Adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Submitted by,
Elaine Carrasco

Your Board of Directors

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Donna Engelman – Lot 977
Mary Perkins – Lot 1095
Glenda Wells – Lot 1254

If you have an announcement you'd like to see here please e-mail or call the office and let us know.



**Enjoy the hunting season
but remember there is
NO HUNTING in WBLRA**

Fall reminder for those who may be due to have their septic tanks cleaned.



The cost to dispose of sewage waste rises substantially with the ground freezing. If you need it done do so soon.

Spooky Happenings



Halloween Trunk or Treat Event

"Trunk or Treat" will be held in the parking lot of the Lincoln Township Hall, 175 Lake George Ave. on Sunday, October 31 from 5pm until 6:30 pm. "Trunkers" should be there a bit before 5pm and may wear costumes if they wish. Anyone wishing to donate candy or be one of the cars in the parking lot, please call Julie Ringley at 588-2741. In case of rain, we will move inside the township hall.



trick-or-treat hours

Farwell: Sunday October 31, 6:00 pm. - 8:00 pm
Clare: Sunday October 31, 6:00 pm. - 8:00 pm
Rosebush: Sunday October 31, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Harrison: Sunday October 31, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Coleman: Saturday October 30, 5:30 - 8:00 pm



Have a safe and Happy Halloween



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Send your request to

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Happy Halloween