

White Birch Lakes  
June 11, 2011  
Board Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** President Briggs called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Directors present: President Briggs, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nalepa, Director Dombrowski, Director Cox-Perkins, Director Bryant, Director McNeil and Secretary/Treasurer, Elaine Carrasco.

Invocation led by member Dawn Holzer.  
President Briggs led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Additions to the Agenda:**

Old business:

Director Stephens adds “proposed bylaw change” and “attorney’s letter, requests “camping court order” be moved to “closed session”

New business:

Director Cox-Perkins adds employee hours “closed session.”

Director Nalepa removes “audit committee” and “budget committee” from the agenda.

Director Dombrowski adds 5 mph speed limit and helmet signs.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

*(1) Director Cox-Perkins moves to approve the minutes, second by Stephens, all ayes, nay by Director Dombrowski, carried.*

**IV. Income Statement-Treasurer’s Report:**

*(2) Director Stephens moves to accept the Treasurer’s Report, second by Director Cox-Perkins, all ayes, a nay by Director Nalepa, carried.*

*(3) Director Cox-Perkins moves to pay the bills, second by Director Bryant, all in favor, carried.*

**V. President’s Report:**

Good morning everyone, I hope everybody had a good time over the Memorial Weekend.

I am pleased to report that Bob Pelfrey is home from having by-pass

surgery and recovering well, glad to have you back Bob.

Our community has lost another member this past month. Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Judy Gute.

This past month our community has enjoyed the volunteer help of many neighbors, with things like the flowers & windows at the entrance gate, road brining, stocking the lakes with fish, stuffing envelopes for the office, preparing the Birch Bark for mailing and Girl Scouts for planting flowers at the clubhouse. Our community really benefits from the help of all these volunteers. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Joe Romine for taking care of the flags on Memorial Day. There will be a volunteer clean up of Timber Beach, Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. I understand the activity committee will be supplying a picnic lunch, there is a sign up sheet in the lobby on the bulletin board if you wish to sign up.

We are in the process of trying to come up with a way that we can afford to get all the trees and branches cleared from the road right of way. These have been let go for many years and are now getting out of hand for our maintenance crew to keep up with. If everyone who is able would volunteer to cut the trees and brush along the road in front of their own property this would be of great help to the community.

On the morning of Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, our community was sprayed for the Gypsy Moths by the Clare county Gypsy Moth Suppression program.

Members Mary Alice Harrington and Dawn Holzer worked this past fall for the program and with their survey efforts of this area, they found enough egg masses to qualify us for spraying. If you have any questions about the spraying program, you can contact Kristina Sigagoose at the Clare County Conservation department at 989-539-6401.

Don't forget the Annual Members Meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Come out and voice your concerns and cast your vote. There will be two open board seats and we have five members running. See you then.

Thank you,  
Bob Briggs

## **VI. Committee Reports:**

Carolyn Neal, nominating/teller committee chair reports we had our first meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved the following candidates to be submitted to the board for approval:

Steve Bryant, Cindy DeLong, Dawn Holzer, Brian Kozlowski and Marsha Thomas, they also approved a sample ballot to be submitted for approval to the board.

A letter will be sent to the candidates explaining poll watchers. First absentee ballots will be sent out June 24<sup>th</sup> and a second mailing July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Absentee ballots denied by the committee, a letter will be sent explaining

why it was denied, also a letter as to how they can appeal the denial. Deadlines for return absentee ballots is July 15, 2011.

Sally Keillor, activities chair, reports Timber Beach clean-up Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be our second annual pig roast/pot luck. Parade line up on the corner of Squirrel run and White Birch Lane at 12:15 p.m. the parade to commence at 12:30 p.m. Picnic at the campground begins at 1 p.m. Dessert and coffee and ice tea will be served at the Annual Members Meeting. Halloween in August this year, pavilion, August 13<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Costumes, bonfire, hayride.

EPC Liaison, Director Stephens reports 4 tree removal, one new driveway, one deck, one existing outbuilding, and one fenced in play area, all approved.

Bylaw Committee, chair Chuck Lutz reports they will hold a bylaw committee meeting after today's Board Meeting.

Campground committee, in Fred Witchell's absence, Director Dombrowski reports the bathhouse at the campground will be rejuvenated during the off season and up and running by next season. Two trees in campground need to come down. 23 sites utilized over Memorial Weekend.

**VII. Comments (Agenda items only):** Available at the clubhouse

**VIII. Old Business:**

*(4) Director Cox-Perkins moves to accept the Rite-Way proposal for \$18,305.00 with an additional \$2,000.00 for accessories and incidentals to have our tennis courts redone, second by Director Dombrowski, all ayes, a nay by Director McNeil, carried.*

*(5) Director Dombrowski moves to include on the ballot this year, a proposed bylaw amendment, which follows our current bylaw rule, stating how to change or add to bylaws as follows: "Anyone serving on the board or a member of their immediate family cannot hold a paid position with the association during their term or for a period of three years afterward, family members include spouse, siblings, parents and children." Second by Director Cox-Perkins, all ayes, carried.*

*(6) Director Stephens moves to instruct attorney Dreyer to pursue removal of the portion of the dock on Holiday Lake by the property owner immediately, at their expense, second by Director Cox-Perkins, all ayes, carried.*

**IX. New Business:**

*(7) Director Cox-Perkins moves we accept the letters of introduction for the newsletter for the candidates that did not get theirs in with there statement of their intention to run in the election, second by Director McNeil, all in favor, carried, Director Bryant recused.*

*(8) Director Cox-Perkins moves to approve the ballot, second by Director Stephens, carried.*

*(9) Director Dombrowski moves that the street leading from Mockingbird Circle or originating at Mockingbird Circle going into the campground be posted 5 mph from that intersection throughout the entire campground second by Director Stephens, carried.*

*(10) Director Dombrowski moves in accordance with our Atv/Orv safety rule which stipulate helmets must be worn, I would like to see just a few sign posted here and there that say please wear a helmet, second by Director Stephens, all ayes, nay by Director Bryant, carried.*

*(11) Director Dombrowski moves cost of signs for helmets not to exceed \$125.00, second by Director Stephens, all ayes, nay by Director Bryant, carried.*

**X. Comments from the Floor: Available at the clubhouse.**

*(12) Director Stephens moves to go into closed session, second by Director McNeil, carried.*

**Results of closed session:**

*(13) A motion to instruct our attorney on clarification of the wording for the Camping Court Order. Carried.*

*(14) Motion to allow the part time maintenance person up to 40 hrs. a week for the months of June and July, carried.*

**XI. Adjournment: (15) Director McNeil moves to adjourn, second by Director Cox-Perkins, carried.**

**Submitted by,  
Elaine Carrasco**