



## Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2019

**Approved 10/1/19**

**Location:** 8869 Je-Ne-Be (Ingrid Jensen/Renee Lobert)

**Board Members Present:** Ingrid Jensen, Jackie Dangl, Jeff Case, Kevin Jacot, Lorraine Nykun, Mike Farrar (alt.), Mike Wilson, Renee Lobert, Shawn Marks, Steve Cilek (alt.), Wendy Mersman

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Other Members Present:** none

**I. Call to Order:** 7:00PM

**II. Approval of August 6, 2019 Board Minutes**

a. Motion to approve 8/6/19 minutes made by Lorraine Nykun; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Case.

**APPROVED**

**III. Officer Voting**

a. Following members were elected as officers for 2019/2020 term:

- i. President - Ingrid Jensen
- ii. Vice President - Lorraine Nykun
- iii. Treasurer – Mike Wilson
- iv. Secretary – Jackie Dangl

**IV. Treasurer's Financial Report** (Mike Wilson):

a. Treasurer's Report 8/31/19

- i. Receipts YTD: \$ 15,752
- ii. Expenses: \$ 11,798
- iii. Cash balance \$ 14,087

b. Pending Disbursements

- i. Insurance \$2,100 (discounted for paying early)

c. Motion made by Wendy Mersman to accept Financial Reports for 8/31/19; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorraine Nykun. **APPROVED**

**V. Annual Meeting Debriefing** - Meeting went well, no issues, went very smoothly, however, following are recommended improvements for future meetings:

- a. Maintain a to do list that includes suggestion for people to bring their own chairs
- b. Request that we make a call for volunteers at annual meeting
- c. Bring generator
- d. Jim did great job providing update on oil spill
- e. Consider giving president's report at very beginning of the meeting after the minutes are approved and before the Treasurer's Report
- f. Worked well to have packets on seats; assemble packets ahead of time for people who bring their own chair

**VI. Lake Items**

a. **Weir dam update**

- i. **Dam, Drainage Pipe, Culvert** – BBLIA board's goal is to ensure that the dam, the drainage pipe, and the culvert are maintained to ensure lake levels are managed. Lake levels are set by a legal proceeding and can only be changed by a legal proceeding. BBL is subject to a legal proceeding in 1964 which set lake level at 898.5 above sea level and confirmed in 1980 at 898.58. When lake level is high, BBL feeds Little Brower. Kent County has authority over dam and has delegated authority over Weir dam to Kent County Drain Commissioner.
- ii. **Road** –
  - BBLIA is concerned about recent work done by Kent County to the private road that runs over the drainage pipe and culvert. The prior road was poor quality and the heavy truck traffic (e.g. garbage, delivery trucks) damaged the drainage pipe and culvert.
  - The BBLIA board is seeking to ascertain whether the current road construction is adequate, whether other solutions are needed to protect the dam, drainage pipe, and culvert, who has authority over the road, and what regulations apply
    - a. The Kent County Drain Commissioner has stated that the new road will last 30 years – has good quality fill dirt, stone bed, asphalt and reinforced drainage pipe
    - b. Road is a private road as clearly indicated on the platte map (Section 4 T9N R10W) thus private landowners are responsible for maintenance of the road
    - c. The only way a road can become public is if the road is dedicated by the owners to and accepted by the public OR by the “Highway by User” regulation.
  - BBLIA will continue researching situation
- b. **Consumer’s oil spill** – Some lake residents are still identifying oil sheen on the lake, continuing to photograph, and seeking an effective solution by Consumers Energy. BBLIA is waiting to see report from State of Michigan. Depending on results, BBLIA will push for test to determine if oil in transformers is same as oil we are seeing in lake. Ingrid to obtain an update from Jim Dixon and initiate another informational update to be sent to all members.
- c. **Wessel boat use** – board spoke with Wessels and Colleen at township. Interpretation of township is that Wessels may allow personal guests to have boats on the lake when home is not being rented.

## VII. Boat Launch

- a. **Fall Boat Removal Date** – will select 3rd weekend in October (10/19-10/20 9am to 3pm on Saturday and 9am to 2pm on Sunday (tentative))
- b. **Concrete Slab** – on hold for now
- c. **Dock at launch** – Board has no interest in pursuing due to purchase and maintenance cost
- d. **Key Holder Application** - Diana and Jim Lucchese have applied to be key holders. Motion to approve application made by Lorraine Nykun; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Wilson.  
**APPROVED.**

## VIII. Association Lot

- a. **Autumn Olive** – still need to remove 3 Autumn Olive bushes
- b. **Paint new door** – thanks to Steve for building the new door; he will also paint the door
- c. **Fall Community Event** – Board agreed to pay up to \$200 toward the pig roast to be held on 10/20/19 beginning at approximately 2:30pm. Each board member will bring a dish to pass. Shawn Marks will lead event with support of the Beautification Committee.

## IX. New Business

- a. **Backup up for Tech Officer** – Wendy will talk to Mike Farrar to be tech officer backup
- b. **Fallen tree by launch** – Township Supervisor received complaint about a tree that has fallen down on frontage in front of Brom/Lomonoco/McLeod cottage.  
Brom/Lomonoco/McLeod do not own the frontage - but they have put a sea wall along the frontage. The frontage is part of the township public park. Ingrid to contact Brom/Lomonoco/McLeod about removing the tree.
- c. **Meeting schedule** – meet in October (Wilson), April (Mersman), May (Jacot), June (Dangl), August (Marks), plus Annual meeting in August.
- d. **Welcome Hostess** – Shawn Marks has offered to serve as welcome person for BBLIA. Board members contact Shawn when ownership of properties in assigned districts changes.

## X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 8:39 P.M.
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## 2019/2010 Meeting Schedule

9/3/19	Jensen/Lobert – 8869 Je-Ne-Be
10/1/19	Wilsons – 8570 Je-Ne-Be
4/7/19	Mersmans – 8493 Je-Ne-Be
5/5/19	Jacots – 8348 Je-Ne-Be
6/2/19	Dangls – 8768 Brower Lake Dr.
8/4/19	Marks – 8860 Brower Lake Dr.
8/18/19	ANNUAL MEETING

**Big Brower Lake Improvement Association Board Meeting**

**AGENDA**

Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ingrid and Renee, 8869 JeNeBe Drive

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 6, 2019 Meeting
- III. VOTE ON OFFICERS
- IV. TREASURER – Financial Reports
- V. ANNUAL MEETING DEBRIEFING
- VI. LAKE ITEMS
  - A. Weir dam update
  - B. Consumers oil spill – status of clean up
  - C. Wessell boat use – Township permit interpretation
- VII. BOAT LAUNCH AREA
  - A. Fall boat removal
  - B. Concrete slab
  - C. Dock
  - D. Application by Diana and Jim Lucchese to be key holder
- VIII. ASSOCIATION LOT
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Backup for Tech Officer
  - B. Meeting schedule
- X. ADJOURNMENT

**Key Holders**

*Greater availability during the week days, in addition to after work hours and on weekends:*

Jerry Peterson – 616-874-6807  
Mike Riley – 616-874-7881  
Don Shields – 616-262-3423  
Scott Wingle – 616-874-8885  
Shawn Marks – 989-430-0715  
Russ Marks – 989-600-1512

*Less availability during week day hours but greater availability after work hours and weekends:*

Doug Baumann – 616-874-6809  
Jeff Case – 616-540-6855  
Steve Cilek – 616-340-2479  
Jackie Dangi – 616-299-1745  
Mike Havemeier – 616-980-6880  
Kerri Herweyer – 616-901-8122  
Kevin Jacot – 989-737-1362  
Ingrid Jensen – 616-915-2273  
Renee Lobert – 616-446-1010  
Lorraine Nykum – 616-822-8596  
Mike Wilson – 248-561-9933  
Dan and Melanie Yff – 616-874-6407