

Bantam Lake Protective Association

Minutes of Meeting – April 20, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 p.m. by Connie Trolle

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mike Dunn, David Green, Jamie Fischer, Peg French, Steve Oldakowski, Kayla Pottbecker, Ken Shailer, Debbie Shurberg, and Connie Trolle.

Members Absent: Mike Lauretano, Peter Longo, and Anne Murdica

Approval of Minutes

Mike Dunn motioned to approve the March 17, 2017 meeting minutes which was seconded by David Green. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Will be reported at the next meeting as Peter Longo was not available. Connie did acknowledge a \$300 contribution from the Deer Island Association.

Report from Dr. Knoecklein

George has been on the lake very frequently sampling. He provided the results of his visits to the board (collected on both April 7 and 13) – next scheduled visit is April 21.

George went with Connie and Ken to meet with Tom Weik regarding setting up a new protocol with Torrington Area Health to monitor cyanobacteria levels. There has not yet been any word back. Tom was reluctant to provide BLPA with a letter of support that could be used to request funding from the town within the budget.

Jamie Fischer has also begun collecting water from various entry point into the lake – he has identified 62 points around the lake and will be visiting these points to collect samples every time it rains. Additional areas may be identified over time as well to sample. He is also in process of getting a student on board (beginning in May) who will take on a project related to the lake – more information to come. He has also been taking water level measurements at a spot by White Memorial Campground road – he will be installing a staff gauge to allow tracking of water level fluctuations.

New Board Members

The Board welcomes both David Green and Jamie Fischer to the Board.

Grand List Analysis

Ken analyzed the Grand List and found that while lake front property owners pay approximately 40% of the grand list the properties only account for 3.3% of the acreage in the town.

Push to have a town meeting to get the message out on the value of the lake to the town. Board

decided to hold the Annual Meeting this year in June (as opposed to at Bantam Lake Day as has been done the past few years). Work towards June 10 (in the morning). Jamie Fischer will check on availability of White Memorial for the meeting. Bantam Lake Day will be held on August 19.

Website

The website has been completely redone. If anyone has comments please provide them to Connie.

Fundraiser – Kentucky Derby Party

Kayla and Connie have been working hard on getting the fundraiser event arranged. There will be 3 raffle prizes – for Win (a Drone), Place (Apple Watch) and Show (Go Pro). 2 of the items had been donated prior to the meeting and Dave Green agreed to donate the 3rd item. Board discussed various ways that we would run the raffle.

John Dufour is contributing buses to valet people back and forth between parking and the Distillery (parking will be by where the buses are parked near the Litchfield Athletic Club). We will need parking signs with arrows. Bartenders have been arranged as well as a band. Peter Longo is bringing a Big Screen TV for the event. We will have people at the front checking people in and people selling raffle tickets. Connie has arranged for us to be able to take payment via PayPal. Food has been ordered from Litchfield Catering.

Each person will get 2 tickets for hard alcohol drinks and the distillery is providing beer and wine as well as water. We have not had a great advance ticket sales so an additional email and facebook reminder will go out. Mike Dunn will check on the insurance. We will have a hat content with prizes.

Board members should arrive at about 4:30 to set up for the event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Shurberg