**BELPOA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes-Revised May 18, 2019**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

A Board meeting of BELPOA called to order at 10:10 AM at the Old Town Hall in Ortonville, Michigan.

**Roll Call-Officers: Present:** President- Kal Kazak, Secretary-Sue Workman, Treasurer Barb Duval **Board Members present**: John Dean, Carol Ulman, Sandy White and Judith Johnston. **Absent:** Jody Hall and Vice-President Rick Meisner.

**Last Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the May 15, 2019 Board meeting will be furnished by May 24, 2019.

**Reports:**

**President:** President Kazak announced the agenda: presentations would be given first by Geoff Wilson of the Oakland County Water Resources Commission(WRC) regarding the drain, followed by Sheriff Glover regarding Marine patrols. .After each presentation, an orderly Q &A sessions would then be held. General membership concerns and proposals would then follow, and lastly election of BELPOA Board members. President Kazak commended Treasurer Duval for her efforts in providing timely, detailed and precise financial reporting.

**Vice-President:** Not present, no report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Barb Duval provided a detailed report of BELPOA finances. Hard copies of the report were provided to each of the 52 member families attending. **See Attachment I**

**Presentations**

Geoff Wilson of the WRC provided an update on the drain project. A preliminary estimate of $653,000 was provided. Wilson reported that the current assessment area was drawn up in the 1920’s, when the original drain was installed. In the 1970’s some parts of the drain were replaced with metal pipes. The life of that project was 30-40 years. Scoping of these pipes now show corrosive sections. Last year, 3 emergencies resulted in the assessment area paying for these repairs. The WRC cannot, by law, collect more tax funds for their operations other than the projected cost of routine maintenance. Repair costs associated with emergencies are assessed at the time of their expenditure and passed along to the tax payers. The WRC is currently looking to expand the assessment area to include properties that have run off into the lake. Factors in the new assessment will include lake frontage, land area, and materials (ie: grass vs. hard surfaces). A new screen will be included in the upcoming project.

Sheriff Glover and a representative from the Marine Division summarized their interaction with our lake residents during the 2018 season. Safe boating was their primary purpose. During the 41 hours of duty, the marine division had 108 contacts with the residents, 71 warnings and 4 tickets were issued. Their presence on the lake was a result of a contract between Brandon Township and Oakland County Sheriff’s Department, at the request and funding from BELPOA. Subsequent to the May 2018 General Membership Meeting, a severe injury accident resulted from a collision between two Personal Water Craft (PWC)’s on the lake. This, coupled with complaints to the board from many members of unsafe situations, prompted the BELPOA Board to arrange for a Sheriff’s presence on the lake. In response to member questions at the meeting, Sheriff Glover described some laws that pertain to safety, including life preservers, fire extinguishers and requirements of operators of PWC and motorized watercraft. Residents were urged to investigate the DNR’s website for specifics. Sheriff Glover recommended that concerned citizens are encouraged to contact him at the substation if witnessing unsafe practices. Photo and video evidence will be welcomed.

**Proposals**

Greg Tanklersley proposed that BELPOA cancel the 2019 contract with the Marine Division.

President Kazak Proposed that a mailed ballot be sent to all paid members to vote on the Marine Patrols. This proposal failed. The Tankersley proposal passed.

Carol Ulman proposed that the Marine Division patrol on holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. This proposal was defeated.

President Kal Kazak will advise the Marine Division of the impending contact cancellation and request a refund to BELPOA.

**Ad Hoc Committees:** No report.

**Old Business:**

John Dean put out a request for volunteers for judges for the 4th Boat Parade.

**Election of Board Members**

John Dean explained and conducted the voting “by zone”. A Zone map hand out was provided to all members.

Zone 4: with 1 seat available, had 5 members nominated: Tony DelDuco., Treasurer Barb Duval, Vice-President Meisner, Linda Smith and Kristen Wengren. DelDuco and Duval tied. DelDuco prevailed in the run off.

Zone 1: Judith Johnston nominated Mike Bemis. He was unopposed, and won.

Zone 2: With two seats open, both nominees, Jim Heading and Carol Ulman won.

Zone 3 had no open seats.

**By-Laws**

Some members suggested revision of By-Laws to correct inconsistencies. This will be addressed in the future.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

