



BELPOA Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

Call to Order/Roll Call:

A Board meeting of BELPOA called to order at 6:30 PM in the Brandon Library Meeting Room

Roll Call-Officers Present: President: Carol Ulman, Vice-President: John Dean, Treasurer: Barb Duval, Secretary Sue Workman **Board Members present:**, Tony DelDuco, and Sandy White

Reports:

President: President Carol Ulman reported that she has made a payment to lawyer, Mr. Robert DeWitt, for legal services rendered regarding the rental of boat slips by the Boat Bar. The practice violates an agreement between the Boat Bar and BELPOA. Services included a review of the agreement, a letter sent to the Boat Bar owner, Mr. Hagar, and attendance at a meeting between the parties. Mr. DeWitt will follow up with another letter in the Spring to remind Mr. Hagar of his responsibilities.

Vice-President: No Report

Secretary: Minutes were provided to Board members via Email

Treasurer: An updated accounting was provided to the board. A refund was obtained by Duval from Brandon Township for funds previously dedicated for Sheriff patrols that were not performed.

Issues:

Membership Fees: The board voted to increase Membership Dues and Ramp Fees by \$5.00 each per year. The increase will be used to off-set the cost for the newly implemented texting system. Additionally, the Membership fees will continue to cover costs of Water testing and lake stocking. The texting system will allow announcements of Lake Events to all members with a cell phone and ramp codes to those who pay the access fee. Motion to raise fees for Membership to \$25, for ramp fees to \$20 and for Seniors to \$15 was made by Workman and seconded by Duval then unanimously approved by all attending members.

By-laws update: Sue Workman, Judith Johnston and Sandy White researched revising existing BELPOA by-laws, with attention given to how zones are defined. At present there are 5 zones. When originally designed, board members were given possession of keys to the boat ramp. Because of the texting system, the logic of spacing board members geographically in a 5 zone method is no longer necessary. Dividing the lake into 3 zones will insure equal lake representation but simplify the process. Further discussion will be made at the next meeting.

Water Testing: Jim Heading performed Secchi Disk testing this fall. Results will be published in the next Newsletter.

Fishing Tournaments: President Ulman suggested that BELPOA sponsor fishing tournaments. One in the Spring/Summer and an Ice Fishing Tournament in the Winter. Because it is too late to organize a winter event, it was decided to plan one for Spring/Summer 2020. Many board members expressed interest.

Chili Cook-Off



Ullman mentioned that some board members would like to organize a chili cook-off in February.. Further discussions will be made at the next meeting. It was mentioned that this event could be open to all lake residents with the hope to attract new membership.

Publicity: Tony DelDuco offered to write an article to highlight the advantages of BELPOA Membership for the next newsletter.

Adjournment : A motion to adjourn was made by Workman seconded by Ullman. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting: January14, 2020