

**BLPA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

Welcome and Introductions

Moment of Silence for Mary Ann Wright, Spence Taylor and Dick Stevens

Clerk's Report

A motion was made by Bob W. and 2nd by Chan B. to **Waive the reading of the minutes.** Vote was unanimous

Treasurer's Report—Bob Wright

- Financial Report—Bob W. gave a Financial report detailing figures in the bank and the investments: \$ 6193 in checking, \$ 12,914 in investments, and \$10,707 in CDs. He also explained that the beach assessment had increased by 30%. Discussion will follow after acceptance of his report. Motion **to accept Treasurer's report** made by Bruce E. 2nd by Peg L. Vote unanimous
- 2011-12 Dues—motion made by Bruce E. and 2nd Vicki W. **“To Recommend that the dues for 2011-12 be set at \$70. and that any dues increase would only be used to offset any property tax increase”.**
Bruce E. explained that our tax bills will have to be paid for the next 3 tax periods from Jan 2010 to June 2011 without the increase being funded through dues. That money, \$1200.00 will have to be taken out of our reserves. If we do not vote to increase dues for May 2011, we will have to take another \$800.00 more out of reserves before a dues increase would cover the deficit.
Discussion:
 1. Question-What was last year's deficit? Ans. \$732. So we will have to add that amount to the deficit created by the higher tax bill.
 2. Some feel we should take money out of reserves to fill the gap.
 3. Others feel we should not touch the reserves, so as to have them available for emergencies.
 4. Most feel we should fund the budget with the dues so as not to deplete the reserves.

After discussion for and against the increase, the motion passed with a majority.

Membership report-Peg DeMone

- 97 paid membership to date
- Peg asked for all members to update phone numbers, addresses and e-mails so we can communicate with them easier.

Website

Justin Shumway has taken over the webmaster job. Thanks were given to Mike Gudefin for handling and doing a great job with the website for so long. The new site is up and beautiful. Members were asked to send pictures to Justin for the site.

Property Reports

- Dam—Bruce Ellsworth
 1. Bruce E. reports that the dam was inspected in May with no problems noted.
 2. In 2008, because transfer of the beach property was not completed, those members could not do their dock repairs. No permits were approved in 2009, so 2010 petition was signed for lowering this year. Bruce is uncertain if they will get their approvals from the State in time for this year. So he is presenting a petition and making a motion: **“Move to lower level of Blaisdell Lake in September 2011 only 2ft or a minor lowering for Dock Assoc. people if unable to use a lowering in 2010.”** 2nd Chan B. There were comments regarding people on the lake who have businesses that are affected by the lowering. Clarification of the 2 categories of lake lowering: Major lowering every 5 years and minor lowering only for emergencies. A Lake Lowering petition has to be filed now and voted by the membership for a lowering one year from now. **Vote passed by a majority**
- Beach Management Committee Report—Janet Luca
 1. Janet Luca reported that all rules have been reviewed and they stand as printed.
 2. Don Wright was approached about parking on his property across from the beach where the Dog House used to be but not in front of the house where Estelle lived. That is fine with him as long as no trash is left.
 3. Weed watch lady Sharon K. says schedule is not full yet. Still has 32 shifts to cover so will be calling around to fill them.
 4. Committee added Rainbow garage to sheet at the ramp in case someone gets stuck.
 5. Committee is recommending a request from the Wright family to be allowed to place a granite bench on the beach in memory of Mary Ann Wright. A motion was made by Janet L. 2nd Carrie G. to **“accept the gift of a granite bench for the beach from the Wright family in memory of Mary Ann Wright”**. Vote was unanimous
 6. Thanks was given to John and Carrie Godkin for the great job they do taking care of the beach.
- Beach Manager’s Report—Carrie Godkin
 1. There have been questions asked as to who can use the beach and a request for the bylaws to be put on the website.

2. The ramp was washed out during torrential rains and they repaired it.
3. Please pull grass on the beach if you are there.

Conservation/ Water Quality Reports

Leon Malan was not in attendance but Dave Young had a message from him that the water quality continues to be very good.

Water Safety Report

Dave Young reminds us to be safe and obey the boating rules and regs. There was a suggestion to post boating rules and regs in the newsletter.

“Celebrating 60 Years at Blaisdell Lake”

Cynde Robbins reported that 46 families and 155 people have RSVP'd for the celebration to be held on Sunday, July 25 at Fritz Pratt's home. She asked everyone to please bring chairs or a blanket, appropriate shoes for a walk in the woods to the promontory, and food to share.

Awards and Recognition

All were given plaques celebrating their dedication and service to BLPA.

- Mary Ann Wright who served as clerk and was known for her selfless dedication to the association.
- Dave Hansen who served on the board and as Treasurer for 13 years. He brought us and our bookkeeping practices into the 21st century.
- Russell “Pud” Ellsworth, 100 years young, is one of the founding members of the association, a past President, and long-time chair of the dam committee. In 1950, for the sum of \$1.00, he sold the water rights (dam) to the BLPOA. The board recommends and asks for the membership to support a motion “ **to name the dam the Russell J. Ellsworth dam**”. Vote was unanimous. Pud's plaque included a \$1.00 bill since he said that he was not paid all those years ago.

Nominating Committee

The slate of Officers/Directors was presented and read by Janet Luca. Motion was made **that the clerk cast one vote for the slate** 2nd Peg D. Vote unanimous

President's Report—Dave Young

- Dave thanked the retiring directors and chairs for their dedication to BLPA. Rob Friedman, Bob O'Brien, Mike Gudefin
- He welcomed new members and officers to the board. Bob Wright, Steve Domber, Cynde Robbins, Janet Luca, Laura Hallahan, Mary Lee O'Brien and Justin Shumway.
- The goals of the association, to sustain membership growth and the health of the lake, continue to be of foremost importance.

Bruce Ellsworth thanked Dave Young for his dedication and service to the association.

Meeting adjourned 11:28 am 2nd Peg D.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynde Robbins, Clerk Pro Tem