

Bantam Lake Protective Association

Meeting Minutes October 15, 2020

- I. Call to order: 7pm by President Connie Trolle
- II. Members present: Connie Trolle, Anne Murdica, Devon O'Neill, Jamie Fischer, Kris Truta, Peter Longo, Caitlin Patterson, Rob Sherry, Mike Lauretano, Kathy Hill
- III. Bob Kluge, President of Litchfield/Morris Rotary
  - a. The Litchfield/Morris Rotary Club wants to recognize the important work of the BLPA and need for continued funding. They are in the process of obtaining permits for a "Freezin for a Reason", similar to a Polar Bear Plunge, and would like to split the proceeds with BLPA. LMR will be in contact with Torrington Area Health Dept to ensure all proper COVID 19 rules and regulations are being followed to make this a safe and fun event. Denise Rapp has given her blessing for the use of Litchfield beach and Fire Dept and EMT's. The event date is TBD but likely mid to late February 2021.
  - b. Upon Bob's departure, open discussion was held between board members and a motion was made to move forward with this event. Board members note however the changing circumstances of COVID 19 and it may ultimately decide if this even takes place.
- IV. Approval of prior minutes
- V. Treasurer's Report: See spread sheet
- VI. Membership Update: Currently 200 members with donations totaling \$26,975. Last year, 2019, membership was 264 with donations totaling \$25,400.
  - a. Plan to look into Venmo to facilitate easier donating
  - b. Potentially send out a newsletter to keep members updated and encourage new membership.
- VII. Update on Summer Treatment: AER has monitored the blue-green algae and treated BL and Bantam River twice. AER was also contracted to do a sediment study for long term treatment planning. Jamie updated the Board with a nice summary of the season as follows:
  - a. Cold spring, warm summer and drought contributed to highly variable cyanobacteria levels
  - b. Copper Sulfate as a treatment has its limits
  - c. Early September water became mixed with nutrients and CB multiplied
  - d. Aluminum sulfate called Alum bonds with the phosphorus and should treat the lake for CB 10-15 years
  - e. Weed treatment was successful in the lake and river however north BL has fanwort that needs to be monitored.
  - f. The pontoon boat was used in a variety of ways including taking students for research excursions
  - g. The Board needs to strongly consider Alum for long term planning, could cost \$1 Million.
  - h. Alternatives include aerator system however they may de-ice in the winter and will limit anchoring and certain boating activities in the summer.
  - i. EPA is paying for a storm watershed plan that should be ready for Spring 2021
- VIII. Adjourn 8:20 pm