

Bantam Lake Protective Association

Minutes of Meeting – June 21, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 p.m. by Connie Trolle.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jamie Fischer, Peg French, Peter Longo, Anne Murdica, Kayla Pottbecker, Debbie Shurberg, Connie Trolle and Susan Vontell.

Members Absent: Kathy Hill, Mike Lauretano, Rob Sherry, Kris Truta

Guests: Larry Marsicano (AER) and Devon O'Neil (interested community member)

Approval of the Minutes: Jamie Fischer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting which was seconded by Ann Murdica and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Currently have approximately \$16K in the checking account with approximately \$40K total in all accounts. The coalition account is down to only \$1883.07 but will be adding funding from White Memorial shortly and Connie will also be billing the Town of Morris (which will be contributing \$30K this year).

Membership Update: Currently have approximately 200 members with approximately \$19K total received in dues and donations.

Larry Marsicano (AER) – *update on testing and protocol for this summer re: blue green algae.*

- Jamie has been working closely with Larry/AER. AER has been monitoring on a bi-weekly basis and Jamie Fisher has been monitoring on alternate weeks.
- 2 main sites selected for monitoring (center of lake and North Bay), although they have added some additional sites too.
- Lake looks good so far although are starting to see some evidence of declining conditions. When/if conditions decline as expected over the summer, they will advise when they would recommend adding copper sulfate (probably later part of July). This will be based on multiple observations by both AER and Jamie
- They have noted that based on studies on Candlewood that they have been seeing more frequent blooms over the past number of years in Candlewood that relates to how strongly the lake stratifies and this is coincident with an approximately 30% decrease in spring and winter wind speeds. This may have some applications on Bantam as well.
- Looking at alternatives to copper sulfate.
- Have provided some recommendations of equipment to be purchased which Jamie has done. Equipment is being used to collect data on lake depth and amount of water entry from the river using staff gauges. Would like to purchase some additional staff gauges. Hope to also be able to collect some wind measurement data.
- Larry collected data on Bantam Lake in the 1990s when at Connecticut College (and that decision was based in part on fact that there was historical data on the lake that was collected in the 1930s and 1970s). He is working with a colleague at Connecticut College to get access to that data.
- Appears that South Bay operates differently from the rest of the lake based on his observations to date.
- Some discussion on use of bubblers but this could be problematic on Bantam as we are a high recreation lake.

- Discussion on Project Clear project at Candlewood Lake which Larry was involved in starting – involved approximately 100 high school students who were trained in collecting data during the school year and who then came and did field research on the lake for a 1-week time period. Name of Abby Pecklow (sp?) at EdAdvance assisted him in getting the program started and funded through a grant.

Bantam Lake Day

- Kayak will be raffled off at Bantam Lake Day. So far have sold about \$1300 in tickets (goal is \$6000). Peg French has already distributed tickets to many of the Board Members and tickets were provided to those who had not yet received to sell. \$20/ticket.
- Website for the race is up and the race is listed on Fast-track timing.
- Shirts have come in. Will plan to get extra printed to sell on race day. Those who register for race in advance will get a shirt for free.
- Still looking for company sponsors (\$200/sponsor). Prime sponsor for the event is Regatta Docks. Kayla will be sending out sponsor forms to the Board to use to get additional sponsors. Sponsor forms should be accompanied by Cash or Check and also a jpeg file with any image.
- Race will start at 9am (registration at 8am). Walkers are also welcome and there will be age divisions (no dogs but strollers are o.k.). At bottom of online registration form is a link for people to make a donation.
- Insurance and waivers for race are in place.
- Will move right from the race into Bantam Lake Day which will include the annual meeting and hot dogs.

Nominating Committee

- Both Deb Shurberg and Susan Vontell are resigning from the Board. Anyone with suggestions for new Board members should present the names to Debbie Shurberg or Mike Laurentano.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Shurberg