

Barlow Lake Association Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2022

The August Barlow Lake Association meeting was called to order by Rick Gannon at 9:08 with 31 Homeowners and 4 Officers present. Current Officers, Area Captains, Event Chairperson and Volunteers were recognized. We had a table with Barlow Lake merchandise for sale along with a 50/50 raffle.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the June 4, 2022 Association were provided to those in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

234 homes or 71% of Homeowners have paid voluntary dues of \$40 or more. Many families contribute well over the \$40 to support Lake activities. 106 Homeowners paid extra for Fireworks. \$600 was donated to Association for Calendar sales in 2022. 50/50 Raffle generated \$70 for the Association as Mike Moerman said he would also contribute his \$35 winnings to Association. Thank you, Mike! Denise VanderHeide had a number of Accounting/Budget questions which Lori Ritter fielded.

Fireworks:

Tentative date: Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 10:15pm. 2022 Cost was \$10,000 with \$7,000 budget allocation. Discussion about 2023 Fireworks negotiation motion was made by Cal Bremer and carried with gathering possible area Local Sponsors to off set the cost increases anticipated for 2023. Discussion followed about current vendor that has done the show since 2000 and done a great job. Thanks went out to Earl Krol and team for organizing the event AND for day after clean up. A special thank you to Y-Camp for allowing Contractor to set up on their property.

Fish Program:

\$10,000 Fish Plant budget to stock lake. 2007-2019 Walleye were planted but don't reproduce. Recommendation was to add Perch which do reproduce. Fishing Coordinator Mike Moerman discussed a lake survey and adding articles about Fishing in the next newsletter. 2019 was last stock due to COVID impact on Fisheries inventory and Vendor related issues. Mike is looking into Great Lakes Fishing to learn best fish to plant in Barlow as well as possible Fishing Day Tournament along with Annual Fishing Contest. Mike encouraged fishing of Bass and Pike and to REMOVE from lake and eat them, not throw back.

Boat Parade:

Coordinator Joan Lutke reported on the success of Boat Parade. Joan will establish a group of area voters to select winner for 2023.

Welcome Committee:

Coordinator Wendy Loveless reported that 3 families were welcomed and the Welcome Bag is evolving to ensure our new residents feel informed and welcomed to Barlow Lake!

Lake Buoys:

Coordinator Roger Offeringa mentioned that the decals on some Buoys will need to be replaced in 2023. Discussion about reprinting 8 -10 Boater Safety Posters in 2023 would be needed. Rental Homes encouraged to review/discuss with each tenant and Post in rental home.

Web Site – BarlowLakeMI.com:

Coordinator Ryan Asbury discussed the upgraded site and content. A “Resources” section which could include Contractors for in/out dock service was requested. A “members only” side of the web site was discussed.

YMCA Updates:

Director Luke Gerke kindly reminded Residence that walking IS NOT allowed on property due to year around Camp Residents and respect for property.

New Business:

Prize Winners – Current on Dues/Pay to Play was discussed. \$500 Budget for fixing/replacing the Y-Camp Sign was approved. Earl Krol has some sign history and additional discussion on sign placement. \$750 Budget was approved for Music/Events at the Y-Camp in 2023.

Motion was made and carried to spread out the Association Meetings pre-Memorial Day and post-Labor Day to better facilitate activity reporting, etc. The 2023 Association Meetings are set for May 20 and September 9 at 9am in the Yankee Springs Township Hall.

Resident Discussion included interest in coordinating a Barlow “Parade of Homes”, concern over the condition of Shaw Lake Boat Launch. Discussion to raise dues to \$50 was reviewed and decided to remain at \$40. Attendees in the back of room had hard time hearing was noted.

Following the group discussion, the meeting was closed at 11:06am. Thank you so all who attended and contributed to a lively and fun Association Meeting.

See you on the Lake,

Marilyn Wagner