

## **Barnes Lake Club Board Annual Meeting Minutes for July 08, 2023 (submitted by Brian Menard)**

Meeting called to order at 10:12 AM

### **Board Members**

Present: Pam Reid, Pat Betcher, Cece Stramsak, Theresa Rolland, Alex Nikora, Brian Menard.

Absent: Del Shoopman, Derek Morey, Lacy Minard

Brian Menard led the meeting participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for resident who passed away during the last year:

Thema Bertee,  
Sheryl Moldenhauer,  
Donald Brown,  
Nancy Jane Curnow,  
Joan Burress and  
Tommy Lynn Brown

Introduction of Special Guests: Scout Troop 214, Jessica Ableson from CISA

Pam Reid introduced the Board Members to the assembled guests and provided an overview of the events of past year.

Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting 2022 were presented by Pam Reid. Alex Nikora made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting and was seconded by Cece Stramsak. All said "Aye", motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Cece Stramsak. There were no questions presented. Alex Nikora made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and was seconded by Brian Menard. All said "Aye", motion carried.

Discussion about raising the Annual Club Membership Fees was held. Many views about the necessity of doing so and the lack of participation were discussed. Changing the Club to an Association was discussed at length and now that the Board is no longer spending time defending the lawsuit, this possibility will be looked into in depth. How the funds are spent for fireworks, why the membership dues are so important to keep the lake private, maintain the park lots, boat launch and beach area, pay for the insurance and more, was discussed. The intent to increase the membership fee to \$75 in 2024 was put to a vote. More than 50% of the audience present voted for the increase. No votes were cast against the increase. Pat Betcher motioned to accept the vote and raise the fees to \$75 in 2024. Brian Menard seconded the motion. All said "Aye", motion carried.

Cece Stramsak presented the membership update, stating there are currently 217 members. (This means that 187 homes are not dues-paying members. The suggestion was made to list those who are members on the website and also to list those who are not).

Scout Troop 214 Leader Frank Wasniowski thanked the Board and the people present for our continued support and then introduced Scout Kyle Conner to present the annual Scouts Activities Report to the Board.

Three director positions expired as of the date of the meeting: District 2 (Del Shoopman), Treasurer (Cece Stramsak) and District 7 (Pat Betcher). Pam Reid indicated that due to some family issues at home, Del Shoopman has decided not to run for his seat on the Board again. Linda Zukonik nominated Pat Betcher to retain his seat and Doug Macha nominated Cece Stramsak to retain hers. Burns Rolland nominated Tom Petts for the seat representing District 2. There were no opponents nominated for the three seats. Running unopposed, Pat, Cece and Tom are Board Members through 2026.

Pam Reid went over the new business for the year's meeting: Welcome Committee Packs, 2024 Calendars available, and Deerfield Fire Department looking for volunteers. Pam also reminded all that Annual Barnes Lake Club Picnic will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2 pm and donation items for the raffle are being received by Theresa Herrick.

New Park Lot and other improvements were discussed. Lady Liberty restoration added to the to-do list, The Board received a \$450 donation toward that effort. Park Lot G will have barricades installed to prevent cars from being parked there and natural vegetation will be planted to slow the flow of sediment into the lake. The sea wall collapse on Park Lot P will be addressed soon. The wind-damaged willow tree on Park Lot B will soon be removed.

Discussion of the completed lawsuit was held. The cashier's check was received, the lawyer's fees paid in full and the Consent Judgment was entered with the Registrar of Deeds.

Guest speaker Jessica Ableson from CISA provided a lengthy and detailed presentation about the invasive species to watch out for and how to identify them and combat their presence in and around the lake.

A raffle for dining gift cards was held and prizes presented to guests drawn at random.

No other items were brought to discussion.

Pam Reid announced when the next monthly Board Meeting, Annual Board Meeting and Annual Lake Improvement Board Meetings will be held.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Menard, seconded by Theresa Rolland. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.