

BLPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM @ the Northern Grace Youth Camp

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The meeting was called to order by President Mike McDermot, and took place at the Northern Grace Youth Camp at 9:00 AM.

The Secretary/Treasurer's reports were forwarded to all prior to the meeting and they were MSA. The Berry Lake Courtesy Rules are posted on the homepage of our website FYI.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee Chair Jen McDermot made a presentation on the current status of the lake quality and said that we did not receive a grant to cover control costs in 2024. We will need to look at other methods to fund invasive species control in 2025, and can't rely on grants. The WDNR wants us to do more than just chemical treatment. Jen provided a report, and it is posted on the BLPOA website on the BLPOA page (http://www.berrylakewi.com/uploads/1/0/4/4/10444460/may_2024_jen_report.pdf).

A discussion took place on future funding options for invasive species control. One suggestion was to work with the Town of Underhill again to do a tax assessment on all property owners here, and it's estimated that the cost would be about \$700 this next year. We would need to meet with the Town prior to budget time in October if we are to do this. Another suggestion was to create an endowment fund, and Jen Morrow offered to go through the process of making the BLPOA a 501c3 so that individuals can donate and receive a tax deduction...thank you Jen! It was MSA for Jen to move forward with this. FYI Jen did the paperwork years ago to get the BLPOA incorporated. A finance committee was created to look at all options and this committee consists of Gina Kozlik, Tony Larson, Jim DePrey, Tony Wells, and Mike McDermot.

Nicole and Aaron Dallaire talked to our group about the 4th of July fireworks show that they're planning from the boat landing again this year which will take place on Saturday, July 6th.. Aaron is licensed, and will have the Underhill Fire Department onhand for this event. If anyone would like to donate to the show (cost estimated to be \$6000.00), you can donate to them directly. They've created a venmo account to donate online (www.venmo.com/u/Nicole-Dallaire-2) or you can email nicole at ndallaire3@gmail.com. They did a great job last year!

A theme was decided on for the 2025 4th of July competition, and for the first time in a long time it will be a DOCK/BEACH DECORATING CONTEST (now that we have some beach!). The theme with the most votes was "Imagination".

Brett Tomczak talked about the second annual KIDS FISHING FRENZY here, and it will take place on Saturday, August 10th. We had over 50 kids participate last year, and were grateful to have Jeff Nuecherlein get prize donations for all the kids from his many contacts. Kay will help with this event again this year. Sharon Starks will do rock painting at the landing again. If anyone has other ideas of social activities that we could do here at the lake, please email us at berrylakewi@gmail.com.

We need to confirm a date for the annual Corn Boil, Kay will contact Dave Green to set a date. Possibly Saturday August 3rd.

Jim DePrey volunteered to host a Social on Saturday, July 27th.

Mike McDermot reminded all to be aware of the fire regulations here as there have been two instances already here where open fires got away, luckily they didn't spread far before they were contained. Mike also asked that everyone be respectful of the families/neighbors around you...keep the noise down, especially after 10 PM. Kay was asked to remind all that the Point is not a public beach, and no one is allowed to "park" on anyone's shoreline. It is OK to be in the water anywhere around the lake.

4 new board members volunteered to be on the board and they are: Tony Wells, Zack Klein, Ben Waddell, and Eric Behnke.

The meeting was adjourned.

The board met briefly after the main meeting and Mike McDermot was reappointed as BLPOA president, and Ben Waddell volunteered to be VP.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Rankel, Secretary-Treasurer BLPOA