



Birch Island Lake Association
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Birch Island Lake Association
9-01-07 Meeting of the Membership
9 a.m., Lakeside Community Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order by President **Mick Peterson**.

Minutes from May 2007 meeting were presented by Secretary **Gayle Teskey**. Motion to accept by Pat Glerum, seconded by Colleen Johnson

Treasurer's Report: Mary Kirby

- Copy of financial report distributed to all in attendance

New Business

- BILA Areas of Focus & Interest introduced by **Steve Hemping**. Asked for input from BILA members. Intended to be a "living document"
- 2008 Boat Parade – **Saturday, July 5th** (assuming higher water levels)
- 2008 Ice Cream Social – **Sunday, July 6th 2 p.m.**

Old Business:

Water Quality Report – Barry Borman

- Water levels down 18" since ice out (36" total last year and this year)
- Water quality has deteriorated
 - White algae bloom extended over two acres along the southeast shore of the lake and the green bloom was suspended in the water of the south end of our lake
 - Weed (aquatic plant) growth
 - Herbicides are prohibited
- Projections for next year
 - Continued drop
 - More aquatic plants
- Birch Island Lake included in pilot program to find and eradicate invasive species
- 2-3 year cycle to return to normal levels
- Note that vehicle use on the shore is prohibited (ATVs)

Guest Speaker: Ed Slaminski/Spooner DNR, Water Regulation Program

- Discussion of regulations, particularly with regard to the low water levels
 - OK to remove loose weeds that wash up on shore
 - OK to remove (by hand) 30' around dock for boat access
 - Cannot remove objects (dead trees, etc) that have appeared but are below the normal water level (they are habitat)
 - Point of jurisdiction is "normal high water mark"- separates private from public. County regulates above the high water mark, DNR regulates below the water mark
 - Don't allow decks or platforms at end of docks (6' width)
 - His department issues permits for things like rip rap
 - Permits are available on the website
 - (Note that BILA board members are meeting with POA and VV representatives)

- Riparian owners are allowed to pump water from lake to water lawns. Non-riparian owners are NOT allowed to pump from the lake because they do not own the land adjacent to the lake. Commercial pumping is allowed in some circumstances and limited.
- (Note that VV Golf course is not pumping from Birch Island Lake)

Birch Island Lake Appreciation Award – Introduction and Presentation

- Bill & Kay Whitmore
- Don Waddick (accepted by Helen Waddick)
- Nomination forms are available on website
- These names plus the first recipient, Curt Johnson, will be added to the permanent plaque

Meeting concluded, MSC (Motion made: Steve Heping seconded Pat Glerum). Next meeting: Saturday, May 31, 2008, 9 a.m. Lakeside Community Lutheran Church.

Submitted by Gayle Teskey, BILA Secretary.