



BLUE LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Blue Lake, Churubusco

MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2022

ATTENDEES: Brad Millikan, Christi Holmes, Keith Bradtmiller, Rich Brooks, Ashley Klaehn
Absentees: David Waterman and LeeAnn Holmes

Secretary's Report: Brad Millikan acted as secretary as LeeAnn Holmes was absent. Brad shared about LeeAnn's computer problems and that December's notes were not ready for this meeting. They will be reviewed along with January's meeting notes in February.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance was \$9,735.16. Christi reported that there was \$3,400.03 in the fireworks account and that the \$2,500 deposit was being sent out this week, leaving \$903.03 in the fireworks account.

Membership Committee: Brad Millikan reported that there are 76 current members.

Fundraising Committee: Brad Millikan reported that currently there were no fundraisers scheduled.

Building Rental: Ashley Klaehn reported that the building rental has slowed down a bit. Not much to report at this time.

Storage Rental: Brad Millikan reported that there are still 2 contracts and payments he needs to collect. Otherwise, nothing new.

Building Maintenance: Vince Simmers was not in attendance for an update. Rich Brooks reported that he and Vince have talked about getting quotes to spray the building's roof to make it last longer. He also reported that Vince is still getting quotes for roof repair. Keith Bradtmiller reported that the board electronically approved (via text) a snow plow agreement with Brad Millikan abstaining from the vote. The agreement was for Rick Millikan and Brad Millikan to plow the parking lot when/if we get snow for a free building rental.

Social Media: Brad Millikan reported that this has been a great way to keep the community updated. We reached 3.8k people in a couple of our posts. Brad also reported that the contracts for storage, rental and the membership form are now online to access through our website.



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Old Business: Rich Brooks updated everyone on the culvert issue. The culvert collapsed about 3 weeks ago. Rich has been a point of contact and has been working on contacting entities to see what the solutions would be. Rich contacted FEMA, county, DNR, and state. He said the post on social media encouraging people to call their representatives has helped and thanked those who did that. He updated that the county has verbally agreed to fix the culvert using emergency funds but he is waiting on a letter of intent to come from them. He is in direct contact with them and said that they have accepted a quote and have Crosby Excavating lined up. As part of the quote and expense is to make sure to fix any damage to land owners property. They hope to start the project ASAP. There is concern about the water level under the ice and will make sure to get the word out about ice safety. Everything seems to be moving in the right direction. Concern was brought up by those in attendance about beaver problems and discussion was had. Rich brought up possible projects moving forward once the culvert is fixed (i.e. cleaning it up, dipping it, etc.).

New Business: Christi received email from Camtor (fireworks company) about extending our fireworks contract another 3 years (2023-2025). Having a contract with Camtor guarantees the Saturday of July 4th. Christi motioned to extend the contract. Rich 2nd. Brad abstained from the vote.

Rich presented to the board about raising association dues to \$50 per person and \$35 for persons over 60 yrs old. Discussion was had about our bylaws and when membership runs. Board was in agreement to table the conversation and vote until other board members were present.

Brad Millikan presented to the board to start a paypal and venmo account for the website. This would allow people to make storage, rental, and membership payments through our website. Discussion was had. Feedback from those present was sought. Board feels this would be a right direction but want more information about fees that we might incur with this. Board was in favor but would like to have more information before a vote. Tabled for next month.

Keith Bradtmiller opened up the meeting for questions. Attender asked about the roads around the lake. Board suggested they go to the county as we can not do anything for the roads.

Attender asked why the board didn't get feedback from those in attendance when we voted for the fireworks. Discussion was had. Ultimately the board feels that monies were donated specifically for fireworks and over the last several years the feedback from donations and comments from those around the lake was sufficient feedback to move forward with the fireworks contract.



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brad Millikan.

Approved this 8th day of February, 2022 by its directors:
