

BRANTINGHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
FALL DINNER MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2007
TRAILSIDE

The BCA's Fall Dinner Meeting was held on August 25, 2007 at the Trailside. President Bill Brunscheen called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

President Brunscheen thanked the Trailside and servers for the excellent dinner and service.

Attendees were asked to review the minutes of the June 29, 2007 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes, as presented, by Mary Ann Nagy, seconded by Judy Wilson. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. John Nagy thanked George Vergillis for printing the BCA Newsletters and Directories. The BCA pays for the cost of the paper. Mr. Nagy reported that the BCA has received donations for the Memorial Fund in memory of Alice Harter, Katherine Mayhew, and Leonard Gordon. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Carolyn Schneider, seconded by Marie Duink.

TEAM REPORTS:

- ***Invasive Plants:*** Judy Wilson directed attention to the handouts which were available for attendees to take, and presented a request for volunteers to assist her in conducting the plant survey.
- ***Welcome Committee:*** Ned Wilson reported that he is in the process of developing material which will be presented to new families.
- ***Signs:*** John Nagy stated that 28 new signs were requested this year and were in the process of being delivered.
- ***Cell Tower:*** Tom Gunn informed attendees that the cell tower construction has begun, with access via the Van Arnam Road and that its height would be approximately 250 feet, and would include a light to alert low-flying aircraft.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Secretary Carolyn Gaylord cast one (1) vote for the current slate of directors. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

- ***Water Quality:*** President Bill Brunscheen announced that he is continuing to work with Lewis County to monitor the water quality of Brantingham Lake.
- ***Spraying:*** After receiving a bid from another spraying firm out of Clayton, President Brunscheen will present a proposal to the Directors on September 29, 2007 to finalize a contract for the 2008 season.
- ***Emails:*** We have approximately 200 email addresses to which notices may be sent, a large number of which will receive the newsletters via email attachment.

GUEST SPEAKER: President Bill Brunscheen introduced the guest speaker, Dave Decker, who has degrees in Chemical and Environmental Engineering and has worked for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Health, the Army Corps of Engineers and Exxon. Mr. Decker is currently overseeing the water quality management plan for Lake George. A \$90,000 matching grant was awarded to the Lake George team to identify the water quality issues, develop recommendations, and prepare a 5-year Capital Operations Needs Plan. Mr. Decker explained that the matching funds were provided mainly through time committed to plan development. The plan, which was adopted by five (5) state agencies, focused on the development of standing committees, communication, stewardship, recognition of accomplishments, self-examination, education, and a long-term view of practical expectations. The Lake George Association also designed a Septic Maintenance District, which was possibly the first in the state. At a cost of \$90 per owner per year, an annual inspection is conducted and a pump-out performed every three (3) years. Mr. Decker explained the portable boat washing station used at lake George and stressed the importance of interviewing the boat owners as they enter the area in order to gain data about neighboring lakes.

Based on his observations, Mr. Decker felt that Brantingham Lake is in very good condition and expressed a willingness to work with the BCA Officers in researching funding and grants for our future Water Quality programs.

President Brunscheen thanked Dave Decker for his willingness to make the trip to Brantingham to demonstrate the portable boat washing station during the afternoon and staying to speak at the dinner. For more information, please visit the website at www.lakegeorge2000.com.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Gunn, seconded by Collette Vanyo. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.