

Barron Lake Association Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Marneris at 10:03am and the pledge of allegiance was recited. In attendance were President Rick Marneris, Vice President Tom Hable, Treasurer Jim Muckerheide, Secretary Debbie Floor, & Director at Large Bruno Eideitis - Special Guests - Surf Internet representatives - 30 members present

President Marneris presented Bruno Eideitis with a plaque recognizing his 40 years of commitment and hard work as a leader of the Barron Lake Association.

Melissa DeSimone, Executive Director & The Michigan Riparian Magazine, will be our guest at the August meeting. She has her pulse on the hot topics, and knows DNR & state representatives. After the general meeting - there will be an annual meeting and elections will be held - contact Tom Hable if you are interested in running for a position on the board - 3 spots are open and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

School is out - kids are walking around the lake - keep your vehicles locked. There have been reports of kids knocking on doors and looking in windows. A wooden pier was vandalized and burned - mailboxes have been tampered with. A pontoon trailer was stolen earlier this year - Gary at the marina will store your boat trailer for \$75.

Secretary's report was read - Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Treasurer's report was read - Motion was made and approved to accept the report.
Checking balance \$ 8,489.75 Expenses in June were - Web page consulting, web page hosting & newsletter, annual PO Box rental, Postcards and postage

CD matures 7/19/24 \$41,118.47
Renewal options of CD - 9 months for 4.9% or 16 months for 4.65%

Lake Level & water quality - Water samples were sent to Garrett Labs & Trace Analytical Laboratories. The quality of the lake water is within EPA & the state of MI standards. They stated that our water is in phenomenal shape, & there are no concerns about the lake water quality. The oxygen, clarity & PH levels are due in one week.

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May-June precipitation data -

Down .82" in May - Up .41" in June - Up in July

Lake levels - 4/15 755.5 - 4/30 755.4 - 5/31 755.8 - 6/30 755.5 - 7/8 755.9

The lake level came up about 4" from the last rain. Again, the well prevents water loss in the lake, it does not add to the lake level.

The well can be turned on or off with a cell phone - A motion was made and carried to purchase a telemetry sensor to more closely monitor the lake level.

Weed report - No milfoil was observed and no treatment will be needed in July. The broadleaf and natural weeds choked out the milfoil.

Lake Assessments to be addressed at the Howard Township July meeting. Township will be asked to have a 5 year assessment approved at \$125/year or lower - currently \$100/year. The cost of weed treatment has quadrupled - the cost of weed treatment for a 10 acre area is \$18,000.

Wake boats - State regulations have not been enacted yet - there is an active bill sponsored by Julie Rogers.

Corn and Sausage Roast - Marcia Hummel reported that the invites have gone out and were hand delivered. Cooks have volunteered, donations of bottled water from IREP ERA Powered, invites and banner from Pam Dunkin, and two coolers from Miarstar. Door prizes include furnishings, Lilly Pad float, etc. There will be a live band, & photo booth. Marcia reported that we have had great response and we are pulling in people who are not currently association members. Residents must bring their invitation card with them to register for door prizes.

Surf Internet representatives were available after the meeting to discuss fiber internet services. Fiber is 20 times faster than cable. Installation should begin in July and end at year end.

We may need to consider a new meeting location because the town hall is being rented and parking could be an issue. Sholtey Park on Huntly Rd was suggested to be used for 2025 meetings.

The next meeting is 10:00 am on Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Kiddie Korral Park. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.

