



# THE BIRCHWOOD VOICE

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## President's Message

by Chas Ritson

I always feel a little depressed when the summer ends, but things are a little bit different this year. This year I can add anxious, maybe a little scared and maybe even a little bit crazy. Why is that? Because on August 23rd I was elected by the 2008-2009 Board of Directors to be its new President. I might add that I didn't have to accept, but I did, so I guess I'll get what I asked for. Seriously, I believe that being on the Board and serving as one of its officers, is a huge responsibility, one that offers unique challenges and yes, frustrations, and one that can also bring great satisfaction by making Birchwood Lakes a better place. The 2008-2009 Board of Directors has shown con-

fidence in me by appointing me to be its new President and it is my hope that this Board can move forward on a number of both new and unfinished initiatives. My plan is relatively simple, but perhaps not so simple to achieve. I believe that the Board and the staff needs to focus on 3-5 key goals for the year, and to do everything in our collective power to make them happen.

One of these goals is to complete the transition from our internal book-keeping process to one that uses an outside management company. We are doing this for two reasons. The first is to make the process of billing, collections, etc more efficient and



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effective. The second, is to focus the energy and efforts of our Community Manager and staff on moving ahead and completing critical issues, such as our approved Reserve projects. Let me be clear that this transition only involves our bookkeeping

function, and that even with this transition, some support elements of the book-keeping process will need to be maintained by our office staff.

My reason for mentioning what the nature of the book-keeping transition will be, is to hopefully eliminate the misleading and divisive gossip and rumor that occasionally seems to occur. When false information is either purposely or inadvertently spread, the morale of

the BLCA staff suffers, as well as the trust that the community places in its Board.

One last thing on book-keeping. It is the intent of the Board to achieve an improved dues and fines collection rate. It is neither fair nor equitable that our dues paying members continue to basically subsidize those who do not pay. The number of members who are delinquent is not insignificant

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# 2008/2009 Board of Directors

President	Charles Ritson
Vice President	Louis Freeman
Secretary	Eileen Naturale
Treasurer	Kathleen Stirrat
Directors	Daniel Capano Ann Marie Celentano John Meola Maria Moffa Robert Nilsen

At the August 23 Organizational Meeting, the Board of Directors elected the following Committee Heads.

#### Standing Committees

Finance, Budget, Contracts	Kathleen Stirrat, Chairperson Charles Ritson, Co-Chairperson
Road Maintenance	Louis Freeman, Chairperson Robert Nilsen, Co-Chairperson
BLCA Property Development	Charles Ritson, Chairperson Ann Marie Celentano, Co-Chairperson
Chairperson By-Laws	Charles Ritson, Chairperson Kathy Stirrat, Co-Chairperson
Voting & Elections	Eileen Naturale, Chairperson Open, Co-Chairperson
Rules & Regulations	Daniel Capano, Chairperson John Meola, Co-Chairperson
Capital Projects	Daniel Capano, Chairperson John Meola, Co-Chairperson

#### Appointed Committees

BLCA Property Beautification	Robert Nilsen, Chairperson Open, Co-Chairperson
Community Safety	Kathleen Stirrat, Chairperson Maria Moffa, Co-Chairperson
Recreation Director	Eileen Naturale, Chairperson Robert Nilsen, Co-Chairperson
Lake Management	Charles Ritson, Chairperson Open, Co-Chairperson
Community Affairs	Sheila Salmon, Chairperson Maria Moffa, Co-Chairperson

## Notes from the Community Manager

by **Bettye White Gross,**  
CMCA, AMS

Congratulations to the newly elected Board members, Eileen Naturale, Bob Nilsen and John Meola as well as the newly appointed Board member, Maria Moffa. Thank you for stepping forward to serve your community and to all of the members that have signed up to serve on the various committees supporting the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors recently took action to move forward with the roadwork approved under the previous reserve withdrawals approved by the membership. Wayco, Inc. has been selected to perform roadwork on the following roads: Church Road from the gate to Pepperidge, Blueberry Court from Palm to the dead end, East Shore Drive from Aspen to East Lake, Outer Drive from Juniper to Silver Lake Gate, Pine Lane from Chestnut to Hemlock, Beech Road from Gumtree to Aspen, Elm Court and the seal coating of Juniper, Balsam, Mako Terrace, Locust and West Shore Drive. We anticipate the work to start in the coming weeks. Please pay special attention to workers and equipment that may be in these areas for their safety and

yours. Additionally, allow a few extra minutes to reach your destination when utilizing these roads or avoid them if possible during the roadwork and seal coating efforts.

August was a busy month for the Association with the election of the Board, annual meeting and an informational meeting on the Upper Lake Dam project. Charles Givler, PhD, PE at the meeting, presented three options for the design of the dam. The Board in moving forward on this project with consider membership feedback. Please watch for further information as the Board of Directors moves forward on this important project.

The newly elected Board Officers have been selected: Chas Ritson, President; Louie Freeman, Vice President; Kathy Stirrat, Treasurer and Eileen Naturale, Secretary. We wish them well in their efforts. Committee Chairs were also selected and volunteers are needed to serve on the committees. Now is the time to sign up if you have not yet done so. Contact the BLCA Office to sign up or for more information.

The Board has also adopted several new rules including noise disturbance and temporary struc-

tures. Please look for these changes in the next edition of the newsletter and contact the BLCA Office for a complete set of the Rules and Regulations if you have not updated your copy recently.

Looking forward, should you have visitors or family gatherings this fall, please help us keep Birchwood Lakes free from litter by not posting any signs, including directions or yard sales, on the roadsides. Bulletin Boards are for use by the members in posting notices of yard sales. Directions should be provided through an alternate means (maps are available in the office). This will help eliminate the "leftover" signs that seem to never come down once posted.

The Office hours have reverted to the winter schedule. You may reach us Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you are unable to visit us in person during these hours, please contact us by telephone. A locked mailbox is also available on the outside of the office for after hour drop-off of items.

Enjoy the fall. Winter will soon be upon us. Staff has been busy with winter preparations since mid-summer and will continue with activities throughout the season. Salt suppliers have been selected, equipment is being readied and drivers will be taking their dry runs of their snowplowing routes. Help us by reading the winter roads message in this edition.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

Ballots mailed more than 800,	
Ballots returned	155
John Meola	112 votes
Eileen Naturale	111
Robert Nilsen	90

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### BIRCHWOOD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### 2008-2009 SCHEDULE OF OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

Open Board Meetings are held at the BLCA Clubhouse

NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 13, 9:30 a.m.

JANUARY 9, 2009 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14, 2009 9:30 a.m.

MARCH 13, 2009 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 11, 2009 9:30 a.m.

MAY 8, 2009 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 13, 2009 9:30 a.m.

JULY 10, 2009 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 15, 2009 9:30 a.m.

AUGUST 22, 2009 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting

## Lake News by Chas Ritson, Chair Lake Management Committee

### Lake Testing Grant

BLCA was chosen for a Citizens Volunteer Monitoring Program (CVMP) grant in 2008 that allows us to obtain comprehensive water quality data on one of our lakes at no cost. The program is administered by the Watershed Protection Division of PADEP and provides technical assistance, lab support and sampling/ testing equipment in partnership with another local lake community, Traces of Lattimore. The BLCA lake selected this year by DEP is Lower Birchwood Lake, since water from our other three lakes eventually finds its way into Lower. We have already

been "penciled in" for next year's grant program and Upper Birchwood lake will likely be selected. The value to our community is two-fold, the free testing would normally cost approximately \$1000, and the ability to test our other lakes using the CVMP equipment. A real deal!

### Water quality of Lower Lake

The data received so far indicates that the basic water quality in the Lower lake has not changed in any significant way since last year, and generally falls within the normal range for this type of lake (age/ depth/ productivity); two parameters however, phospho-

rous and nitrogen, remain moderately high and are largely responsible for aquatic plant growth in our lakes. The Lake Management Committee will be investigating ways to reduce these two parameters, but BLCA members can help by having their septic properly maintained/ pumped and by limiting their use of nitrogen containing fertilizers and phosphorous containing household detergents.

### Registration

Just a reminder – All boats used on BLCA lakes must be registered at the office.

Any member or guest who uses our lakes without a valid

BLCA registration sticker may be subject to a \$25 fine. Also, several boats this year have either been stolen, "borrowed" and then capsized or damaged. Your registration sticker would allow ownership to be established and perhaps return of your boat.

### Boat Safety

Fishermen and boaters - Please clean all aquatic plants from your boats, motors and trailers after your day on a particular body of water, Birchwood lake or other-wise, and before using them on another lake or river. Aquatic plants that "hitch-hike" on your equipment can take up

residence in our lakes where they can become invasive and cause serious problems. Even small pieces of certain plants can regenerate or grow into mature plants. So, please help our lake management efforts by removing all plant debris from your "stuff." Thanks!!

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## Beautification Committee

by Marcella Livingston

As the past chairperson of the Beautification Committee I would like to thank all my volunteers over the many years we have been beautifying our entrances. A very special thanks goes to George and Jane Aber

for their dedication to Birchwood Lakes. George and Jane could be found at the 739 entrance at the crack of dawn watering our plants in the heat of summer. George planted seeds each year to supplement our purchased plants and

would weed and deadhead constantly. Jane painted the rock at the Silver Lake entrance and restores it each year. Unfortunately, they will be "retiring" this year and will be greatly missed. If you want to see our entrances in full bloom each year, more volunteers are needed. Watering is a big task but one that could be made easier with more help. Please help keep our entrances looking great by signing up for the Beautification Committee. Many hands make light work.

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## Permits

BLCA Rules and Regulations (Section 98-50-19), in accordance with the Association's Covenants and Restrictions, require members to obtain a BLCA permit prior to moving to, constructing, or erecting any structure or building within the community. There is no fee for obtaining the permit. Additionally, permits are needed for septic repairs and tree removals. For more information, contact the BLCA Office.

## September 12 Board Meeting

by Bob Salmon

The September 7 board meeting, effectively chaired by newly-elected board President, Chas Ritson, dealt with a number of issues important to Birchwood residents, many of which were brought up by community members at the annual meeting. This article is not the official minutes of the meeting. The minutes will be reported after the board approves them, but these are the observations of this reporter who attended the entire meeting.

### New Security Procedures

Ironguard Security officers will spend more time at the 739 gate entrance. The high cost of gasoline forces this change. We have already spent \$5,087 dollars of the \$7,000 dollars budgeted for gasoline for the year and the board approved a new driving pattern for the security service. They will alternate patrolling the roads with observing vehicles entering the community. The board plans to schedule a special board "workshop" meeting devoted to security issues. This will be well in advance of signing a new contract.

### East Lake Dam Cap

The board has decided to go ahead with the survey required by the DEP in order to get permission to cap the dam in an effort to restore the lake to its historic level. Bettye White Gross, Community Manager will begin the process.

### Crossing Road Dam

Many residents expressed concern at the Annual Meeting about the proposed design of the dam between Upper and Lower Lake at Crossing Road. As a result of those comments, Chuck Givler, the engineer who attended the meeting and answered questions about the proposed project submitted new drawings in a further attempt to show the impact of the structure on the surrounding homes. The board discussed the feasibility of finding another firm to design the dam and whether the expense of a new study would produce a significantly different structure, given the governmental requirements for dam safety. The board decided to check further on possible dam designs, before authorizing another engineering study.

## Member's address changes

If you were issued a new 911 mailing address and have not yet notified the office in writing, we ask you please do so. This will allow you to receive your mail from the Birchwood Lakes Office and to prevent any problems that may develop in the next few months.

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# Birchwood Lakes Swim Team

Congratulations to the Birchwood Lakes Swim Team for an outstanding summer! The Barracudas wrapped up the summer season at Trails End with an 8th place finish during Championship weekend, August 9 and 10. This was our first year back in Birchwood and we had a GREAT group of kids ages 3-18. The swim team worked hard all summer. For many of the kids, this was their first time competing. The improvements made from our first practice to championships were astonishing. Because of our swim team, some of these first time swimmers are now continuing their swimming through the winter with either lessons,



winter swim teams, or occasional trips to the high school for open swim.

Our parent participation during the summer was above and beyond. There was never a need to ask for help. Someone was always volunteering or asking what they could do. A big THANK YOU goes out to all the parents of our swimmers. We couldn't have had such a wonderful season with out you.

Another important factor for our success were all the sponsors, golfers, and dinner attendees of the 1st Annual Golf Outing. The outing was a great success and if you missed it, we hope you will

join us next year.

Thank you all people in the community who patronized our concession stand at the pool and bought candy from the swim team kids when they were selling it through out the community. Every little bit helped make a huge difference.

We hope that next summer will be even better than this past summer. If you missed all the fun and want to become a part of our growing family, please watch for registration information in the next newsletter and on the boards at the entrances.

# Pending Legislation May Benefit Birchwood

According to a recent communication between Elizabeth Forrest, Pike County Legislative Aide to State Representative John J. Siptroth and Bettye White Gross, Community Manager of Birchwood Lakes, there are two bills that may give financial relief to residents in private communities. The first is a bill still in committee that would "give tax relief to full-time residents who are paying for road paving, snow removal and other services in the community that municipalities normally provide and charge tax for. It will NOT provide relief for upkeep of ... non-essential services... The deduction would be figured at a percentage of the dues and apply only to full-time residents."

A bill sponsored by Representative Siptroth passed the House of Representatives and is still in the Senate. It provides funding for high hazard dams that the Department of Environmental (DEP) considers in need of repair, as well as other issues related to flood control, sewers and other infrastructure needs. High hazard dams are ones that could endanger the health and safety of populated areas if they aren't repaired. According to Forrest, "\$800 million has been made available for

dam, flood protection, water and sewer improvements through the state budget passed on July 4th. Voters will decide in November whether to make another \$400 million available through a bond referendum ... (S.B. 1341) If approved, the funding would be used for grants and loans ... Rep. Siptroth is attempting, whenever possible, to make residential communities eligible to apply for these grants ...

"In addition, he is introducing legislation this fall for a comprehensive state wide study of the infrastructure issues within the Commonwealth's residential communities ... to communicate the extent of the road, water/sewage and dam problems to the General Assembly so that they will support future legislation. We estimate that 25% of the state's population live in private communities ..."

If you want to support this effort to bring relief to Birchwood residents regarding tax relief and possible financial aid to help us with our Crossing Road Dam project, required by the DEP, write in support of Rep. Siptroth's efforts. You may mail the sample letter in this issue or e-mail your comments to [rep.siptroth@pahouse.net](mailto:rep.siptroth@pahouse.net).

## BLCA Curfew

BLCA has a curfew of 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. As a courtesy to all members, please observe the curfew hours.

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Rep. John J. Siptroth  
PO Box 202189  
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Dear Representative Siptroth,

I (We) live in Birchwood Lakes Community Association in Dingmans Ferry, Pike County, Pennsylvania. I (We) are writing in support of bills no. HB2549 and PN3798 to fund dam safety projects and particularly for your efforts to allow residential private communities eligible to apply for low cost loans and grants for this purpose.

Hurricane Ivan destroyed one of our dams and we have an assessment for that replacement. Now the DEP requires us to replace another dam at greater expense.

Our community has over 500 homes with full-time residents, many of whom are senior citizens. The additional unforeseen expense for replacement of a dam will have a long-term economic effect on our residents.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. Help us keep our costs as low as possible.

Very truly yours,

Signature  
Address

Signature  
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# Autumn Notes from the Gardener

by Sheila Salmon, Penn State Master Gardener



Goldenrod

Colors line the roads and lakes in the last splash of autumn. Goldenrod, with its bright yellow flower is the plant that people used to blame for allergies. But, its reputation is not deserved. It is ragwort, similar in shape and

color that makes you sneeze. Goldenrod, or Solidago, its scientific name, has feathery plumes and attracts birds and butterflies, but not deer. It likes sun and that's why it is seen along roads and in open fields. It usually starts to bloom in early September and will continue to bloom until frost. There are 100 species of goldenrod and all contribute color to the fall landscape.

Another flowering plant, not as evident as the goldenrod, but still seen frequently is the wood aster. Although there are many native species of aster, they are not usually seen in commercial nurseries. Most of the very showy asters come from Asia and it is only recently that some commercial growers supply the native variety.



Aster

The wood aster (*Aster cordifolia*), I've read, has edible leaves that can be cooked as greens. It likes shady places and I've seen it under other plants on the roadside. Its seeds feed songbirds and chipmunks and bees and butterflies feed on its nectar. This aster makes a good garden plant because deer and rabbits don't eat it.

Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), a member of the grape family, is a modest green vine during spring and summer, but blazes scarlet and burgundy in October and November. You see it clinging to trees, or snaking along the ground. It grows to 60 feet long and does not harm the trees or plants it covers. Leaf cutting bees use its leaflets for constructing



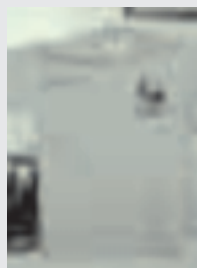
Virginia Creeper

nests, and robins, mocking birds and some woodpeckers enjoy its seeds. Deer and rabbits browse the leaves, but still leave enough of the plant to grow next year.

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## Garbage In, Garbage Out

by Sheila Salmon

There are many complaints about household garbage dumping ... a refrigerator here, a dog carcass there, kitchen waste in the can at the mailbox area. Yet, despite pleas from Birchwood staff, the dumping continues. Household garbage disposal can be a problem for residents in Birchwood, particularly if you do not pay for regular garbage pick-up service. My family, for instance, are part-time residents and we have never contracted with a waste management company. We solve the problem by keeping a compost pile for all vegetable waste, buying meat that has no bones, and recycling paper, glass and aluminum at the Delaware Township Parking area so that all our garbage is "clean." We pack it up nicely and send it home with guests or take it back ourselves. If that doesn't work for you, consider contracting with a commercial firm.

You can dispose of large items at Delaware Township for a modest fee, call 828-2347.

Waste Management picks up garbage on Mondays, Charles Steuhl does it on Thursdays and Pocono Disposal is a pay-per-bag company, if you don't need regular service. Wally's Disposal is another local company that serves Birchwood.

## FREE LOCAL EVENTS

October 18 — Natural Communities of the Poconos, a talk by naturalist writer and author John Serrao. His new book will be available. 7 p.m., Bushkill Visitor Center, Route 209, Bushkill, PA. Information: (570) 426-2452 or visit [www.nps.gov/dewa](http://www.nps.gov/dewa) or [www.friendsofdewa.org](http://www.friendsofdewa.org).

October 21— Tour historic restored Van Campen Inn in NJ and take a hike on Military Trail during Van Campen Day. Visit [www.nps.gov/dewa](http://www.nps.gov/dewa) for more information about the house or call 973-948-4903.

October 25— Activities Day at Millbrook Village. Dress in costume, prizes for the most original. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See <http://www.millbrooknj.com/> for more information.

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# President's Message...

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and the impact to our budget is considerable. We can no longer accept this. Please be aware that the outside management company will take a more forceful approach to this issue.

Although I have many other topics to talk about, such as litter, untidy properties, our upcoming budget process, etc, I'm going to save them for subsequent issues of the Voice. In closing, I want to personally thank all of our great volunteers, who so unselfishly gave their time and effort to make our community a great place to live and play. Many of you could not make our recent Volunteer Luncheon, but please know that your efforts are truly appreciated.

Thanks!

# Home Sales in Birchwood Lakes

During the months of July and August, 15 homes were sold in Birchwood Lakes. The breakdown is as follows: nine homes priced under \$100,000; three homes between \$100,000 and \$150,000; and three homes between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Birchwood Lakes welcomes the new owners to our community. May you enjoy your time here and become an active member of our Association. Welcome to Deputron, Karlak, Smith, Pinand, Coen, Bruckschloegl, and DeGennaro families.

## Student Writer Wanted

The Birchwood Voice is interested in having a Birchwood student write a column on items of interest to other Birchwood student residents. If you are interested in journalism or if you just like to write send a note to Sheila Salmon c/o the office or e-mail to rssalmon@rcn.com with your name and contact information and we will be in touch.

## Important Telephone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance Emergency 911  
 Birchwood Lakes Office 828-2111  
 Birchwood Lakes Public Safety  
 828-6009

# Address Signs

Please help us help you. Many residents in Birchwood Lakes Community still do not have "911" street signs on their house or in front of their property. When a call comes in requesting emergency assistance (ambulance, fire, police), it is difficult for the Association to offer assistance in leading the emergency volunteers to your home if it isn't clearly marked with the 911 address. Make sure your sign is visible from the road. If you need information on your 911 address, contact the BLCA Office at 570-828-2111. While we hope that you will never require emergency services, take a moment to help yourself and your loved ones just in case.

## Lost & Found

Birchwood Lakes maintains a lost and found in the BLCA Office. Currently we are looking to find the missing owner of a piece of statuary and some lighting units that were found within BLCA. If you have misplaced or forgotten anything at the pool, beaches or mailroom, it may have been turned in. Contact the BLCA Office to see if your "missing" item is there.

## Right-of-Way

All property owners are hereby put on notice that the Association has a right of way on each roadway. Any personal property placed in the Association's right of way is not the Association's responsibility and the Association will not be held responsible for any damages incurred to said personal property. All property owners are to refrain from placing personal property within the Association's right of way. The Association does not permit encroachment of any Association property, which includes roads or right of ways, common area or any other location, which is BLCA property.

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## Middle Lake Geese Harassment

Some residents on Middle Lake who are members of the Lake Management Committee are trying to provide a community service by harassing the Canada Geese so that they will not foul the beach and people's property or pollute the water. Government permits allow this activity. The birds are not harmed.

During September, a person has been screaming at the harassers who do not want to cause anyone pain or suffering by their actions.

Would the person who is having difficulty because of the geese harassment program please discuss his concerns by filing a complaint form at the office so some resolution to the issue may be negotiated. Anyone with questions or concerns about the harassment please make your concerns known to the Lake Management Committee or to the Community Manager. Please do not harass the members of the committee.

## Carolyn's Recipe Recommendations

I love to cook and collect cooking books and magazines. I have always loved the kitchen. Since we are busy people, I use simple recipes. Please try them and enjoy the results.

Carolyn Martin

This is great for the holidays.

### Sweet Potato Bake

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees  
3 cups mashed sweet potatoes  
½ cup butter  
½ cup milk  
½ cup granulated sugar  
2 eggs  
Topping ingredients  
1-cup brown sugar  
½ cup flour  
½-cup butter  
1 cup chopped nuts

Combine the first 5 ingredients and pour into a 2 qt. casserole. Mix the topping ingredients to a grainy consistency and sprinkle over the sweet potato mixture. Bake for 30 minutes. When a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, the dish is done.

Simple and delicious!

### Beer Bread

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
3 cups self-rising flour  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 bottle of beer,  
room temperature

Mix all ingredients and pour into a buttered loaf pan. Let stand for 1 hour to rise. Bake for 1 hour. The beer acts as the yeast and the alcohol is baked away.

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# Minutes - June 13, 2008

The Board of Directors hopes members who cannot attend the board meetings will gain some understanding of the issues facing the Board. The editors of the newsletter appreciate any comments.

Residents who wish to see the entire transcript may get a copy at the BLCA office, or provide the office with a stamped self addressed envelope (8 1/2 X 12), with two (2) 42-cent stamps. The minutes will be mailed after they are approved.

Actions approved between

the May and June meeting by polling all Directors:

June 6, approved tree removal requests for 4 property owners.

Actions approved at the June 13 meeting:

Write-offs of over \$36,000 from repository sales.

Treasurer Livingston asked the Community Manager to have the Auditor complete the account receivables audit before the regular audit.

Director Ritson asked the Community Manager to get a definitive answer regard-

ing the East Lake Dam cap.

A motion was made to pay Medico Industries for previous work on the grader in the amount of \$1490.25

Director Stirrat made a motion to have Director Celentano remain as Chair of Recreation until the annual meeting.

Director Ritson made a motion to approve John Naturale and Neil Marin as coaches of the swim team.

Director Ritson made a motion to accept the resignation of Director Dodge, and because of the short

time until the August reorganization to mail card with the voting packet.

Motion was made to approve Red Cross swim lessons

Other discussions.

The Board agreed that the Manager's report should be available to the Board one week before the meeting, so everyone has time to read and have any questions prepared.

The Board agreed that the Maintenance yard should be cleaned up and debris removed.

Results from the Board

workshop regarding "priorities" will be discussed with the Community Manager.

A proposed draft Noise/Nuisance regulation was forwarded to the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Director Livingston explained the Dime Bank CDARS program. The program protects accounts above \$100K by moving the excess amounts into short term CD's. The Dime Bank offers B.L.C.A. members free checking and other benefits. (Flyers outlining these benefits are available in the office).

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