

# Highlights of the 2018 Annual Meeting

*May 19 Old Town Hall, Ortonville*

Board members present: President Kal Kazak, Vice President Rick Meisner, Treasurer Barb Duval, Secretary Donna Domanke-Nuytten Board Members: Sandy White, Carol Ulman. Absent: Jody Hall.

Two board members have been replaced by board election. Rick Meisner replaced Jeremy Kratt as VP and Barb Duval replaced Jody Hall as Treasurer.

John Dean from Canal Dr was elected to the board. There is still one seat open. If you would like to be on the board please contact Kal.

President Kazak mentioned the loss of long time lake resident and past board member Aggie Fick, citing all her work for BELPOA.

Kal Kazak reported that the water level was up 12” this winter due to a problem with the drain. Carol Ulman stated that there was 15” of ice, then the rain came. WRC was contacted and they provided temporary removal of water by pumping out. It was determined that the drain collapsed because it is 60 –70 years old. The WRC will replace the drain this spring at Glass Rd. and M15. They are awaiting parts. This is county maintained. BELPOA thanked Bedrock for their donation of sandbags and Sue Workman for a financial donation.

The board is going to set a system to send emails to residents with timely and/or emergency information. Please share your email with us. It will not be shared with anyone else.

Merchandise sales were successful last year. We have new design and colors this year. Some from last year are available at a reduced price.

Results of the survey on the membership form were discussed. We are sending newsletters by email for those who sign up. We will not pursue paying online until more people are interested. 41 out of 230 homeowners for sewers is not enough to actively pursue that at this time

A five year agreement for access to the boat launch has been signed with EIPA. It is valid until 2022.

We voted to provide up to \$100 for prizes to 4th of July parade winners. We still need someone to coordinate the parade. Duties include purchase the prizes, register the boats at the boat launch, find judges secretly, hand out prizes. Contact Kal.

Motorcycles on ice was discussed. In a meeting with the owner of the Boat Bar, he indicated he has no intention of limiting access from his property to the lake. The DNR can be called to ticket cyclists who leave gas cans on the lake.

Discussion about swans and geese. There seem to be less geese on the lake this year. The two swans have not been a problem. Linda Smith mentioned that the mute swans are considered an invasive species by the DNR.