

2024 BTLIA FALL DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 7th, 2024

Call to order @ 9:00am - Stroh Fire Department

1. Introduction – Joe Mishak, Shelby Carmichael, Jeff Stevens, and Jonathan Morales

Jeff Stevens was not in attendance (ill)

2. Treasurer Report

- a. *Motion to approve treasurer's report presented.*

Motion was Approved (2024 -\$17,700, Fireworks collection \$14,100 / Fall Crawl funds raised \$10,900 as of today's date/ Golf Outing raised \$3,800, Logo Merchandise & Clothing sold \$9,800. Thanked Jeff for info provided

3. Election of New Treasurer

- a. *Motion to approve elected treasurer (position requires knowledge of quickbooks or ability to learn)*

Jeff was voted and all elected Jeff Stevens (3 yr term) / Board re-election Fall 2025

4. BTLIA Dues

- a. Annually \$60 and if paid before tax deadline, April 15th they will be \$55

5. Directory – Christie Hansen & Wanietta Stuckey

- a. If you have any updates, please email directorybtlia@gmail.com

- b. Directory book will go out Spring of 2025

If updates are needed, please send email prior to end of year 2024 as directories start being printed in April. Would like to add sponsor so we could update Directory and add color.

6. Lake Access Boat Ramp Repair

- a. DNR is currently repairing the boat launch ramp at the access.
- b. New sign come spring 2025

7. Aquatic Weed Control

- a. AWC treated Eurasian Watermilfoil at the end of June – LARE did not cover this for the state this year, hopefully LARE will give grants for this treatment in 2025.
- b. Aquatic Control has treated BTL for Starry Stonewort

8. Dredging Project: Turkey Creek

- a. Turkey Creek dredging project is 100% completed.

9. Steuben County Lake Council – Scott Harris

Scott asked if people would like to become a member its \$55 per household. and discussed Lake Access Magazine and shared copies as owner would like to promote Big Turkey Lake.

10. Apparel – Carolyn Johnson & Tricia Anderson

11. BTL & Community Events

2024

- i. Fall Crawl – September 14th, 2024 – **People were asked if they would like to become a host, if so you would be reimbursed \$100 to help with the cost of being a host. We would need to know by May.**
- ii. BTL Bass Tournaments for 2024
1. October 12th 8:00am-2:00pm

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- iii. BTL Clean-Up Day with the BTL Conservancy – TBD Spring 2025
- iv. Spring Lake Association Meeting & Lake Apparel Sale – May 3rd
- v. Blessing of the Boats – May 24th
- vi. Stroh Days – June 27th & 28th
- vii. Fireworks Saturday, June 28th
- viii. BTL Kids Fishing Tournament – TBD in July
- ix. BTL Golf Outing - August 16th @ Heron Creek in Lagrange
- x. Fall Association Meeting & Lake Apparel Sale – September 6th
- xi. Fall Crawl – September 13th

12. Fireworks

- a. Next show: **Saturday, June 28th, 2025**
- b. Contracted until 2027 with Camtor
 - i. Future shows are NOW:
 - 1. Saturday, June 28th, 2025
 - 2. Saturday, June 27th, 2026
 - 3. Saturday, June 26th, 2027

13. Buoys

- a. Buoys & Flags will be taken out by November 15th
- b. More flags will be placed next year

14. DNR Fish Stocking & Survey

- a. We are working with Matt Horsley with the Division of Fish and Wildlife over fish stocking – place an order in the spring.
- b. Survey report will be completed next year from earlier survey results

It was recommended that we go with DNR recommendation as they would know what type of fish would be best for our ecosystem.

15. DNR Nuisance & Wildlife Permit

- a. Carl Voglewede with USDA is working on the swan round up (mute swans) for Big Turkey
- b. Report numbers to Joe by the end of September for October report to DNR

It recommended that we help volunteers who try to remove mute swans by reimbursing them for ammo or cost of disposal, everyone was reminded that you must have a copy of the permit to remove Mute swans, which Joe Mishak has original. April Perry motioned, Ray Mata Second.

16. Volunteers

- a. Volunteers are always needed to help serve within the association, please see a board member for how to get involved.
 - i. Looking for a volunteer to be the addition director for: Old Wildwood & Schuhler's Landing

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