



BTLIA SPRING MEETING NOTES

Date: Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

Location: Stroh Fire Department

Call to Order: 9:00 AM

Attendees: Joe Mishak, Shelby Carmichael, Jeff Stevens, Jonathan Morales, Tyler Terry, Drew Preston, Christie Hansen, Wanietta Stuckey, Zach, Josh, Scott Harris, Carl Voglewede, Matt, Carolyn Johnson, Trisha Anderson, Nick Colchin

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

2. Stroh Fire Department: Tyler Terry

- Upcoming events, items needed, and safety
- Inflatable rescue boat (Goal - purchase inflatable & rope. Estimated \$5000-\$6000 for both)
- 6/27/25 & 6/28/25 Stroh Days with Fireworks being on Saturday.
- CPR Classes available 7/19/25- 12 per class. See April for more information.
- Like & Follow Stroh Fire Dept on Facebook.

3. Aquatic Weed Control: Drew Preston

- Update on treatments, LARE program, goals, and projects
- Funds were used in different areas for weed relief.
 - Systemic herbicide lasts 3 years.
 - Cost: \$5400 per acre.
 - Treatment in mid to late June.
 - Starry weed treatment: \$245 + \$40 permit fee per 100 ft lot.
 - 1 application recommended up to August 2nd.
 - Post on Facebook before application; stop irrigation; low risk to lawns.

4. Treasurer Report & Dues: Jeff

- Review of the treasurer's report; motion to approve presented
- Annual dues: \$60; \$55 if paid before the April 15th tax deadline
- 2024 Financials:
 - \$95,800 in account
 - \$16,225 dues collected
 - \$28,765 dues sent out

- \$17,900 collection rate
- 80/20 split for weed control.
- Lahr grant - vegetation; \$10,000 goal by 6/28/25.
- Fireworks: \$4,145 collected; \$6,800 expenses; \$210 each.
- New buoys: \$5,600.
- Directories: \$2,700 (Spring/Fall collection).
- Big Turkey Lake website: \$2,300.

5. Directory: Christie Hansen & Wanietta Stuckey

- Updates/photos can be emailed to directorybtlia@gmail.com
- Directory books are available for pick up

6. Buoys: Shelby & Joe

- Thank you to Zach and Josh for volunteering to put in and take out the buoys
- New buoys are needed as many from the fall were waterlogged
- Buoys will be installed later this month

7. Lake Access Boat Sign: Shelby

- Sign is in process of being made; installation expected later this summer
- Sign almost done, key access, sign will be blue with white lettering.

8. Steuben County Lake Council: Scott Harris

- Scott Harris is the BTL representative
- SCLC helps protect the lakes in Steuben County (<https://www.lakescouncil.org/>)
- Thanked for great turn out
- 3 test sites; results are great.
- EPA sets applied tests; \$45 per member; sites tested 3 times; \$1,692 total (Schlorochip).
- Focus: Water quality; \$188 per test.
- Turkey Creek/outlet gets tested; channel/blue-green algae can be tested.
- Steuben Lakes Council.

9. DNR Nuisance & Wildlife Permit: Joe & Shelby

- Carl Voglewede (USDA) is working on a swan round-up for Big Turkey and Little Turkey Lakes with a permit
- The swan round-up will occur over the next few months

10. DNR Fish Stocking & Survey: Joe & Shelby

- Matt (DNR) released the report; copies are available at the front
- The report is also available by emailing the association

11. Apparel: Carolyn Johnson & Trisha Anderson

- Apparel sale is ongoing and will also be available at the fall meeting. New items available, can take Venmo, Cash or Card.
- Color Directory: \$2,400 cost every 2 years.
- Map: \$75 (Juanita).

12. Fireworks: Shelby

- Next show: Saturday, June 28th, 2025
- Thank you to Zach for his work on the fireworks
- The show is funded by donations and sponsors (checks or Venmo)
- Contract with Camtor until 2027; future shows:
 - Saturday, June 28th, 2025
 - Saturday, June 27th, 2026
 - Saturday, June 26th, 2027

13. BTL & Community Events: Shelby

- Blessing of the Boats: Saturday, May 24th
- Boaters Education Course: Saturday, May 31st at Big Long Lake Clubhouse (8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, lunch provided, registration open) –
- Stroh Days: Friday, June 27th & Saturday, June 28th
- Fireworks: Saturday, June 28th
- CPR Class: Saturday, July 19th at Stroh Fire Department \$40 per person (Contact April)
- BTL Kids Fishing Tournament: Saturday, July 19th
- BTL Golf Outing: Saturday, August 16th at Heron Creek in Lagrange
- Fall Association Meeting & Lake Apparel Sale: Saturday, September 6th
- Fall Crawl: Saturday, September 13th (Fall Crawl 9/13)
 - Still need more volunteers.
 - Volunteers get \$100.
 - Theme will be Logo Wear.
- BTLIA Bass Tournaments: Nick Colchin, Tournament Director (nscolchin@gmail.com); 20 signed up
 - Saturday, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th 6:30am-12:30pm
 - Saturday, August 9th 7:00am-1:00pm
 - Saturday, September 13th 7:30am-1:30pm
 - Saturday, October 11th 8:00am-2:00pm
 - Make-up dates: May 11th, June 8th, July 13th 6:30am-12:30pm, August 10th 7:00am-1:00pm, September 14th 7:30am-1:30pm, October 12th 8:00am-2:00pm
- Blessing of boats 5/24 at 6 PM.
- Turtle Trot 5K run.
- Garage Sale ? - Can post on website.

14. Volunteers & Elections: Joe

- Volunteers are needed; contact a board member to get involved
- President & Vice President positions will be up for election at the September 6th meeting

15. Website, YouTube, & Contact Information:

- Website: <https://bigturkeylake.org/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@BTLImprovementAssociation>
- BTLIAssociation@gmail.com
- treasurerbtlia@gmail.com
- directorybtlia@gmail.com
- BTLIA Big Turkey Lake on Facebook (@BTLIA)
- Venmo (QR code provided to scan for payments)