

published in the Christmas Newsletter. These are to be two different events, possibly at different locations. It was also expressed that it is best to hold such events at a community venue. Past results indicate that such a location shows more support and connection among members. John Virga expressed willingness to host a fundraiser. The Yates and Kenches have hosted past events and will share more information in the Newsletter.

Phyllis reported on two articles of interest that appeared in the recent Riparian publication: Aquatic Plant Surveys and Michigan's Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program. Of special interest to the BLWA are grants of \$1,000.-\$3,000. which may be awarded to organizations conducting local boater education. Also available, mobile boat washing units may be reserved for free. A grant may be very useful to the BLWA in providing appropriate signage and education materials for launch sites.

Officer and Public Comments

Dick expressed appreciation to the Manistee Conservation District for their services.

Karen reported that discussions have taken place to include BLWA events in the Historical Museum calendar.

A good resource for communication with members is the Bear Lake Bulletin which goes out to approximately 1700 residences in addition to the BLWA Newsletter. Rich Russell suggested that the standard list of meeting dates and locations, including . date(s) of fundraising events also be included in the Bulletin as well as the yearly Membership Letter.

Dave Adams reminded members of the meeting concerning the sewer proposal to be held August 25 at Bear Lake High School at 2 pm. In addition, a meeting concerning the grant process will be held August 30 at the Farr Center, Onekama at 6 pm.

Don Raiff reported on the boat washing which has taken place in connection with the Music On The Lake events. At the last event, Don indicated that 40-50 boats came into the Lake. Five persons from the local community worked with the Benzie team to provide this service. More volunteers are needed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next meeting of the BLWA will be September 28, 2022.