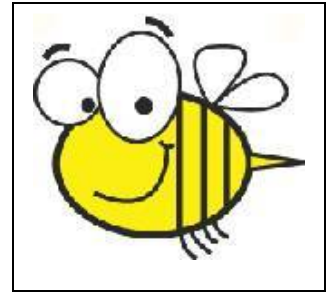


The Buzz

Baxter Lake Recreation Area Association

August 2008

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Published by Julie A. Dickson, Secretary

**ELECTION WILL BE HELD
ON SUNDAY, AUG 31ST
10:00 AM- 12:00 NOON
AT THE LODGE.**

All members in *good standing* will be allowed to vote

Outgoing Message:

To all of those members who have been so kind and have supported me as Secretary and Newsletter Chair for the past 3 years, please know that I am truly appreciative. I enjoyed my term as Secretary, and am departing with mixed feelings, since the BUZZ was fun to create! Due to family commitments [elderly father], I was unable to run again for the board.

Julie

ACTIVITIES: Labor Day Weekend

Aug 30th **Kids Craft with Tanya** 10am Pavilion FREE

ICE CREAM SUNDAES- Beach 2pm \$2 each

Talent/Variety Show 7pm Pavilion
"Baxter Lake's got Talent"

Aug 31st **Election** for new BLRAA directors
Voting at the lodge 10am- 12 noon

BOD Cookout at the Beach 1pm

Annual BLRAA Auction – Beach 2pm
Benefits St. Charles Children's Home

LIVE BAND "The DelRays" Pavilion 7-11pm

Variety Show Sat, Aug 30th
7:00 PM - Pavilion

All members welcome to watch this special event!

LIBRARY
Open at the Lodge
On Saturdays – Donate, Borrow or Trade Books!

ICE CREAM Sundaes
Saturday, Aug 30th
2:00 pm
BEACH
\$2.00 per Sundae

Annual BOD Cookout
Sunday, August 31st
1:00 PM
BEACH
Hot Dogs \$ 1.00
Hamburgers \$2.00
Cold Drinks \$1.00



LIVE THE DELRAYS

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 31ST
PAVILION
7PM**

Thank you to all those members who volunteered this season on Activities! I appreciated the help and YOU made all of our special events happen!

Special thanks to John Colella, Tony and Joanne Fiorello, Denise Whicher, Elaine Goodberry, Renee King, Tanya Munson, Julie Dickson, The Bingo Committee, and many others that made this season's activities fun!

Thanks to Glen Fredericks and volunteers for Night at the Races! It was a great success.

Phil Appleton, Activities Chairman

Sheriff's Auction:
Site CCV28
Sept 10, 2008
10:00 AM

DONATIONS Wanted!!
for the **St. Charles Children's Home Auction**
Sunday, August 31st 2:00 pm at the BEACH
Donations can be brought to Site CCV50 [Marilyn Smerdon] until Saturday August 30 or to the beach before noon Sunday
New and/or good used items wanted
Gift Certificates, Handcrafted items
Toys, Working appliances, Tools, Decorative, etc
Cash Donations are also welcome!
PLEASE VOLUNTEER to help set-up on the beach or at the auction. See Marilyn CCV50 to volunteer.



Last year's auction raised \$3,411.00

Directors present: Robert DeMayo, Glen Fredericks, Julie Dickson, Steve Mentzer, Bob Baker, Phil Appleton, John Jensen, Merrick Teague, Ray Grace.

Call to Order: 10:04 am by Rob DeMayo

Secretary's Report: Julie reported receiving 14 mailed in ballots to date, and provided ballots for Ralph's locked ballot box for those who cannot vote in person on Aug 31st.

Motion to accept report as distributed [Julie], 2nd [Glen], carried

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept as distributed [Steve], 2nd [Julie], carried.

Committee Reports:

Activities- Phil reported that for Labor Day wkend: kid's crafts 10am pavilion; Ice Cream Sundaes 2pm at the beach; and the Talent Show 7pm pavilion. Phil thanked all volunteers that helped with activities this year. The audience showed appreciation to Phil in the form of applause.

Buildings/Maintenance- John reported that Webber fuel can provide propane at \$2.80 gal for approx 2500 gal or until April 09. [up from last yr at \$2.15 gal] Last yr the lodge used 1200 gal, pavilion used 825 gal and the pump house used 73 gal. John noted the motion sensor light at the gate has issues, and will be fixed soon. John asked about blood in the pavilion men's room Sat pm. A member replied that a boy had a nose bleed.

Finance/Bylaws- Bob reported that the revised site rules are being retyped, and he apologized for the delay.

Newsletter- Julie asked for final submissions to the BUZZ by midnight Sunday pm, and noted that this meeting and BUZZ issue will be her last. The audience showed appreciation with applause. Julie thanked all those contributing information to the BUZZ, and stated that the August BUZZ will be out prior to the election. Election results will be posted at the gate and on the website.

Roads/Grounds- Merrick reported due to rain that he continuously re-grades roads, due to damage/washouts. He expects to work on Boulder Hill this afternoon. Merrick thanked John Colella and John Casali for filling pot holes.

Safety- Ray reported the security guard is doing well, even if some don't like him. Many rules are being enforced. Ray noted that violation letters have been sent out.

Site Control- Rob reported 7 permits: A96-97 stones; A98 stones; CCW5 Shed; CCV47 3 trees; A62 Shingle shed; CCE5-6 level lot and stone; A95 Measure lot. Rob noted a tree identified by Marron's is considered safe until the winter tree cutting. If anyone has dead trees for cutting, contact Rob.

Water/Sewer- Bob stated that water was tested on Aug 15th, showing no sign of coliform bacteria, no nitrates/nitrites and was declared safe. A magnetic starter failed at the pump-house and was replaced. Horseshoe pit septic tank work is pending.

Motion to open to the floor [Julie], 2nd [Glen], carried.

A87 Denise Whicher: announcement re: ramp, tabled to unfinished business.

A73 Ron Mazzola: Asked whether Webber's was coming to talk to campers prior to the end of the season. John wasn't sure the rep would have time, will ask if there is interest.

A73 Ron Mazzola: question for Merrick- rocks placed along road to leach field with culvert send water to the culvert. Ron asked whether the road can be prevented from washing into the culvert. Merrick stated he is using this rock and culvert solution in several areas.

A09 Ralph Cataldo: Noted that some stairs from pavilion to restrooms are rotted and in need of replacement. He also asked about the ramp, tabled to agenda item.

A09 Ralph Cataldo: Asked about water tower [tank]. Bob replied it is on hold, pending a more comprehensive solution.

A104 Larry Fitzpatrick: Asked about a contract for water with Tom Canfield's brother. He was told that while we do have a \$400 contract for septic maintenance with Tom, we have nothing with the brother. Rob added that we use Rick Huppe [Anything Water] for water needs. Directors noted that he is not under contract, but is on-call, as the established, licensed water consult.

A24 Jim Goodberry: declared BINGO as a success, and they will continue through Sept. Jim added that adult game nights Tues-Thurs will continue into September as well.

B190 Mike Feola: started a committee with which to raise funds for a light pole at the beach fishing area. Needs to be a PSNH pole, cost \$700. Mike expects to raise half and asked the board to supplement the funds needed. A motion was made and withdrawn to install a pole. Another motion was made to appropriate funds, but was withdrawn; tabled to new business.

A13 Bill Wilson: Asked about propane at the pavilion, whether a heater would be installed to replace the water heater. Merrick replied that due to no outside wall, tankless heaters cannot be used. Instead, a small boiler to provide heat and hot water was proposed, being researched now. He noted that propane costs would be cut in half.

A13 Bill Wilson: noted no mention of shower meter money. John replied that coin boxes were removed last yr, since replacing them was not cost-effective, that push buttons allowing water shutoff was in effect, after vandals left water on in bathrooms.

A13 Bill Wilson: asked about hill below Charley Scott's -needing a culvert along side for drainage. Merrick replied with his plan for culvert lined with large rocks for drainage.

A13 Bill Wilson: asked for clarification on Horseshoe Pit Tank mentioned. Rob replied it is an electrical box, with breaker hanging. Additional information provided by Charley- the pump was shutting off/on, not allowing pumping. The two 1 ½ horse pumps are now set to shut off simultaneously to allow the two 2 horse pumps at the pump house to operate. The switch at the pit is to be rewired.

A98 Jim Roby: stated the reason why 75 gal water tank is at pavilion, that there were two at the lodge, and one was moved to the pavilion years ago to avoid the cost of a new tank.

A73 Ron Mazzola: Asked about the distance from the lake required for a light pole. Directors estimated 250 ft, especially if creosote.

A13 Bill Wilson: asked whether trimming tree branches would open the area to prevent needing to install additional lighting. Merrick stated justification as more light, less vandalism/less kids hanging out at the beach at night.

A78 Elaine Baccardax: asked why no fines appear on the treasurer's report. Steve replied that fines are levied, and will not appear as income until collected. Steve clarified that fines would appear on statements, once levied, but show as arrears until paid.

Motion to bring back [Julie], 2nd [Merrick], carried.

Unfinished Business:

Arrears Report- Steve stated 8 sites are in arrears over \$500, over 150 days, approx \$20,700 total. He added that the Sheriff's sale on site CCV28 will be held on Sept 10th at 10am, and this site's arrears of \$8,000 will be cleared up. John asked whether sites in arrears are tracked annually and asked the reason for arrearage. Steve replied that economy and also the special assessment are partially responsible, more so than in the past. Paul Carter A113 asked if any portion of arrears is legal fees. Steve replied that legal fees are only incurred on over \$500, over 150 days late, and are added to the statement.

Site Rules question- Ray asked about the previously approved site rules. Bob is working on final copy for board approval and member distribution and expects to have them next meeting, if time allows.

Playground update- Merrick stated that due to heavy rains, he was unable to get the slide installed. He thought it would be difficult to get volunteers on Labor Day wkend.

Ballfield Fertilization- Merrick stated he has no bids yet, but grass is growing well.

Lodge tables-John reported the new tables were purchased at the price of \$117 [instead of \$200] each, thank you to Steve. They were delivered by Allen and carried up by Steve, Allen and Rob.

Water Report- Ray asked about the water report from Granite State, and requested all directors receive a copy. A mailing received previously was a monthly newsletter and not a report, according to Bob.

Handicapped ramp/additional lighting- John stated that once the ramp is set up, he will pursue the lighting. Motion to open floor [John], 2nd [Ray], carried.

Denise Whicher was recalled to announce, along with Elaine Goodberry that the Penny Sale two yrs ago raised \$670. [used for projector] This year's proceeds were \$1378, and were earmarked for an accessibility ramp by the committee, which is much needed. An additional donation was received from Roby's [thanks were given]. Trex material will be used; they have the blessing of the city for the design to specifications which will be constructed between Labor Day and Oktoberfest. [Dedication- ribbon cutting to take place at Oktoberfest] Bob Whicher stated the design will be called "Access Ramp", and asked for volunteers for Monday to move the stairs to the end of the deck at 9am. Several members volunteered, including Bob W., Charley, Larry and Jim Goodberry. Bob asked for volunteers to bring hand tools and yard implements. Merrick suggested that the gutter may need to be extended over the stairs. [separate from ramp project] Susan Mazzola asked why the ramp was delayed, since it was proposed years ago. Directors/members stated that no funds were allocated. John noted that he and Phil had begun preliminary work in 06 on the grounds to prepare for ramp. Steve added that voting a project at annual mtg doesn't mean there are funds, and that a second vote for funds is needed. He added that the board's hands are tied when it comes to funding/spending. In condo associations, often the board acts as trustees to set the budget; and members pay what is needed to support the budget. He suggested that the method of funding needs work, including a 5 yr plan.

CCV1 Mary and Charley Scott offered a donation of \$2500 for the purchase of a water tank for the hill. Ray had estimates from the eliminator for a tank for \$1700, and 60c per ft on pipe. Al Dubois commended the donation, but recommended the board see it as temporary, if used, to be repaid, via a fundraiser. The water tank will be researched further.

Motion to bring back [Steve], 2nd [Ray], carried.

New Business:

Negative Spending-Ray noted that the cushion is diminishing, since the treasurer's report shows us over-budget; that \$450 yr for dues, plus taxes/assessment is inexpensive for a get-away. He recommended forecasting and thinking about future financial plans. Steve added that an active finance committee could develop a 5 yr plan, along with a bylaw committee to address issues.

Security 2009- Ray asked about the annual meeting vote to discontinue security [36/35]. Discussion followed as to whether the vote was advisory or binding. Opinions differed. Example of voting in security at 06 annual mtg, then the board added it to the budget, Julie speculated as an operating expense monthly, rather than a purchase over \$2000. She added that Roberts Rules/Bylaws are generally used to guide the board/association, but that usage is inconsistent, and that some bylaws vague and thereby open to interpretation. Example given- cable TV voted out at one annual mtg, followed by cable being voted in the following year in a board mtg. Directors agreed that annual mtg votes declare projects in/out. A request was made by Bill Wilson for the board to be on one page and discuss further in private if needing to agree on these matters.

Running a business in the camp[stopping]- Ray stated having received violations against a member doing car auto body repairs [one bylaw infraction] and running a business [second infraction]; asked the board's recommendations. Rob offered to contact the lawyer. Julie suggested that an official cease and desist letter should preclude attorney involvement; and that the board should agree prior to attorney contact, since it incurs cost. After Rob stated the letter should already have been written, it was stated that these were jointly site/safety violations that had been brought up before.

Behavior at Activities/Dances- Ray led discussion on lewd or inappropriate behaviors and asked the board's input, since some behaviors are unsuitable for a family event. Suggestions were made to fine members, call the police, approaches from directors to ask cooperation, or to leave the situation if uncomfortable. John asked definition of lewd and inebriated, to emphasize relative levels.

Letter from A43 Guest- Ray asked the board what response should be given to this letter. Directors agreed that this is not the association member, no reply is warranted, and that all violations and fines should remain in place. Motion that a copy will be sent to the attorney to keep on file [Ray], 2nd [Merrick], carried.

Additional Beach/Fishing Area lighting- Merrick stated the PSNH cannot put lights on the current poles, since they are too short. He proposed installation of a PSNH pole \$700, with two 250 watt bulbs [cost \$36 per month]. Ray stated since the kids are not driving golfcarts after dark, they are congregating more on the dark beach. Motion to spend \$700 on pole, with two 250 watt bulbs. [Merrick], 2nd [John]. Merrick clarified this as a double light, which would light in two directions. Concerns were raised by Glen that the season is almost over, and funding could come from the 2009 budget. Steve verified the budget projections suggest \$23,000 over. Julie concurred that projecting the light into 2009 budget would be better than more over budget spending. The motion was called to vote. 2 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion failed. It was suggested by the board to recall discussion at budget time.

Rob gave thanks to outgoing board members: John, Julie, Steve, and resigned directors Glen and Phil, and especially to Julie for the newsletter. Audience recognized Julie with standing applause.

Motion to Adjourn [Ray], 2nd [John], carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:50am

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Dickson, Secretary.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUNDAY, Sept 28th 10:00 AM AT THE LODGE

BLRAA Treasurer's Report Steve Mentzer, Treasurer

Income	Jan - Jul 08
Membership Dues	97,451.82
Assessments - Property Taxes	67,073.37
2005 Special W&S Assessment	0.00
2006 Special W&S Assessment	0.00
2006 Leachfield Assessments	1,003.64
2007 Leachfield Assessments	3,406.39
2008 Leachfield Assessments	45,901.67
Gate Fines	0.00
Statement Fees	1,280.88
Gifts & Donations - Capital	1,000.00
Gifts & Donations - Activities	0.00
Interest Income - Gen Fund	857.14
Interest Income - Capital Fund	500.77
Interest Income - R/E Tax Fund	458.14
Interest Income - Activities	0.87
Interest Inc. - Late Payments	2,443.50
Shower Meters	56.00
Vehicle/OHRV Sticker Sales	130.00
Gate Card Fees	400.00
Other Income - Exempt	5.00
Other Income - Non Exempt	50.00
Legal Fees Reimbursement	36.36
Activities Income*	
Income - Family Day	1,400.00
Income - Dances	44.00
Raffle Income	163.00
Misc. Income - Exempt (Activiti	93.00
Activities Income*	1,700.00
Transfer(s) from G/Fund (Capita	19,490.36
Transfer(s) from G/Fund (Activi	737.48
Total Income	243,983.39

Expense	Jan - Jul 08
Accounting	10,291.90
Bank Charges-General Fund	11.00
Bank Charges-Activities	0.25
Cable TV Service	138.89
Internet Service	830.54
Electricity	6,052.76
Insurance - Fire & Casualty	(809.35)
Interest Expense	5,698.37
Legal	3,947.69
Miscellaneous - Exempt	229.32
Newsletter & Sect'y Expenses	953.68
Office Supplies	95.31
Postage	633.42
Propane	3,394.46
Property Taxes	49,403.00
Security	1,120.00
Trash Removal	3,299.53
Telephone - Payphone	0.00
Transfer(s) to Activities Fund	737.48
Transfer(s) to Capital Fund	19,490.36
Vehicle Permits	0.00
Bath & Shower Repairs & Maint.*	3,001.63
Building Repairs & Maint.*	2,651.91
Equipment Repairs & Maint.*	3,978.45
Gate Repairs & Maint.*	941.59
Grounds Repairs & Maint.*	14,104.00
Road Repairs & Maint.*	11,240.72
Sewer Repairs & Maint.*	4,100.72
Water System Repairs & Maint.*	3,678.01
Safety Expenses*	
· Site Expenses*	45.81
Activities Expenses*	2,793.15
NH Business Enterprise Tax	366.00
Depreciation Expense	28,035.00
Amortization	152.25
Total Expense	180,607.85

DOG OWNERS –

ALL DOGS must be tied up on your site, and leashed within the campground.

NO DOGS are allowed on the BEACH at any time.

Water Access for dogs is to the right of the boat shed ONLY, Please!
Please clean up after your dogs!

QUIET HOURS

11PM – 8AM
PLEASE, NO
ATV'S OR
POWER
EQUIPMENT/
TOOLS DURING
QUIET HOURS!!

**Please
Use the
BUTT
CANS at
the Beach!!**

Please send all Payments directly to

Allen Ryea, CPA
210 Ten Rod Road, Rochester, NH 03867
Please send all Change of Addresses to Allen Ryea
And notify him of any sale of sites

Violation Forms

Available in the Lodge outside box or on website:
<http://www.angelfire.com/nh/blraa/blraarules.html>

The BOD/Safety Committee
cannot accept verbal reports of violations

**Gate Cards
Replacement**

Gate Cards are available from Bob Baker, Rob DeMayo [Please turn in defective cards]

Additional Gate Card [limit 3 per site] purchase price \$25.00

**THANK YOU
To:
Bob Whicher
Maureen Giroux
Chuck Suslowicz
For cooking/serving at
the Beehive
on Aug 23rd**

**Thanks to Phil Appleton,
Mike Barrucci, Anthony
Barrucci, and Julie
Dickson for selling hot
dogs/cold drinks at the
Penny Sale**

**CHILDREN age 12 may NOT drive a golf cart
Unless with an adult over 18 Golf Cart Drivers must be over 18
or have a driver's license after Dark.
Please follow all Stop Signs and Rules of the Road while on
Golf Carts!**

Adult Game Nights Tues/Thu 7pm lodge
Adult Crafts Sat Lodge 10am
Adult Bingo Fridays 730pm lodge
[no children, please]
Golfers- Meet at Pavilion 730am – all levels
"Baxter Hackers"
Fridays Aug 29th; Sept 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Adult Horseshoes Saturdays 10:00 am
behind the lodge [over 16 yrs]
See Kevin Cutler or Jim Goodberry

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Special Thanks to
Renee King
For chairing
Candy Bingo
many Saturday mornings for
the kids!
Thanks also to Kym Waitkus
and Joyce King for helping
Renee

Special Thanks to Tanya
Munsen for Kids Crafts on
Aug 16th.

Next Kid's Crafts
on Aug 30th
Pavilion 10am

Thanks to
Tony and Joanne
Fiorello for
DELI NIGHT
on Aug 16th

To all who attended the
services, sent cards, or stopped
by to express & comfort me on
the loss of my daughter, Kelly.
Thank You.

The support my family and I
have received from everyone
is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Eva Shea A-110

BLRAA Speed Limit
for ALL Vehicles 5 MPH
ALL VEHICLES MUST
STOP AT ALL STOP
SIGNS

This includes Golf Carts!!
Please drive all vehicles on the
right side of the road, and
follow rules of the road.
PLEASE Instruct Children

Site Alteration Permit
Applications

Saturdays 9-12 lodge or call
Rob

Permits are needed for tree
removal, RV replacements,
additions, decks, gravel etc.
Volunteers Needed

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE 99
FOUR ROD RD ADDRESS
FOR PERSONAL MAIL.

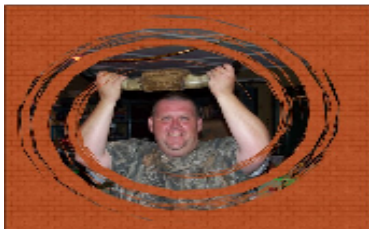
WE WILL MARK "RETURN TO
SENDER" AND CANNOT
GUARANTEE FORWARDING
TO THE PROPER ADDRESS.
Reminder to all site owners:
BLRAA is NOT a permanent
address and may not
be used as such. All site owners
MUST have a permanent
residence, not just a PO Box

PLEASE NOTE:

BLRAA members are requested to
CALL Allen Ryea
before approaching his home/office in person.
Allen Ryea is the BLRAA accountant, but is not
available 24/7.
Please call him at 603-335-3500 to determine
his availability before going to his office.

For Sale:
Site A102
\$31K
2001 35' Prowler
Back to woods, deck,
Awning, AC,
Furnished
Call Jerry/Sue
860.978.4449

For Sale
Site A66 \$39,9K
Includes Trailer w/
Addition. Fully
furnished. Grill,
Double Swing
And Shed included.
Call: Bob/Deb
978-821-7738



PENNY SALE - OVERWHELMING!!!

It's the only way we can describe the response to the Penny Sale. We can't begin to thank everyone for their support but will try to identify, from the beginning, those who helped make it happen & make it the success it was.

To all who donated items for our tables, including the "bake sale" table (which was quite a hit), the Silent Auction table, whose donors included Sue, Jane, Leslie, Charlie, Craig, Peggy, Claire, Jayne, Marie, Joan and Doris and to all who attended this great evening of fun for the family - THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Judy for the salad, bread & dessert you made for the workers, Mary, Marie & Claire for manning the ticket sales, Phil, Julie, Mike & Anthony in the kitchen, selling dogs, drinks, etc. And to the runners and those who helped set up the tables - including Joan, Sue, Tina, Debra, Val, Oceanna, China & Lindsey, Bob, Jim and the 2 Johns. Needless to say, it would not have happened without everyone's help and input. We hope we did not omit anyone's name & apologize if we did - it was unintentional.

Our total intake, after expenses, was \$1,478. The funds are being used to build a much needed and anticipated ramp for the Lodge. Congratulations to all of you for making this happen

Elaine Goodberry and Denise Whicher

p.s. THANK YOU Jim & Al Roby



FOR SALE
15,000 BTU
Carrier Roof
Top Air
Conditioner-
Used one
season.
Includes Inside
Control Unit
Price: \$450.00
Call: Steve
Mentzer @
508-736-1254

For Sale:
1998 14'
Starcraft w/ 25
hp Mercury and
trailer excellent
condition and
well maintained.
\$3,500.00 or
B.O.
call Carol
617-797-0787