

Big Lake Improvement Association
Meeting April 19, 2025

Social Time 8:30 – 9:00

Meeting called to order:

President: Chris Phillips – Present

Member: Ed Heitman – Present

Vice President: Tammy Mitchell – Present

Member: Natalie Jackson – Present

Secretary /Treasurer: Nic Stevens – Present

Member: Karrie Stover – Present

Member: Sherri Phillips – Present

Member: Rodney Hummer – Present

Member: Duane Craig – Present

Current Financials – Nic

Read Meeting Minutes from October - Nic

Old Business:

- Memberships – 27 total 4 new
 - Looking for volunteers to pass out donation bags. Will distribute them on May 17th to pass out on May 24th. If you would like to help please come to the meeting on May 17th.
- Sponsorships
 - 6 Sponsors so far –
 - HUGE thank you to Janet Atkins for helping again this year.
- Pump Project Update – Chris
 - Pump is in. We are working on the electricity being run.
 - State Park is going to start donating \$50 per month from here on out. This is being added to their water bill.
- BLIA Events
 - Spring Fling – June 7th
 - Will have Smoke off, Side dishes, Bingo, Raffles, Cornhole, Auctions
 - Golf Tournament – June 21st
 - We will only be accepting cash or check - \$300 per team. Will include Mulligans.
 - Boater Safety Course – TBD
 - Parade of Boats – July 5th
 - Family Fest - Cardboard Boat Regatta/ Kayak Races – August 16th
 - We are looking to have a Kid's Carnival, Homemade Ice Cream other stuff TBD
 - Oktoberfest – October 4th
 - Haunted House – October 18th / 25th
- Non- BLIA Events
 - May 17th 10:00 a.m. – Wheels for Water – Poker Run
 - Jim Adams, Rod Clark and Kerri for more information. Also more information on Facebook.
 - 5K Pelican Marathon – Date TBD

New Business:

- Mound City News is willing to give a discount on Advertising if we advertise 5 events. We will advertise Spring Fling, Cardboard Boat regatta, Oktoberfest and Haunted House and then advertise general “Donate to the Lake”
- BLIA owns the lot at the damn the pump is currently set on.
 - Chris made a motion to donate the lot to the Village
 - Village will pay the filing fees.
 - Kerri second
 - All voted in favor
 - No one apposed.
- Fishing Habitat – We would like to see if there’s a way to increase the fishing habitat.
 - Conservation add fish to the lake each year but without someplace they don’t thrive as well as they could.
 - Discussion of creating a subcommittee
- We have a Mahomes Jersey that will be raffled off. We will start selling tickets during Spring Fling and will draw a winner during Oktoberfest.

Meeting Adjourned –

Rodney makes a motion

Sherri Second

All Approved