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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Friends.

We held our Joint Annual Meeting for the whole membership and we congratulate Joe Brown, Theresa Walker and me for being voted in as BRS Directors. First Vice President Hal Davis provided an interesting summary of the membership surveys, Treasurer Bill Earhart briefed us on the status of revising our Dues and Fees structure, and General Manager Denny Kelly explained how the dredging project will operate, such as only during weekdays, and that most of the lake will be unaffected with little to no impact on our recreational activities. The dredging will be focused on the west end of the lake by Hickory Creek and will start with preparation of the roads and access points for staging the big equipment. We ask for your patience as we work through the details of getting all the equipment mobilized. It's taken years of planning to get to this point and I thank all those, past and present, who moved this project forward. While it may be a bit noisy, those folks are enhancing your property values every hour they are working.

We have a new Special Assistant to the General Manager who will be helping patrol our lake and beaches; making sure boats have the proper decals and folks are not bringing dogs or glass bottles onto our beaches. Our lake water continues to successfully test within acceptable ranges and we appreciate the high quality testing protocols our folks follow. We also improved the basketball and tennis courts in preparation for summer fun.

With warm weather approaching we need to be mindful of the increased foot and bicycle traffic on our narrow roads. If 25 mph seems too fast, then SLOW DOWN to avoid an accident. Likewise, our boaters on the lake need to respect the rule to stay 100 feet or more away from the shoreline to avoid swimmers and submerged hazards, and slow down in for No Wake Zones. Virginia authorities require fishing licenses to fish from BRS common areas or from a boat.

A Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Official visited Lake Louisa in the fall of 2015 and assessed the placement and number of buoys. Their recommendation was that we maintain the buoys marking a safety hazard like coming too close to the dam or rock areas and all other buoys should be removed. The report was referred

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UPCOMING 2016 BRPOA MEETINGS

June 11, 2016

July 9, 2016

August 13, 2016

September 10, 2016

October 8, 2016

November 12, 2016

All Meetings will be held at 9:00 AM in the BRS Office Building unless otherwise specified.

COMPLIANCE

The Virginia POA Act, Sec 55-513, permits the Board of Directors, or their designated committee to:

Suspend Privileges.

Impose fines not to exceed \$50.00, or \$10.00 per day for offenses of a continuing nature, not to exceed 90 days.

Members are entitled to a proper hearing prior to fines and suspensions being implemented.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting April 9, 2016

IN Attendance: President Thad Furlong, First Vice President Hal Davis, Second Vice President Donna Frago, Treasurer, William Earhart, Secretary Ricky Gray, Directors: Joe Brown, Smokie Craig, Paul Glass, Jane T. Sleight, and G M, Denny W. Kelly.

Absent: None

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis to adopt the March 12, 2016 minutes with two typos being corrected and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Closing SLD for July 1, 2016 Parade

Motion made by Donna Frago, seconded by Joe Brown authorizing the closure of South Lakeshore Drive from Locust to Fairview from 6:30PM to 7:15PM for the parade affiliated with the July 4th Celebration. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Closing Marina & Boat Ramp

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Donna Frago authorizing the closure of the boat ramp on Saturday, July 2 from 9AM to 11AM and also the entire evening, along with the closure of the Marina Sales from 9AM-11AM, to facilitate the July 4th Celebration. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Fireworks Display

Motion made by Hal Davis, seconded by Donna Frago, authorizing the Fireworks Display for Saturday, July 2, affiliated with the July 4, 2016 Celebration and the cost to be no more than \$5000. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Port-o-John Contract

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis authorizing the contract with Jones' Johns for service at the North Beach, May-Sept 2016 at \$85/month. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Umbrella Replacement-West Beach

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Smokie Craig authorizing the installation of two replacement umbrellas at the West Beach, to be paid for from RP 50 of the Five Year Plan, accepting the low bid of \$4200.00 from W. H. Construction. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Release of CSC Funds

Motion made by Hal Davis, seconded by William Earhart authorizing the release of CSC funds within the 2016 operating budget, not to exceed \$5875. Motion passed unanimously.

BRPOA Board of Directors Meeting May 14, 2016

In Attendance: Thad Furlong, President, Hal Davis, 1st VP, Donna Frago, 2nd Vice President, William Earhart Treasurer, Rick Gray, Secretary, Directors, Joe Brown, Smokie Craig, Jane T. Sleight and Denny Kelly, General Manager.

Absent: Director Paul Glass

1.Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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2. Approval of the Minutes Motion was made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2016 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 2016 Inspectors of Election

Motion made by Thad Furlong, seconded by Hal Davis to approve Laura Foussekis, Doug Frago, LaVerne McCleese, Laurel Patterson, Edward Wright, and Jeanette Weaver as the inspectors of Election for the 2016 Joint Annual Membership Meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. 2016 Audit of Financial Records

The Treasurer reported a 'clean audit' and resulting lowered cost. Motion made by William Earhart to accept the Audit of Financial Records for the year 2015 as presented by the Auditors, seconded by Joe Brown. Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Spillway Safety

The Board discussed the March 24, 2016 report from Stantec Engineering Consultants. It called for further action. Motion made by Donna Frago, seconded by William Earhart to approve a further inspection by Stantec of the auxiliary spillway at a price not to exceed \$12,000. The funds are to come from the dam reserve fund. Motion was approved unanimously.



RULES OF THE BEACH



- Use of the beach and other facilities are for BRPOA Members, Nonmember Occupants, & Guests
- Swim at your own risk, no lifeguards on duty
- No diving from the seawall or marina
- No dogs or other pets on the beach
- No Alcoholic Beverages or Glass Containers Permitted
- Use of a grill beyond the chain and posts/parking area is not permitted
- Children under 12 MUST be accompanied by Parent or responsible person at least 16 years of age
- BEWARE: Many areas of the lake are more than 5 feet deep and are dangerous for children, non-swimmers, and poor swimmers.
- Swimming beyond the post areas is discouraged.
- Manager on duty may ask any person who acts in an unsafe manner or who violates the Regulations applicable to the beach and swimming areas to leave the area.
- No loud or offensive music will be tolerated.
- REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE in THE ASSOCIATION AREA

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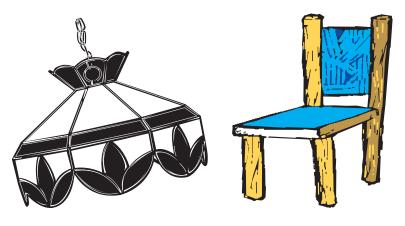


Fridays- 12PM-6PM Saturdays- 10AM- 6PM Sundays- 10AM-6PM

The Shore Shack is open during the listed hours weather permitting.

Art Show

CSC will sponsor its 4th annual Art Show on Sunday July 24th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Center. This year's show will be limited to: woodworking, furniture making, ceramics, pottery, and glass work. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Laura Foussekis 540-967-2439 or foussekis1@comcast.net if you wish to participate. Items for the show may be dropped off at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, July 23rd. No items may be offered for sale during this show.





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2016 FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 1st

4:30PM-6:30PM- Hot Dog Cookout

6:30PM- Parade (Line Up is at 6:15PM)

Saturday, July 2

9AM-12PM- Barrel Train Rides

10AM-2PM- CSC Info Booth

9:15AM- Water Skiing Contest

10:00AM-10:30AM- Tot Games Ages 1-5

10:00AM-4:00PM- Food Concessions

10:00AM-2:00PM- Dunk Tank

10:30AM - Ground Games 6+

10:30AM - Singles Horseshoe Tournament

10:30AM- Volleyball Tournament Teams of 6

11:30AM-1:00PM- Face Painting

11:30AM-3:00PM- Snow Cones & Popcorn

11:45AM- Tug of War- North VS. South

12:00PM-2:00PM- Corn Hole

12:00PM- Water Games

1:00PM- Doubles Horseshoe All Ages

2:00PM- Basketball All Ages

2:00PM- Quilt Drawing

2:30PM- Cake Walk- All Ages

3:30PM- Watermelon Eating Contest

4:00PM- Liberty Idol Contest

3:00PM-4:00PM- Sand Art Contest

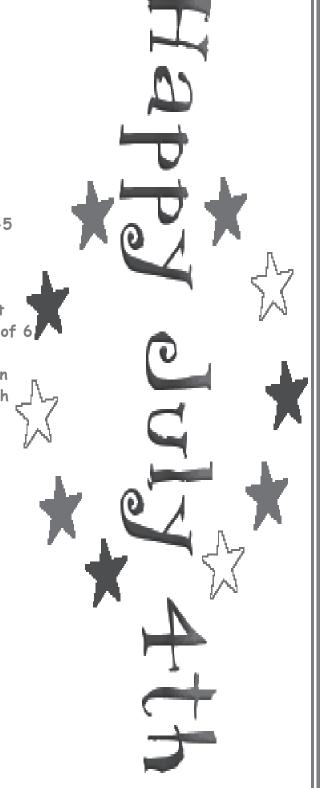
8:00PM-11:00PM- Band

8:00PM- Decorated Boat Parade

Dusk-FIREWORKS!

Sunday, July 3rd

Fishing Rodeo - 6:00AM-10:00AM



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to the Lake Committee for their review and was endorsed by the group. The BRPOA Board of Directors approved that report and the buoys were recently removed from the Lake. Another buoy will be installed near the dam bringing that total to three, The jetty buoy will be moved from the marina approximately 50 feet in the near future. We ask that all fast moving boats stay away from the shoreline by 100 feet.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your association President this past year. I commend the outgoing Board for all the hard work they accomplished, including getting this massive silt removal project to the execution phase. They are an impressive group who volunteer many hours on your behalf, debate issues thoroughly, and make tough decisions in a spirit of cooperation for the good of the community. As the Pastor said at the Joint Annual Meeting when describing Blue Ridge Shores, "we are one family." With that said, I thank you all for allowing my family to be part of yours.

Respectfully, Thad Furlong President

MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING May 13, 2016

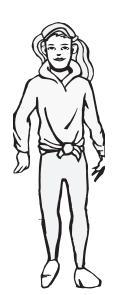
Amick, James Gammon, Denise Shelton, Mark Anderson, John W. Greenlaw, Galen W. Jr. White, Tim

Burrer, Nancy Harrison, Vernon & Patricia Wright, James & Sharon

Cushman, Gerald Johnston, Douglas K.

Evans, Tara & Brian Libby, Walter L. Fuentes, Rosali Reese, Carrie

Safety tips for walkers in BRS



It has come to our attention that there have been a few close calls between walkers and vehicles within BRS. Drivers, please obey the speed limit, stop signs, and most of all be on constant lookout for walkers day, and night. Causing injury or death would be a life changing event for all involved. Walkers, be aware, especially around the many blind curves, for vehicles. Don't count on them seeing you first. If you walk at night wear reflective tape or clothing. This improves the odds of the driver seeing you first. The narrow roads at BRS make these safety tips especially valuable.

Thank you,
Smokie Craig
Safety and Security Chair

Our Deepest Sympathies and thoughts go out to the family and friends of Bill Patterson & Earl Kitts, who passed away recently.

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June 2016- July 2016

- Women's Club, Lake Anna Nuclear Info Center & Lunch, Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 10:00AM, Mineral, VA
- **BRPOA Board Meeting,** Saturday, June 11, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Dinner,** Saturday, June 11, 2016, 6:00PM Social, 6:30PM Dinner, Community Center
- CSC Meeting, Saturday, June 25 ,2016, 9:30AM, Community Center
- Lake Committee Meeting, Saturday, June 25, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- Hot Dog Cookout, Friday, July 1, 2016, 4:30PM-6:30PM, Pavilion
- 4th of July Parade, Friday, July 1, 2016, Line Up: 6:15PM, Parade: 6:30PM
- Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, July 2, 2016, 8AM-10:30AM, Community Center
- 4th of July Celebration, Saturday, July 2, 2016, 8AM-10PM

- **Keith Mainland Fishing Rodeo**, Sunday, July 3, 2016, 6AM-10AM, Marina
- **BRPOA Board Meeting** Saturday, July 19, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- **Dinner,** Friday, July 15, 2016, 6:00PM Social, 6:30PM Dinner, Community Center
- RU Board Meeting, Saturday, July 16, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- Art Show, Sunday, July 24, 2016, 2PM-4PM, Community Center
- CSC Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 2016, 9:30AM, Community Center
- Lake Committee Meeting, Saturday, July 30, 2016, 9:00AM, BRS Office
- Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 31, 2016, 2:00PM-3:30PM, Community Center

Boat Registration & Slip Rentals

Boating season is right around the corner! Please register your boats early to avoid delays. We can register your boats via mail for your convenience. As a reminder, the office will need CURRENT copies of your <u>State registration and Insurance Policy</u> that shows watercraft liability. If you renewed either of these since your registration with the office last year, please make sure to forward a copy to the office. If you are unsure if we have current information, please call the office and we will review your file. The cost to register a motorized boat is \$50.00. This is reviewed annually. The cost to register a non-motorized boat, (paddle boat, kayak & canoe) is \$25.00 and is a onetime registration. You must have paid the first half of 2016 assessments to acquire either decal.

The price to lease a boat slip for 2016 is \$150.00. If you are interested in renting one, please contact the office @ 540-967-1408.

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Crime Report

MARCH, 2016

North Lakeshore Dr

Animal Control Officer - 2 Attempt To Locate - 1 Break &Enter - 1 Disorder/Domestic-Verbal - 1 Info-Repo - 1 Officer-Initiated-Follow-up - 1 Suspicious Activity - 1

Redbud Dr

ATL - 1

Dogwood Dr

ATL - 1 B&E - 1 Civil-Paper - 1 Trespass/Prowler - 1

Ellis Dr

ATL – 1 Traffic-General – 1

Ellis Ln

ATL - 1

Locust Dr

Fire-Public Service – 1 Sex Offense – 1

Ferndale Dr

Suspicious Activity - 1

Ash Rd

ATL - 1

Nottingham Rd

ATL – 1 Threatening – 1

Poplar Dr

911-Misdial – 1 Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1 EMS Call – 1

South Lakeshore Dr

911-Misdial – 1
ACO – 2
ATL – 2
Child Custody Issue – 1
Civil Issue/Dispute – 1
Disorder/Domestic-Physical – 1

Escort – 1 MVC-No Injuries – 1 Property Check – 58

Vandalism – 1

Pine Rd

Ems Call - 1

Iris Ln

B&E - 1

Clear Water Ln

Gun Complaint/Shots Fired - 1

Red Cedar Rd

Disorder/Domestic-Physical - 1

Lakeview Cir

EMS Call – 1 Property Check – 1 Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1

APRIL, 2016

North Lakeshore Dr

Animal Control Officer - 1
Civil Paper – 2
Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1
Fire-Smoke-Outside – 1
Fire-Structure-Non-residential – 1
Game-Animal Issue – 1
Traffic-Road Hazard – 2

Beach Rd

911-Open Line - 1

Redbud Dr

ACO – 1 Fire-Public Service – 1

Dogwood Dr

Attempt To Locate – 1 Civil-Paper – 1

Ellis Dr

Civil-Paper –2 Emergency Medical Svcs Call – 1

Eliis Ln

ATL – 2 Civil-Paper – 1 F-Investigation – 1 F-Structure-Residential – 1

Locust Dr

ACO - 1 Larceny - 1

Ferndale Dr

Break &Entry – 1 Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 1

Ash Rd

ACO – 1 ATL – 1 Disorder/Domestic-Verbal – 2 F-Brush-Exposure – 1 Wanted Person – 1

Poplar Dr

911-Misdial – 2 Civil-Paper – 1 EMS Call – 1 Sex Offense – 1

South Lakeshore Dr

911-Misdial – 1 ACO – 3 Civil-Eviction – 1 Civil-Paper – 1 Forgery/Fraud/Embezzle – 1 Missing Juvenile – 1 Property Check – 62 Traffic-Road Hazard – 1

Beech Nut Rd

ACO - 2

Clear Water Ln Civil-Paper – 1

Lakeview Cir

Welfare Check - 1

ACO-Animal Control Officer ATL-Attempt to Locate B&E-Break and Enter Page 9 The Shore Line



breakage Gate now costs are \$250.00 per occurrence for 2016. Please make sure that and your quests enter gate one car at a time to damage avoid and fines!



Community Center Pavilion a n d reservations are necessary! Please make sure reserve your date as soon as possible. Call the Association office at 540-967-1408 to secure your event!

Community Services Committee

Shirley Mann, Chairperson

Summer will be here before we know it! We have some great activities planned. With the beginning of the busy summer season here at Blue Ridge Shores, there are many activities sponsored by CSC.

During Memorial Day Weekend, we will have our first pancake breakfast of the year from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday May 28th. The cost is \$5 for three pancakes, 2 sausages, juice and coffee. On Sunday, May 29th there will be a corn hole tournament at 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per team and sign up is in the office.

On Saturday June 11th, there will be a dinner in the Community Center. Please come for social time from 6 to 6:30 and dinner will be at 6:30. Details on the dinner and the cost will be available soon. Please check the signs at the gates and the email blasts for more information.

Our annual Fourth of July celebration will be Friday July 1 through Sunday July 3. The annual hot dog cookout and parade will be on Friday July 1st. A pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 on July 2nd will kick off a full day of activities culminating with fireworks at dusk. On Sunday, the annual Keith Mainland Fishing Rodeo will be held from 6 to 10 a.m.

On Saturday July 15th, there will be a dinner in the Community Center. Please come for social time from 6 to 6:30 and dinner will be at 6:30. Details on the dinner and the cost will be available soon. Please check the signs at the gates and the email blasts for more information.

This year's Art Show will be held on Sunday July 24th from 2 to 4 p.m. Woodworking, furniture making, ceramics, pottery and glass work will be on display this year. For more information, please see the article in this month's Shore Line.

The very popular Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday July 31st from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Please bring your family to enjoy a free sundae at the Community Center.

The Easter Egg Hunt went well and was very well attended. The Pot Luck dinner in April was enjoyed by all attendees. The Meet the Candidates night was very well attended with much lively discussion. Thank you to all the candidates for both Boards.

Women's Club at Blue Ridge Shores

Judy Brown, 1st Vice President

The 2016 Schedule of Programs reflects the requests of many members to have more meetings at home. To this end, we are alternating between trips away and luncheons held at/or near the BRS Community Center.

We had a wonderful visit to the Grelen Nursery and The Market at Grelen Nursery in Somerset, VA on Wednesday, April 6th. Despite the frost that morning, we enjoyed a toasty warm lecture and a delicious lunch in the greenhouse. If you've never been, you should consider a visit to the 600-acre nursery for brunch or lunch and a day focused on gardening and growing! Yummy food, a lovely shop, walking trails, and live music some evenings make it an idyllic spot for a visit.

On Wednesday, May 4th, the Women's Club enjoyed a lovely progressive luncheon at the homes of Ellie Chambers, Norma Gillen, and Judy Stevens – all in Shenandoah Crossing. The hostesses and their helpers made it a day to remember. Good food in beautiful settings with dear friends is always a pleasure. Thank you, ladies, for another lovely progressive luncheon.

Our next trip will be held on Wednesday, June 1st. We plan to meet at the community center at 10:00 to form carpools before heading to the Lake Anna Nuclear Information Center where we hope to learn about this nearby energy source. How does a nuclear power station work? How does uranium mining lead to electricity production? Be prepared for displays, interactive exhibits, films, and brochures. Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant.

The BRS Women's Club is presently accepting donations for the White Elephant Sale on July 2nd at the community center. Please contact Donna Gray at 540-967-2173 if you have items to donate. Thank you in advance.

Membership in the Blue Ridge Shores Women's Club is open to any interested women. Please call Sandy Sierk, Membership Chair, at 967-1939 if you might like to be a part of this fun group. Dues for the year are just \$5.00. Come meet your neighbors and make new friends!

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Trash is
being picked
up weekly
on Mondays
& Fridays



Please be kind to your neighbors, and remove your containers from the curbside promptly after pick-up..





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UPCOMING 2016 RU MEETINGS

BRPOA/RU Joint Annual Meeting-10:00AM- Community Center

July 16, 2016 September 17, 2016 November 19, 2016

All Meetings will be held at 9:00 AM in the BRS Office Building unless otherwise specified.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting May 7, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex MacCormack, Molli Ellis, and Al Fortune were present. Denny Kelly, GM, and Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Afffairs were also in attendance. Board members Stephen Tompkins and William Munday were absent.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to remove Committee Report, Personnel, from the agenda, and approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to approve the March 19, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Al Fortune made a motion, seconded by Molli Ellis to accept the March 2016 and April 2016 Treasurer's Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to accept the attached list of Inspectors of Election as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Al Fortune made a motion, seconded by Molli Ellis to accept the attached proposal #49934 to be performed and funded by the Equipment and Repair Reserves. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to accept the 2015 Audit of Financial Records as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by Al Fortune to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Board Meeting May 21, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex MacCormack, William Munday, Molli Ellis, and Al Fortune were present. Denny Kelly, GM, and Amy Evans, Manager of Fiscal Affairs were also in attendance. Stephen Tompkins, William Haase, and June Smith were absent.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Alex MacCormack to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Moll Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to elect Alex MacCormack as President. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Al Fortune made a motion, seconded by Molli Ellis to elect William Munday as Vice-President. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alex MacCormack made a motion, seconded by William Munday to elect Molli Ellis as Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: William Munday made a motion, seconded by Alex MacCormack to elect Stephen Tompkins as Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alex MacCormack made a motion, seconded by Molli Ellis to elect Amy Evans as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Molli Ellis made a motion, seconded by William Munday to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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Next Scheduled Meeting

The RU Board of Directors will meet July 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Association Office.

2015 Annual Water Quality Report

Copies of the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report have been mailed to all members and registered renters of Ridge Utilities, Inc. Once again, Ridge Utilities, Inc. was violation free for the year. Please take time to read the report and contact the office with any questions you may have. Also contained in the report are helpful tips on water conservation, cross-connection control protection, as well as lead and copper. If you have not received your copy please contact amy.brs@comcast.net to obtain a copy. You can also download a copy at www.ridgeutilities.com.

Ridge Utilities, Inc. Backflow Prevention Program

Every drinking water system is mandated by the Virginia Department of Health to have a cross-connection/backflow prevention program. RU has a pamphlet outlining our backflow prevention program. Copies can be obtained from the office as well as online at www.ridgeutilities.com. You can also purchase a vacuum breaker from our office to help aid in your own personal backflow prevention.

2nd Quarter 2016 Meter Reading

During the third week of June our Maintenance Department will begin reading meters for the 2nd qtr. of 2016. Please be sure there is nothing obstructing your meter box, such as shrubs, flowers, lawn decorative items, etc. Please do not park vehicles on the meter boxes. You will be responsible for any damage incurred to a meter box if you park a vehicle on it. The meter boxes are the property of Ridge Utilities, Inc. and must be accessible at all times to Ridge Utilities, Inc. and our staff.

Due Dates for 2nd qtr. 2016 Water Bills

Water bills will be mailed on 6/25/16. If you do not receive your bill by 7/10/16 please contact our office to receive a replacement bill. Failure to receive your bill does not negate any late charges that may incur.

Due Date: July 31, 2016

Meter Disconnect Date: August 18, 2016

Water Usage in the Summer Months

The 3rd qtr. of the year, mid-June through mid-September, is typically the highest water usage quarter of the year for our members. Please be mindful that excessive watering of your lawn, irrigation systems, filling pools, extra house guests, etc. all add to increased water usage during the summer months, which will be reflected on your 3rd qtr. water bill.

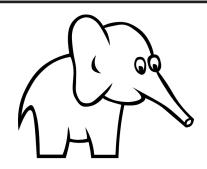


Do you want to have a fun time showing your patriotism? Join us on Friday, July 1st for our annual community July 4th Parade! We will line up at 6:15pm and the parade will start at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome, including your family pets. *Please keep all dogs leashed*. This is a great family activity, particularly enjoyed by our children. Hope to see everyone there!

QUILT TICKETS ON SALE

The Quilt Raffle Tickets are on sale now and available from several people. If you wish to just buy tickets, the BRS office has them. They are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of 5 tickets. If you would like to take a few books of tickets and sell them, please call Marie Canaday @ 967-0182. A picture of the finished quilt is on view at the BRS Office. It is really a beautiful design this year. It will go with just about any décor in a bedroom. We hope you will help support C.S.C. and buy your tickets soon. The drawing will be Saturday, July 2, 2016 and you need not be present to win!

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White Elephant Sale July 2, 2016

In about a month it will be time for the annual Blue Ridge Shores White Elephant Sale during the 4th of July festivities. This year's event will be Saturday, July 2! Once again the Women's Club hosts the sale and all proceeds go to various charities in our area.

Keep this in mind as you prepare for summer, cleaning drawers, closets, basements and garages of unwanted clutter. Many of those unwanted items may be donated and become someone else's treasure. Everyone has been generous in the past so we expect that to continue. Please remind your families and friends to also check for potential donations before visiting BRS.

We are accepting items between now and July 1st. You may call Donna Gray (540-967-2173) to arrange a drop off at the Butler building. Don't hesitate to ask if you need any assistance with heavy items or even a pick up! If you are unsure about anything, please give us a call!

We are looking for all kitchen items including dishes, glassware, and pots and pans. Also small electronics, children/baby toys, games and sports equipments, clean linens, luggage, tools and sports equipment. In addition any crafts or holiday decorations and of course books, DVDs and CDs. Small furniture and appliances are also welcome although we cannot accept large pieces, TVs and/or computers. And as usual clothing is not acceptable. Outdoor furniture and garden and beach items are always welcome. We also have a portable dishwasher and oven & stovetop available. They are in great condition.

Compliance Committee

Jane T. Sleight, Chair

Septic System Inspection

All members are required to have standard septic systems inspected every five years by a certified septic company. Alternative pumping systems must be inspected every year. Please submit your certification to the office. This is not only a BRS requirement but a requirement from the Commonwealth of Virginia enforced by all county health departments. The BRS office notifies each member at the beginning of the year when your system is due for inspection. You have until December 31 to comply. Members that do not comply will be fined \$10 per day for 90 days. Our Committee recently took this action on three members and this information may be posted in the Shore Line by name and Street Address. There are no exceptions. This rule is to ensure the health of our lake and the health of our water supply. Thank you for keeping Blue Ridge Shores a healthy community for all.



PROTECT OUR WATERS!

Please report any illegal dumping of items into our waters to the Administration Office at 540-967-1408 Page 14 The Shore Line

URGENT

Let's Be Proactive and Stop The Spread Of Hydrilla

About 25 years ago, Lake Louisa was invaded by an aquatic grass called Hydrilla. This is a plant originally imported into the U.S. to be used in aquariums and sometimes called "water kudzu" because it grows so fast. Hydrilla became so thick in the lake that many of the coves were unsuitable for swimming or wading and it even became difficult to operate boats in these areas because the hydrilla fouled the propellers so badly. By introducing a type of grass carp that feeds on hydrilla and other underwater vegetation (not the common carp found in most rivers, lakes and ponds) hydrilla has been eliminated from the lake.

While we have not seen any evidence that hydrilla is making a comeback in Lake Louisa, it is definitely making a comeback in Lake Anna and other rivers and lakes in Virginia. We do not want to have a recurrence in our lake. Hydrilla is easily spread by introducing even very small pieces into the water.

Therefore, we are asking that if you use your boat in other lakes or rivers please do the following before putting your boat in our lake.

- 1. Carefully check the boat, motor, propeller, and trailer:
- 2. Remove all plant material;
- 3. Thoroughly rinse off the boat and trailer before launching in Lake Louisa; and
- 4. Do not allow the runoff from this to enter the lake.

More information can be found by doing a simple internet search on "hydrilla in Virginia waters". Your cooperation will help protect the health of our lake.

Thank you. Lake Committee

2016 Boating Policies and Safety Tips

Boating Season is here and we hope everyone has a 2016 Fun but Safe experience. Blue Ridge Shores adopted the provisions of the Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement for operation of a motorized boat on Lake Louisa. The Virginia Conservation Police Department has authority to enforce all provisions of State Requirements on Lake Louisa. Just a few reminders for everyone:

- Anyone operating a motorized boat in Virginia must possess a card indicating they have taken the **Virginia Boater Safety Education Class** or the State's Safety Class where the boat is registered on or before July 1, 2016.
- Operators must be at least 14 years old.
- Boats must be registered to a member or a non-member occupant who are members in good standing.
- All motorized boats must be registered through the office with current State Registration and Insurance Information in order to have and display a current Association Decal.
- All Non-Motorized Boats excluding a paddle board must be registered through the Association and display the appropriate decal.
- Jet Skis and jet powered boats are not permitted to be on the lake. Jet powered boats registered with the Association prior to August 13, 2011 are exempted from this rule.
- All motorized boat traffic must travel in a counter clockwise direction, unless they are fishing and under the power of a trolling motor.
- · All boats that are non-motorized have the right of way.
- All fast moving boats are required to stay off the Shoreline by 100 feet.
- All boats pulling tubes, skis, aqua boards or any other object are required to have a spotter. These activities are limited from 9:00 AM until sunset.
- All boats are to have running lights or navigational lights after dusk or before dawn.
- The Association's Special Assistant to the GM is patrolling the Lake and will issue violations as appropriate and the member affected will be required to attend a Compliance Committee Hearing.
- Should you have questions, require clarification, or a copy of these rules please contact the office.



Members that play tennis can receive a key at the office for their usage at no charge!

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General Manager's Report

Denny W. Kelly

We hope you enjoy your Summer and look forward to serving the continuing needs of the membership during 2016. Boat decals may be purchased @ your convenience once you have paid the first half of the 2016 assessments. You cannot purchase gas @ the marina without a current decal. Remember that gas powered motorized boat traffic is only in a counter clock wise direction unless you are fishing and under the power of a trolling motor. Our Special Assistant to the GM will be on the Lake enforcing the boat policies and attempting to maintain a safe environment for all.

Congratulations to Joe Brown, Thad Furlong, and Theresa Walker for being selected to serve a three year term on the BRPOA Board of Directors. Same wishes to Bill Haase and June Smith for being selected to serve on the RU Board for a three year term! We pledge our support to all!

Lake water quality samples were recently taken and carried to the lab in Culpeper to be analyzed. All tests came back within acceptable ranges for swimming and other related activities. This will be done monthly during the summer-fall season.

We urge members to be considerate of others during your visits to the beach this year. Please do not leave cigarettes in the sand rather place them in a container to dispose of later. Same rule applies to food and beverages. Rules of the Beach are posted and we respectfully submit they apply to everyone. More than adequate trash cans are available. Ridge Utilities furnishes water for the bathrooms and outside faucets, so please be considerate and do not let children play in the streams or leave them on once you have cleaned the sand off your feet.

I urge those that wish to sign up for a partial payment agreement to do that early, in order to avoid higher monthly payments. To date there we have approved nineteen. We have collected 80 % of the 2016 revenue affiliated with assessments and occupancy fees by the end of April, 2016. Our delinquency rate for 2015 was 2.5% and 2014 was approximately 2.0%.

Remember nothing can be placed in the Lake including leaves without Board permission. The maintenance employees continue their efforts to mow, paint, and repair/replace items throughout to make the appearance of the common areas pleasant.

Ridge Utilities is very pleased to announce that all required 2015 testing of the water was completed with a 100% passing of those requirements. The official 2015 Water Quality Report will be distributed soon and if you do not receive one, contact the office for a replacement.

Dredging related activities will begin to occur very soon after three years of chasing permits. This should not have any impact on the summer-lake related activities. There will be no work on the weekends or holidays. The contractor will work like a 7:00 AM-5:00 PM work day. Lake water should only be discolored in the immediate area of impact. The spoils material will be removed by the BRS area road adjacent to Clearwater Lane and hauled across the street for disposal. Please contact me immediately should you have a problem.

Should you witness any activity that appears unlawful contact the Sheriff's Department immediately and also make the office aware of the issue including tag numbers, type of vehicle, and if by chance you know the individual(s).



DID YOU KNOW?

Trees that are dead or have dead limbs are your and your insurance company's responsibility, should they fall and damage a neighbor's property. Live trees that fall during a storm will not be the owner's responsibility.

Please survey your property, talk with your neighbor if necessary, and remove damaged trees and limbs needed.

Please report any trees on association property needing attention that we may have missed.

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