

# THE BIRCH LOG

## ELECTION RESULTS IN!

At the General Membership meeting on November 25th, BLCC elected a new President, Secretary and two new Directors. John Cirenza became President. He ran unopposed after a year where the Club had no official President but had Tom Jenkins and John Rothwell alternately chairing the monthly meetings. Sandy Scott moved from VP of Recreation to Secretary. Patty Yulick moved from Director to the position of VP of Recreation. Bill Schluth and Bob Ramsey finished out their three year terms as Directors and were replaced by Max Bieberback, Past President and Jerry Poinsett, past Editor of the Birch Log.

At the meeting, Tom Jenkins reviewed the Club's past year financially and John Rothwell discussed the Lake Restoration activity. (See adjacent article for a complete update.)

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 9th @ 7:30 PM

At the Clubhouse

The Birchwood Lakes Officers and Directors will be addressing the issues presented in this newsletter. Some of the items on the Agenda for this meeting will be:

- Appointment of a Director to replace Patty Yulick who assumed the position of VP Recreation.
- Lakeside Dr. Sewer project update.
- Lake raising schedule.

## LAKE RESTORATION UPDATE

*Ron Yulick*

I had all intentions of attempting to come up with some kind of a range of costs associated with the cleaning up of our lakes by the annual meeting. But, due to the Medford Fire Department's order that we not lower our lake for a period of time due to the drought and the Colony Club's Board of Directors authorizing more work to be performed by the engineering firm, that attempt became futile.

As such, the following is a brief summary of where the restoration process stands:

- I have met with 3 contractors, detailing what they should look at with all 3 lakes and asking for their recommendations. This will be done once the wetlands consultant is finished with his reports on all the lakes.
- I have met with the wetlands consultant and have obtained an aerial photograph of the upper lake with wetland delineations (the lower lake information should be finished soon). In addition, we have looked at the aerial map that I have from 1986 to help determine what has flowed into our water system. We have determined that since most of the water flow appears to have been from mostly non-agricultural sources, that it may be best to obtain 2 or 3 samples and have them analyzed prior to our pre-application meeting with the DEP. This will only be done once I have been assured of the labs reporting requirements should something unknown come up in the analysis. We are also obtaining the discharge information from the sewer treatment plant in Medford Lakes. The rationale for the testing is if we can obtain favorable results, we may be able to forestall any testing by the DEP when it comes time for the actual work to be performed.
- I have also come up with an idea to create a walking path along Jackson Road. I have "floated" this idea to several Board members and the township. The township is willing to go along with it, if I present it to the DEP at our pre-application meeting. I will be discussing this at the December Board Meeting to get approval before anything else is done, including getting Senator Bark involved (hopefully).

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Kevin Wall	11/2003	654-6431

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- In order to keep our costs as low as possible, I had volunteered to help take depth samples on the upper lake. The engineer and I collected 25 samples, which he is in the process of compiling for the estimated volume to be removed for the DEP and the contractors. The 3<sup>rd</sup> lake is slated next, with the lower lake following that. We are in the process of looking at township records from the last lower lake dredging for any type of contour maps of the lower lake. In addition, the Meyer family was contacted to determine if any records existed on the upper lake contours and to no one's surprise – there are none.

The contractor's have all agreed that it would be cost prohibitive to remove the island in the upper lake. They do think that once the lake is cleaned out, that 2 separate channels should work in keeping the flow around the island. A suggestion that has come up is to clear out a lot of the brush and small trees on the island and install picnic tables and a barbeque. The island would be accessed via a small wooden walking bridge.

I am currently working on additional cost saving approaches and will know more once we determine the volume and game plan for sediment removal. I will also be discussing with the township the possibility of utilizing their trucks and the contractor's machines, hopefully saving funds when the time arises. A lot of things are up in the air right now and are dependent on the findings of our consultants. Once we have this information, I will be able to present several different scenarios for everyone's consideration. In addition, all of the contractor's have been instructed to include as separate line items, with associated costs, each area that we would be addressing so that we could get the most done for our money (i.e. main lake cleanup, cove cleanups, basins, etc would all be listed with their applicable estimated costs.).

Until I receive the outstanding information and reports from our consultants, I can not give an estimate on costs. I will say that I still think we will be able to do quite a bit as long as we do it as a full community and detail what our plans of action are for the immediate and future years to ensure our lakes are healthy and safe.

If anyone has suggestions or comments, I can be reached at 953-5380 – Ron Yulick







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Nonboard Members who are BLCC members are encouraged to attend. A time at the end of the meeting is set aside for comments from the general membership.

Nonmembers who wish to join the Birchwood Lakes Colony Club are encouraged to come to the meeting. Their application will be taken at the meeting.