

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## **Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation 2017 Annual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am on July 1, 2017 at the LOL town hall. A moment of silence was observed for those we lost this past year. Minutes of 2016 Annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- presented by Jeany Cuttell

In future years, the Board plans to email the budget to members when it is adopted and to post financials along with board minutes on our website.

Net Worth Balance: \$125,573.91 (CDs and checking)

Checking Account: \$46,467.86

Expenses this past year included amending the Articles, but most BOLPF money goes to pay our lake inspectors. All social events pay for themselves.

We lost significant donors to the lake this year, and will not be holding the progressive dinner which has been a significant fundraiser in the past. We ask that you volunteer time or increase your donation to help pay inspectors.

Jim and the Board thank Jeany for all of her hard work as Treasurer.

The Board has approved a dues increase effective August 1st to \$30 annually from \$25.

### Committee Reports

A. Clean Boats Clean Water presented by Bill Foreman

A. Thanks to Cheryl for her 7 years of hard work and developing the program. It not only inspects boats but serves the purpose of data collection, which we submit to the state for grant money to prevent the spread of invasive species.

A. We have 5 certified inspectors for 13 hours a day from 8am to 9pm (3 shifts) = \$145/day cost to cover, \$1000/week with 20-25 weeks depending on the weather conditions on the lake.

B. Our lake health affects property value and our community, it is also an economic generator for this area.

C. When there is lightening or high wind there are no inspectors.

D. Other lakes are paying \$12.50/hr, the Board increased our inspectors pay by \$1/hr, to \$11/hr.

E. 2016 hours = 1634 hours with 2790 people educated on BOL.

F. Inspector duties include:

A. inspecting boats

B. taking pictures if needed to notify the State DNR

C. educating lake users

B. Lake Monitors & AIS- Bob Pierce and Joe Beers ask for vigilance and a request to take care in shallow water to try not to tear up natural vegetation.

A. Call John or Walt to identify eurasian milfoil. Pictures will be emailed that show what the cross pattern looks like on the milfoil leaf.

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## C. Grants -Andy Woltman and John Annin

- A. All information regarding the grants can be found on the BOL website.
- B. Lake Planning Grants- \$10,000 DNR grants for specific lake related projects.
  - A. The Board encourages members to read the highly informative and valuable past lake planning grant materials posted on the website and to consider possible future projects.

## C. Annual AIS Grants

- A. Every year we get \$4000 to pay inspectors through the Annual AIS grant provided by the DNR. There is no guarantee that the DNR will continue to offer these grants in future years. \$1000 has been received so far and we anticipate the rest when the season closes.

## D. Nominating presented by Kathy Gelb

- A. Luke Hattenhauer, Karen Hoeft, and Bill Foreman have been nominated by the committee to replace board members John Clarke, Jean Cuttell and Cheryl Mitchell.
- B. Motion to accept slate as a whole was approved.

## E. Membership presented by Bill Duff

- A. The Board thanked the membership committee for its hard work and is looking for a replacement to take over for Bill.
- B. There are 175 paying members which accounts for 85% of the properties on the lake. 15% are not paying and we need to focus on expanding our membership and asking our neighbors to be members.

## F. Picnic- Cindy Miller

- A. This year's picnic will be held July 29th at Conserve School, Adults \$12, \$5.50 for kids, and kids 5 and under are free
- B. RSVP by July 25th to get the early bird rate, after that date it is \$17/person
- C. Please bring your own beverages
- D. All are welcome after 2pm to use the boats
- E. Thank you to the Conserve School for allowing us to use their indoor and outdoor space!

## G. Fundraising

- A. The Auction is our most significant fundraiser. Kay Fleming has asked for donations to the committee.
- B. A BOL clothing order will be available at the Picnic through Sara Beedie and Elizabeth Eaton.

## I. Lake Events- Walt Bates

- A. All lake levels are up, BOL is a ground water seepage lake. It is up 44 inches since 2012. The clarity of the lake is down because of the water levels increasing. There has been no chemical change to the lake, the clarity has changed from physical shore vegetation. there is a 12 degree difference from the top to the bottom.
- B. Lake safety- There is lots of floating debris on the lake. Send an email to Walt if you spot any logs or dangerous floating objects in the lake and he will help make

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sure it is removed. Please be careful when boating on the lake to watch for things that have been dislodged by the high water levels.

## J. New business:

J. Jim Surpless announced that he has awarded 113- 50 year pins and 10- 75 year pins. He awarded 50 year pins to Jim Thomas, Shirley Barnum, Jill Lippert and a 70 year pin to Sally Lippert.

K. Jim Fleming mentioned the Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative (“WSI”). The State legislature essentially took control of shoreline zoning from the counties in 2015. County shoreline zoning cannot be more restrictive than any applicable the state rules. There is a movement in the legislature for even less restrictive or no shoreline zoning. WSI is opposing these efforts and fighting for return of local control. BOLPF members may want to consider contributing to WSI.

L. Congratulations was expressed to newlyweds Kay and Bill Duff.

M. There is a tax on all accommodations in LOL. 75% is to be spent to promote tourism 50 miles away and 25% is to be kept by the town for tourism. A letter written by the Board was suggested to encourage the town to improve the beach and public boat landing.

N. The Conserve School is working on a terrestrial invasive species project. They are trying to eradicate buckthorn, European marsh thorn and thistles. Please call if you would like them to identify and remove these invasives from your property.

O. There is interest in creating a group effort to organize dock installation and removal. It was suggested that Mark at the Forest Lake Country Store has been providing this service.

P. Monty Hunt wants to remind everyone to not park blocking or in front of the boat landing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Jessica Braun  
Recording Secretary