

BOLPF BOARD MEETING MAY 2018

Present: Jim Fleming, Bob Barnum, Luke Hattenhauer, Bill Foreman, Kathy Surpless, Karen Hoeft, Jess Braun, Stefan Anderson
By phone: Cindy Miller, Andy Woltman, Mary Jo Zane
Observer: Walt Bates

Meeting called to order at 9:02am.
Minutes from 8/19/18 approved.

Treasurer's report presented by Andy (with Jeany's help)

Budget approved = original budget + amendment

Net worth: \$131,979.62

Income: \$4812.87

Expenses: \$1718.88

APLOS program is up and live. We are not using it yet, Jeany is still accounting in the old system, but we hope to move to the online system soon.
Jeany and Jim are helping out with payroll.

CBCW Report presented by Bill

The CBCW season started Thursday after opening day because of ice on the lake.

There are 3 certified inspectors at this point.

Certification is now required to be a PAID inspector.

LOL June 1st certification course from 2-4pm at Town hall.

The 2 hour training is worthwhile. We urge all volunteers and lake owners to get trained.

Last year we had 5 inspectors.

We need volunteers to cover shifts for inspectors when they are sick.

Drain campaign: Drain live wells and must put fish on ice by law. There are ice packs in the red box to give away to promote education about putting fish on ice.

Conserve school is making a video- they may contact Cathy Higley.

We are still working on Signage for the Beach.

There have been requests for things for kids to do down by the dock or boat launch.

This would have to be facilitated by Town.

Grants presented by Andy: no updates

Membership presented by Kathy

Bill Duff's stellar work helped make a great year for membership.

Looking for 90+ members at the Annual Meeting and Picnic

We need committee members to collect dues.

Stefan volunteered credit card access via the Conserve School.
He may even be able to create an online form to use for dues, etc.
Kathy, Cindy and Stefan will make a plan.

At this point we have 53 total members, 3 paypal members, 90 + needed
Discussion of creating a lifetime membership or 3 or 5 year option

July 24, 2017 we had 142 members.

Kathy has been investigating a property breakdown since 2014.

There are 12 unpaid out of 115 properties.

The ground work was started in 1976.

Kathy will consult with Bill Duff for advice on approaching unpaid properties.

She is hoping for engagement with each property. It will be a collective effort to remind everyone of the importance of the lake and the benefits of membership including conservation and sustainability.

Ideas- sign, sticker, or badge for members - Proud member of BOLPF

Old Business

Joe Beers would like to continue to ask boaters to slow down while in the West bay.
High speed ski boats and fisherman are now speeding by.

Bill suggested that inspectors caution boaters to go slow and raise crops in the back bay. There are some buoys to slow people down.

A lake map showing the slow areas should be available at the beach.

Mary Jo mentioned that the vegetation is torn up and creates muck.

Board to educate via facebook and the newsletter.

There are aerial photos showing the gauges in the lake bottom that illustrate the damage.

New Business

High Water Level- There have been a few requests for the Board to address the high water levels.

The BOLPF has no legal authority or power to anything to the lake because it is a public asset.

We don't own the beach. The Town and DNR have authority.

This is the highest the lake has been in our memory. Question: what is the average level of the lake?

Bill Foreman wrote to Cathy Higley and cc'd the Highway department to check on the culvert. The Highway department informed him that the culvert would be checked.

The culvert is 2 feet in diameter and 1/3 full. It appears that BOL is 18 inches higher than Lake George. The lake is 25 million sq. feet so it would take 25 cubic feet of displacement/ evaporation for the lake to go down 1 inch.

3/4 inch has evaporated so far. 90 days would equal an inch. It appears the culvert may not affect the levels of the lake more than natural evaporation.

We hope to gather more information.

Is Home value or resale value threatened by the high water level?

During the drought 8 homeowners could not access the lake, some did not put boats in the water.

We want to make sure all homeowners feel heard by the Board.

Contacting the Town or DNR is the most we could do.

Some question whether this is a function of maintenance of the culvert or a new issue.

This issue may be appropriate for a grant project. Looking at lake flows and what can be done to guide our conversation about it.

Terrestrial invasive plants are being drowned out. The Conserve School has taken over working in Sylvania on terrestrial invasives.

The nominating committee needs a new junior member. Suggestion of Jeany Patell or Sara Beedie.

June 30th - New President

Next BOLPF Board meeting to take place June 24th at 9am.

Meeting concluded at 10:15am.