
May 29, 2021

BOLPF Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

The BOLPF Board of Directors meeting via Zoom on May 29, 2021 was called to order at 9:03 am by Bill Foreman.

Those in attendance: Bill Foreman, Celia Kistler, Bonnie Clarke, Stefan Anderson, Barbara Annin, Rob Aikins, Sue Woltman, Luke Hattenhauer, Jim Fleming, and Chris Hook. Quorum was established. Walt Bates and Sharon Basten also attended.

Approval of BOLPF Board of Directors minutes from meeting held on April 24, 2021: Motion to approve the minutes by Bill Foreman. No amendments and hearing no opposition, motion to approve carries.

2. Committee Reports

Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) presented by Bill Foreman

CBCW staffing, pay issues: John Wiggins, the scheduling manager, has taken ill. He was receiving an extra .50 cents per hour for his extra work. As much as John tried to “soldier on”, he was given several opportunities to relate his inability to continue right now. Then, when he could not take his shift, Bill was given only an hour and a half notice. Since then, John has stepped down until he is well again. Carl Hessel is the new scheduling manager. Vote to transfer the extra weight pay scale to Carl Hessel. Moved to pass by Bill. Second by Jim Fleming. No opposition. Motion carries.

Program in general: CBCW had a rocky start because of personnel and staffing issues. Justin Hook is working Sunday morning. Maddy Schaad is coming back to the program. Donna Barber’s son, Chris and her husband are also inspecting. We continue to have Carl, Gary and Buffy. Local businesses are starved for help making CBCW not easy to staff. We should now have our program covered and in place.

Cathy Higley held a class which was attended by Bill and Cindy Miller. It was overall, well-attended. The local radio station was there covering it.

This is Bill’s last year with CBCW. If nobody shows up to take over by October, the program is going away. Bill has it running smoothly, and remotely. The replacement for Bill doesn’t have to be someone at the lake year round. We should perhaps find someone local who gets paid. Our CBCW program is known statewide for its quality.

Picnic by Sharon Basten

Bill: Sharon is diligently trying to find a caterer. Do we want to host a picnic and annual meeting? Bill is able to speak with Donna. Sharon is waiting for numbers as far as cost per plate. Donna is willing to help.

Sharon: What is Chris able to do? Grills will be available. What about beverages like coffee and such? The green machine at the Conserve School will have to be kick-started. What will we do if Sharon does not have the man-power to set up? We will need parking lot attendants and other volunteers to help out.

Walt communicated with Mike Saad who has offered the Conserve School as our venue again. We have a caterer. Celia agrees to hold the picnic. Stefan also says yes. Bonnie states how it will be outside and with open windows, but voiced concern about the auction with everyone clumped together.

We can have the picnic on either the 17th or 24th of July.

Auction: Is Mary Jo Zane going to take over the auction? Jim said that Galia is not going to be up much this summer. The auction committee is willing to do the best that they can. Mary Jo will be having some routine eye surgery. Kay Duff and Cathy Hesselman are also on the committee. We need to reinvigorate the fundraising stream. Perhaps a digital auction?

Chris Hook says it's a good idea to do it digitally. We can accept bids over email - host an email auction. Jim says that we did this a couple of years ago. We can put the starting bid just above the reserve bid. Chris suggests a website for auction. How many people would go to the website? The ability is already there because we can comment on the news feed. Problem might be coming up with photos and various items. Jim mentions how they are starting late. Bonnie suggests a silent auction on big ticket items.

Facebook group for auction by Stefan and Sharon.

Everyone seems to be in favor of hosting the picnic. Menu will include brats, burgers and such.

Bill moves to host a picnic on the date of July 24th at Conserve School. Note that Donna Barber is not available until at least 2:00 p.m. Second by Celia. No opposition. Motion carries.

Sharon has not yet reached out to Conserve School. Walt stated that Penny is the point person. Sharon will reach out to her. Walt will put out a lakewide email including information about the auction after speaking to Mary Jo. Mike Saad wants to be present at the picnic too.

Auction, Annual meeting location, etc. - BoD discussion

The Snowflake is already reserved for \$100.00. Sue mentions that there are no chairs at the Snowflake. BYO chairs. Tables? We can open doors at either end - garage doors. Windows? We will be able to get

lots of air in there. LOLA hosts concerts there on Thursdays - Stefan will check to see if chairs can be left from Thursday.

Walt doesn't see any difference holding the meeting at the Snowflake or the Town Hall. Bonnie likes the Snowflake for more people. She says we can put up more tables there. Bill states that attendance may be low and that a simulcast may be necessary. Although more people might attend because of being at the snowflake.

Bill motions hold our annual meeting at the Snowflake on June 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Bonnie Clarke and Chris Hook second the motion. Hearing no opposition, the motion carries.

Sue says we need to find out about tables. Bill has a table. We can find tables. Stefan will take care of the live stream of the meeting.

Chris arrives on the 15th of June. Brian is graduating.

3. Unfinished business

Slate of new officers for annual meeting - BoD discussion

Jim: How do we transition? First, directors are nominated and then elected at an annual meeting. All directors are up for transition this year. Board goes off to vote directly after the annual meeting. Officer positions are one-year terms. Chris suggested a term of just a couple of years for president. Bill has been president for four years or so. Someone has to replace Bill. Chris would be willing to be president after his duration as a board member. Female president? We really have to decide by mid-June. Questions to Bill are encouraged.

Treasurer's Report by Sue Woltman

Bill has had a chance to look at the reports and finds no issues.

Sue: Stated that she is not sure if a vote is necessary. Vote to approve the budget. Are there any questions? Hearing no question, Bill moves to approve the budget. Second by Jim Fleming. Hearing no opposition, motion carries to approve budget.

Balance sheet shows that we are very solid. All the CDs have been moved into savings except for three. We currently have more than \$65,000.00 savings. The other CDs mature in October. Net worth of \$147,000.00.

Regular budget reports: income and expense summary.

Sue said that we have \$63,000.00 in your checking account. People have voiced concern that we should not have a balance that great. Rob said that when we do start moving it, it will have to be in the checking account to move. Rob suggests we speak about this at our annual meeting. Chris says we should tell about our investment committee as an answer to these concerns.

Endowment/Investment Committee Progress presented by Rob Aikins and Chris Hook

Chris met with Bob Beedie and Fred Aikins three weeks ago. Chris is the chairperson to report. Jim Thomas is financial advisor. How much liquid cash do we want to keep on hand? How much would we need to combat milfoil infestation? They will have a proposal at the next meeting for how much to leave liquid. They will be working with Jim.

Endowments questions - What will happen with it? What is the point? Why do we need more money? Fair question to ask - Bill.

Rob Aikins: Because we all know that people want to have ulterior motives to create an empire, what is our vision beyond battling a possible milfoil infestation? Over a period of years, fighting milfoil infestations could amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Bill has researched actual numbers. Forest Lake is dash-harvesting, and it costs around \$15,000.00 for a day and a half. Divers go into the lake and pluck out the milfoil one at a time. Just one leaf can start a new patch of milfoil. Look at Minnesota lakes for examples.

We have half of our lake management plan: experts to write a plan. A large amount of money can go out there. Active management plan to protect the lake. One thing occurs to Bill....there is a way to leverage power of lakes in LOL area. Within last year Conover put one in...interest at Big Portage and Forest Lake. There may be a time where some invasive species comes into Black Oak which we can handle with involvement with other lakes. Protect our lake by helping others protect theirs. We may even want to endow scholarships. Spiny water fleas accumulate on fishing poles. Talk of having people wipe down their lines as they fish.

Lake Observations presented by Walt Bates

Walt has one thing... new directories are here. Walt is mailing out a lot of them. Two new owners, Bud and Lynn Chumbley, now own the Beers property. He is a retired OB-GYN doctor. They seem to be very knowledgeable about water. In March, Seth and Katie Williams bought the Loaders property. They are two young doctors with two young children. (They are in the directory.) Three days ago, Jerry Flemma sold his house to a middle aged couple, Chuck and Julie Croft, who have two young adult daughters. All the new owners are on S. Black Oak Lake Road.

We need someone on the board to write a welcome letter. Jim has a copy of a welcome letter from 2016. Bonnie said that there used to be a welcome packet for newcomers.

4. New Business

Boat Launch Ramp Issues by Bill

Bob Beedie called Bill a couple of weeks ago to let Bill know that some of the concrete slabs on the boat ramp are broken. (Bob helped redo the current boat ramp.) Bob suggested gravel to shore them up, so that the broken ones do not slip away from the boat ramp. Joe Simons of Simons Construction

gave an estimate for 3 tons of gravel at \$778.00. Someone has already put some gravel between shore and ramp. We are presuming it was the town who did that. There are 4-6 inch spaces between the slabs. Bob suggests we put gravel in between those slabs. Do we have someone at the Town Hall to contact? Luke put two boats in with an issue. Carl pointed it out. Bob is concerned about the ones that are deeper and broken. This fix is not an immediate need, but we need to contact someone in town. We need to be clear on who is responsible. Bob has permits for when they were fixed a while ago. Walt, do you know? Jointly owned by state, county and town. It is the county right away for Highway B. Twenty years ago, it was a disaster. We came to an agreement with the town to manage it. We spent \$10-\$12 thousand dollars for concrete slabs. BOLROA paid the \$12,500.00, and the town charged us for permits. We have to find the money to get it repaired. Lynn Bybee can usually direct people on who to talk to - says Stefan. Bill will call Lynn.

Barb will let everyone know how it is after she puts her boat in.

Luke says that whoever put the gravel in so far made it a lot easier.

5. Announcements

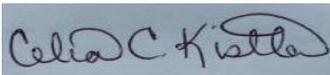
Date of Next BoD Meeting

Luke suggested to host the meetings at night during the week. Since we only meet a few times a year, we can have mid-afternoon meetings at least a couple of these times.

There will be one more BoD Meeting to organize before the annual meeting. It will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. After that meeting, our meetings will go "live and in person".

6. Adjournment

Presenting no additional items, motion to adjourn by Bill Foreman. Second by Jim Fleming. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.



06/11/21

Secretary

Date of approval
