
June 26, 2022

BOLPF Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

The BOLPF Board of Directors meeting held virtually via Zoom and in-person at Chris Hook's residence on June 26, 2022 was called to order at 5:04 pm CDT by Chris Hook.

Those in attendance:

Chris Hook	Bonnie Clarke	Sue Woltman	Celia Kistler
LauraLyn Duff	Meghan Woltman	Bill Foreman	<i>Quorum of 6 or more</i>

Approval of BOLPF Board of Directors Meeting from the meeting held on May 27, 2022:
Motion to approve the minutes by Lauralyn Duff. Seconded. Hearing no opposition, motion to approve carries.

2. Annual General Meeting

Sue: on set up for meeting. Picnic tables on 2nd floor of Snowflake are portable. Chris asked if they can be moved on Thursday?

Sue: 40 chairs to be moved on Thursday. Chairs from Fire Station can be gotten on Thursday.

Chris is going to call Walt for tables in his garage. Volunteers are needed to set up on Saturday morning. There is a skating event on Friday night at the Snowflake.

Question was asked: Is Mary Jo taking over membership for Sharon? Sharon is having surgery and Mary Jo is collecting money Celia and Sue before the General Meeting.

Last year, we had around 50 people at the meeting. Celia volunteered her husband, Rob, to help set up.

Sue will send the Treasurer's documents for copies to be at the annual meeting. Chris will have the agenda, treasurer's report and last year's minutes copied.

Bill reminds us to include the BOLROA song and a moment of silence for those who have passed.

Committee reports: Old business, new business? Investment committee will talk about Vanguard investments. Preemptive notice that our investment is not worth as much right now. Talk about long term.

3. New Business

Keith and Bill: Attending a 6-county meeting of lake associations in mid-July. Keith will be talking about our CBCW program. Wake surf boats will be discussed at this meeting. It is a controversial topic on many lakes. Presque Isle is trying to outlaw them on all their lakes.

Bill: There is grant money available for shoreline protection. Bonnie says that it is “tricky” to get it, and it takes like 4 years to get it. Bonnie had shoreline work done. Paton-Knaack had work done with a grant, but there were restrictions as to how many feet they can go up, etc. Akita Sheehan is the person to talk to. Black Oak is a “premiere lake” which is why we are required to get a permit to do anything. Bonnie will write up information to share on this subject. Bonnie is on top of hill, so her shoreline is definitely affected by this. Bill: Barb Annin has an interest in that.

Bonnie: Permit, rules and everything is online.

Bill: The road going in and out of beach needs to be redone. Multiple jurisdictions need to get involved. We should maybe begin by approaching the town. Chris says this is the same conversation as with the ramp itself. Chris suggested that if we asked our lake membership, some would be in favor of getting the road fixed and others would be against it. Those against it would suggest that fixing it would make it easier for people to get in to our lake. Bill then stated that the road as it is only creates a liability that could cause trouble. Bonnie states that the sand has been filled in, and Bill replied that it is because of the new culvert that was put in by the beach.

A. Membership and Non-Payment

Chris: Sharon is current membership chair. She may wish to be getting out of that job. She has been going through and doing an audit. Her concern is what we should do about members that are not paying their dues. What are they actually getting from their membership? Should there be an incentive or penalty? If they do not pay dues, should they be listed in directory? Should you pay additional for the picnic if you are not a paying member?

Bill: stated that penalizing non-members will not motivate them. He suggests that we put together some sort of package maybe with BOL merchandise letting them know why dues really matter. We are a premier lake because of the work of the foundation. Direct benefit in their pocketbook for their \$30 investment. Would you reconsider and this is why you should?

Once we finish the audit, we are going to test the data. Perhaps Chris should send something out as president to to ask for paying dues. In addition, you will be in the directory as a member. Not a member, you can still buy a directory for \$5.

Bonnie: There is an awareness issue. Some people are not “in the loop at all” and do not know.

Bill: We need to be careful not to single out anyone.

Chris: Last year, we went through the list of who made reservations for the picnic and did not go and did not pay. We asked them if they would you consider paying? Many did.

Sue: We could revisit posting a list in newsletter of those who have paid their dues. It can be in the form of a thank you letter. In months like December, we don't think of our dues. Some people just need to be reminded of whether or not they have paid.

Directory is a wonderful resource for those of us who do pay to see who is on the lake. Should there be a lake directory or foundation directory? A member price and non-member price would be a good idea says Lauralyn.

Bonnie says we need an incentive for paying dues. Chris suggests maybe a special auction item.

From a board perspective, we need to think if we should use the directory as a way to pay dues. The board is 100% committed to do an informative mailing as to why you should be paying your dues. Chris says that Sharon is not absolutely sure as to how accurate her data is.

Meghan stated that our system is deposits are recorded as events. Sue keeps track of all the deposits and everything is in the system that she uses. A retroactive list would be good to have a the table. Cindy Miller's son is doing the audit and Mike is helping because he did the audit the last time it was done.

B. Necessity for New President and Possible Amendment to By-Laws

Chris: How much have we emphasized succession planning? Look to non-members and people going through the nominating committee. How much do we consider getting people on the board who are willing to take roles on the board. We need a president. Treasurer next year. Maybe 2 people to replace Celia. Need to emphasize not just being on the board. You may have to take on a more significant role, so that we have succession planning.

Chris: It feels like between Bill and Jim, we went through 7 years where the president was either of them. Sue has been the Treasurer 3 years. The level of consistency is important.

Our BOLPF by-laws state that a person can be on board 4 years total. Then, you have to go off the board for 2 years before you can be on it again.

A vote of membership, might be to consider changing the rules for President. It is not helpful to the foundation with all this turnover. The treasurer is a job akin to the CBCW job. Sue asks if we can we bring it up an the annual meeting? Bill: can we do that, do not know the answer.

Chris: Has anyone been interested in becoming President? No. We have to pick a new president or amend the by-laws. Chris has not asked any of the new board members who are coming on. Lauralyn says that we should keep Chris on as President for the momentum. It would be valuable.

Bill: We could have a board meeting before the annual meeting and put this to all the members. Then, we can put it to the general members. Beforehand, we can get a better feel for if anyone will step up. Maintain continuity. Will they accept keeping Chris on while we shore up how these roles?

Chris: Rob has 2 more years. Rob is being replaced. We have 2 candidates who have 3 more years.

Bill: Chris will be around to help the new president.

Chris is willing to do another year. The treasurer position will be a huge one to find a replacement for next year.

Meet as a board before the general meeting will be difficult on Saturday.

Chris: As we go into the nominating process, look as people are moving off the board. When you become a new member, please consider more of a role!

Meghan: we can bring a motion to the initial issue of Chris staying on. Two 2-year terms can be an amendment to by-laws. Addend to create amendment that when a president is nominated in the 3rd year of 4-year board term there is an automatic extension to a fifth year. Bill's concern is that the rest of board is not here although theoretically, we can do that with a quorum. We can take what Meghan's idea and get additional opinions. If Board is in agreement, bring it to a vote on Saturday.

Must be careful of our 501 (c) (3) designation. A vote by mail can be done.

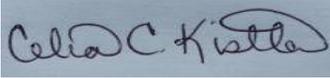
Chris will draft a motion and send around as draft. We would need a second it.

C. Date and Time of Next BoD Meeting

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held on July 2, 2022 directly after the Annual General Meeting.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:06 pm by Bill. Second by Lauralyn. Adjourn with no opposition.



06/30/22

Secretary

Date of approval

President:	CHRIS HOOK	Exp 2022
V-Pres:	BONNIE CLARKE	Exp 2023
Treasurer:	SUE WOLTMAN	Exp 2023
Recording and Corresponding Secretary:	CELIA KISTLER	Exp 2022*
Past President:	BILL FOREMAN	N/A
Board Member:	ROB AIKINS	Exp 2022*
Board Member:	STEFAN ANDERSON	Exp 2022*
Board Member:	BARBARA ANNIN	Exp 2022
Board Member:	DONNA BARBER	Exp 2023
Board Member:	LAURALYN DUFF	Exp 2023*
Board Member:	MEGHAN WOLTMAN	Exp 2023*

* Then eligible for two more years on the BoD. All changes occur at the June/July annual meeting.