
July 2, 2022

BOLPF Annual General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

Meeting held at The Snowflake in downtown Land O' Lakes. Called to order by Chris Hook at 10:12 am. Welcome everyone.

Chris Hook, Bonnie Clarke, Celia Kistler, Barbara Annin, Rob Aikins, Sue Woltman, Lauralyn (Duff) Hogan, Meghan Clune Woltman, Stefan Anderson, Donna Barber, Bill Foreman, plus a quorum of more than 25 others.

A moment of silence was observed for those who passed away: Nels Anderson

The "BOLROA" song was sung by all.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to pass the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting is presented by Chris Hook. It is seconded by Rob Kistler. Hearing no opposition, the motion to approve the minutes is carried.

3. Treasurer's Report by Sue Woltman

BOLPF is in very good financial position. Thank you for your donations. Everything is in the report. Any questions, ask Sue. BOLPF has over \$151,000.00 in total assets. Federal tax paid on payroll for CBCW employees.

4. Committee and Other Reports (as Committee Chairs deem necessary)

A. Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) by Keith Montgomery

B. AIS by Keith Montgomery

BOLPF received a programmatic award for our CBCW program.

Keith took over for Bill Foreman as the CBCW coordinator. (Thank you, Bill, for the last five years of service.) Bill had made a few tweaks to the position which helped Keith. Keith has committed to five years as the CBCW coordinator. The first thing he had to do was attend an awards banquet. There were three awards given out at the banquet - public engagement, building partnerships, and a programmatic award for lake healthiness. Black Oak is a gem of a lake due to what was laid down in the 70's. Inspectors will work to keep it like it is. There has been tremendous goodwill toward Black Oak Lake from this program. The rate of pay for the inspectors is \$15/hour with Carl Hessel getting \$16/hour. It is hard to fill positions yet it ensures a core of inspectors for 91 hours per week not covering 5-7 am. (Milfoil can survive for 7 days.) Other lakes are in awe of what we do to protect Black

Oak Lake. The program lost one inspector due to medical issues. We recruit locally. Keith filled in some shifts. Keith makes the commitment because he appreciates the lake. There is nothing like Black Oak Lake both aesthetically and ecologically.

Keith will be sending an email to ask for volunteers for a once a month 4-hour shift. We all have self interest in keeping AIS out of the lake. It helps strengthen our property values. Not having AIS in our lake is worth 13% in our property values. (Bill adds that anyone who is interested in helping can find all classes online and FREE. The website is run by Vilas County Lake Conservation Specialist, Cathy Higley.) The job entails politely asking people to see their boats and other things going into the lake. Contact and get a hold of the DNR if you find something. Inspectors are our main line of defense. Take a look at our financial report, and you will realize that it is far less expensive to pay for the prevention of Eurasian Milfoil than it would be to pay for only 3 days of harvesting at a cost of \$30,000.00. Chris mentioned that 91 hours is far more than any other lakes have covered by inspectors. The \$150,000 shown on our balance sheet is not going to go very far if we have to fund a fight against AIS. Forest Lake is going to run out of money to fund their fight against AIS. An other lake was bragging about having a fund of only \$10,000.00.

Bonnie suggests that we all keep an eye on our part of the lake. Know what Eurasian Milfoil and other Aquatic Invasive Species look like.

C. *Lake Monitors by Cindy Miller*

Cindy wants Chris to mention that she can use more volunteers. Please be a part of that and give Cindy a call.

D. *Investment by Chris Hook and Rob Aikins*

BOLPF opened a Vanguard mutual fund account. We are beating the market. The original \$100,000.00 is down to \$90,000.00. This is a long-term investment of money we do not currently need. Let's earn money! No one plays the market perfectly. Do these investments make money? Yes, they do. There are quarterly statements. It is shown in the treasurer's report as an income line item.

E. *Grants by Barbara Annin*

BOLPF receives \$8,000.00 a year. Barbara is leaving the board and will be turning over the grant process. Please contact any member of the board to volunteer for the grant process.

F. *Membership by Sharon Basten*

This is a major piece of the lake organization. We are attempting to do an audit and will probably be reaching out to match records. If you are part of a large family, all family members need to pay dues. Paying those dues to BOLPF does help to increase property values. A member does not have to own lake property.

G. Picnic by Sharon Basten

The picnic will be held on July 30th at 5 pm on the Culver property. It will be catered by Forest Lake Country Store for \$20 per person. \$12 for children age 10 and under. Children age 5 and under are free.

H. Auction by Mary Jo Zane

Go to the auction and bid! We are overwhelmed by the generosity of others. It is nice to see how everyone pulls together to donate. Now, we need you to attend the picnic and place bids. Mary Jo has seen a lot of people at the picnic whom she had never met. Come to the picnic and get to know us all. We have a ring to bid on that is appraised at \$3,450.00. Kathy will be happy to show it to you. Thank you, Walt, for emailing about the auction items. Kay Fleming helps Mary Jo and states that cash donations are tax-deductible. Kathy will be helping to compose a letter to ask for donations. We have expanded outside of Land O' Lakes to solicit for donations. Vilas Cinema has contributed 23 movie tickets. Chris states that Sharon will be looking for volunteers to serve food at the picnic and volunteers should contact Sharon directly.

I. Lake Events/Website/Lake Courtesy by Walt Bates

The boat parade trophies are always a fun thing. All you need is flag on your boat to participate. The parade begins at 4 pm at the public beach. We now have a 75 and 50 year pin plan. AIS is shown in directory. Other things commonly found in the lake are also shown in the directory. Chris reminds us that the property formerly owned by Conserve School is not called Culver. Culver has continued participation in community events. There are events hosted by Culver this summer which will cause them to suspend the privilege of walking around the lake. Signs will be posted. The privilege of biking/walking around the lake is "HUGE", so please follow the rules. There is a pontoon party tonight at 5 pm in Barber's Bay. The town fireworks can be seen from the middle of our lake. Please be careful as there are many boats who watch from middle of lake. ,

Courtesy: The big wake boats are being more cognizant of their wakes which cause erosion. We no longer need an observer for a water skier. A mirror is good enough. For all others, all you need is life jackets and a competent observer. Golden Retrievers do not count as a person. Be aware that flood lights carry right into bedrooms. As of the summer of 2010, there is 100 foot buffer around natural shorelines. The buffer for personal watercraft is 200 feet. Remember that once you let off the thrust on a jet ski, there is no steering power. The distance from the north edge of the island to Eric Becker's property is only 90 feet. Therefore, you cannot go through there unless you are idle. Bonnie asked about a sign for buffers at beach.

Website: There is a new directory published every 3rd year. The directory on the website is always up to date. You can change it personally. or send changes to Walt. Chris mentions how the website has an incredible amount of information. We should all spend time there. As for lake courtesy, everybody here does not like what somebody does. Be courteous to everyone you see out there. Let's talk to each other about issues. Please do not come to the board.

J. Fundraising by Sara Beedie and Elizabeth Eaton

There is another way to spend money says Sara Beedie. They have fun new cutting boards, cards, hats place mats. There is a new design of t-shirt. Will have these items for sale at the picnic. We do not double the price over cost. We just mark it up a little over cost. Sara and Elizabeth will deliver. Progressive dinner: Possibly at the end of August. Survey of how many would host? How many would bring something? It is a fundraiser. At the end of August, will have French guests.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Mary Jo for nominating committee. There are three members whose terms on the Board of Directors expire. The replacement nominees are: Dave Paton, Keith Montgomery and Nancy Hill-Travis. Are there any other nominations? Motion to bring the new board members on. Seconded. Hearing no opposition, we welcome our three new board members. Celia Kistler and Rob Aikins are finishing a two-year term and are eligible to serve another two years. Motion is seconded. Hearing no opposition, we have a new board!

Cindy Hook and Pat Morris – welcome to BOL retirees club.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:03 am. Seconded by Rob Kistler. Meeting adjourned. Please stay to help clean up.

Celia C. Kistler

12/5/22

Secretary

Date of approval
