
May 27, 2023

BOLPF Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

The BOLPF Board of Directors meeting held virtually via Zoom and in place at Bonnie's home on May 27, 2023 was called to order at 9:05 am by Bonnie Clarke.

Those in attendance: Bonnie Clarke, Dave Paton, Sue Woltman, Celia Kistler, Chris Hook, Rob Aikins, Keith Montgomery, Nancy Hill Travis, Lauralynn Duff, and Meghan Woltman. Quorum was established. Walt Bates and Mark Hoffman were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of BOLPF Board of Directors minutes from meeting held on August 22, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes by Dave Paton and was seconded by Nancy Hill-Travis. No amendments were suggested. Hearing no opposition, motion to approve carries.

3. Treasurer's Report by Sue Woltman

A copy of the proposed budget compared to last year was sent out for review. The budget in the newsletter for 2023 was updated a few days ago. The balance sheet is \$146,000 plus, comparable to the last few years. Vanguard investment is going up. Are there any questions? Motion to approve the proposed budget by Meghan Woltman was seconded by Rob Aikins and approved.

Because BOLPF is a 501c3 foundation, we cannot make over \$50,000.00 per year without income tax consequences. Right now, our income tax filing with the IRS takes about 2 minutes and is done via an e-postcard. For 2 of the last 3 years, BOLPF has earned over \$50,000.00. This means we will have to do a much more extensive income tax filing with the IRS this year. Should we try to keep trying not to earn over \$50,000.00? Sue checked with Shelly Sparks who does our payroll. She will complete our income tax filing for \$450.00. Should we let someone do our income tax filing? There will be no tax due because we are a 501c3 foundation. BOLPF would just be in the next bracket with having to file a more detailed report.

Dave asked what is core to the organization? Sue answers that it is stated on our website.

Perhaps someone else on the board will be able to prepare our tax return like maybe the new treasurer. Shelley Sparks is definitely able to prepare our tax return. At least, we have a backup person to prepare our taxes. The Board is fine with it all.

4. Committee and Other Reports

(as Committee Chairs deem necessary)

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

We received the first installment of our \$4,000 CBCW grant.

Opening day weekend, Saturday, May 6, did not happen due to ice. Inspections began on Monday because the forecast was for a quick warming and ice-out. Keith did not want to mess with the inspectors re- re-opening day of inspections. It turned out to be the right call.

No data to report yet – that gets collected every 2-3 weeks for inputting to the DNR.

Keith hired a new inspector through a Facebook posting – Scott Topp – he is CBCW certified. He lives year-round on Big Portage. I hired a new inspector because Karl is working less hours due to a permanent part-time job he now has in Eagle River. Mike Barber and Dennis were missing due to health concerns (Mike is back once a week). We needed the coverage. Scott covers 4 hours on both Wednesdays and Thursdays. Karl is getting paid an extra hour, so that he can do more scheduling at home.

To facilitate collection of DNR data sheets and hard-copy timesheets, Keith proposes to construct a drop box that would be placed on the back of the bulletin board.

Keith gained a heightened appreciation of our vulnerability to invasives and wakeboarding from an ad in LOL Summer Guide and when he visited Big Portage Lake. Keith suggests we post signs similar to what there is at the entrance to the landing at Big portage at both entrances to our landing. Big Portage lake association paid for their own sign. They did not ask for permission to post it. Bonnie notes the advantage of Keith going to all these various meetings. We become aware of what other lakes do. Nancy notes that people are cruising in too fast to read signs and suggest we post them in places most visible.

Keith made laminated copies of the wake boat map and gave laminated copies to the inspectors for them to show to visiting boats. He posted a copy up on the bulletin board. The tree that got in the way of backing up to the ramp has been removed. Can we get business sponsors for landing work?

We are going to inform visiting wake boat owners. Notify PWC owners of the recommended areas to run because our bays and channels are too narrow. Walt also posted this information in the new directory. Chris thinks this is different from what we had agreed upon before. The version in the directory is different. PWC cannot make it past the island because of the 200 foot limit. From a skiing perspective, they will not follow the rules.

It might be useful to meet with representatives from Big Portage and Forest lakes (perhaps other lakes as well) to discuss common issues and concerns re: boats, tourist rental houses, invasives, etc.

There is a fishing guide service advertising Black Oak Lake.

There has been no real shift in ice out. Ice out water level is a bit higher than before. It is 4 feet higher than 10 years ago.

B. Membership by Dave Paton

Members can pay dues online now. We will hear from Kristen to see if it works. Then, it will be made available to the rest of the lake. Thanks to Sue for her help to get it running. \$540.00 YTD paid before the season. Meghan asked if we can have the Apple online accounting system connect to Stripe. She highly recommends this, so that our system automatically tracks the contributions. It should be a matter of simply connecting the accounts.

C. By-Laws by Chris Hook

The changes were spelled out in the spring newsletter. It will be vote at the annual meeting or by email. Open to questions: Has Bonnie received any backlash via the newsletter? Lauralyn asked how many need to vote. Chris stated that we need a simple majority when we vote at our meeting. We might not get the vote we need, so it will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

Sue can be treasurer for another year.

D. Nominating by Jessica Braun

Three new members will be nominated: Mark Hoffman, Dan Morrison, Jack Barnum.

E. Directory by Walt Bates

Water levels are on our website. We are back in high water. Directories just came out. \$3 each. It is a loss for BOLPF, but we have decided it is worth it. Pick up anytime.

There was a tragedy on the lake. Mike Steiner (Judy Nagel's husband) died from hypothermia in the lake. If you wish to reach out to the family, please text the number in the directory for Judy. Marilyn Nagel is taking it very hard as well. There is also Dan and Karen Nagel. There will be no lakeside email regarding this tragedy. It should be authored by a loved one. Please respect the family by not spreading this information at this time.

Rob asked if we should send a sympathy card. Karen Sauer is Judy's sister. We will send it to Marilyn's attention.

We will decide what to do for the annual meeting.

Bonnie says that we should all know how to find coordinates on the lake.

Rob asked Chris about our balances in checking and savings. Money markets are paying more. Do we want to keep our funds liquid? Chris will ask Jim what rates are available. They are about 5.25% currently vs. only .25% in a checking account. Chris will bring it up at the next Finance Committee meeting.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

The Progressive Dinner will be held on June 28th. Contact person is Elizabeth Eaton.

A. Picnic by Sharon Basten

No update yet.

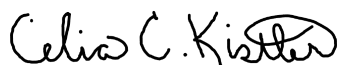
B. Education and Engagement by Keith Montgomery

C. Date and Time of Next BoD Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on July 1, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Snowflake in Land O' Lakes. There will be a short board meeting to go over preparation for the annual meeting on June 24th at 9:00 am. We will decide the date and time of our next Board meeting at a later date via group email along with discussing some of these topics by the board.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chris Hook. Seconded by Nancy Travis. Hearing no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 am.



June 23, 2023

Secretary

Date of approval
