
July 01, 2023

BOLPF Annual Members Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was held at The Snowflake in downtown Land O' Lakes. It was called to order by Bonnie at 10:16 am. Welcome everyone.

Bonnie Clarke, Dave Paton, Sue Woltman, Celia Kistler, Chris Hook, Keith Montgomery, and Meghan Woltman. There was a quorum of more than 25 others in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed for those who passed away: Mike Steiner and Margaret Baack.

The "BOLROA" song was sung by all.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to pass the minutes from the 2022 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

Thanks to everyone, we are in very nice financial shape. The checking, savings, and investment accounts are higher today than represented on the balance sheet. We have over \$140,000. Are there any questions? With there being no questions posed, a motion to approve the report was presented by Bob Barnum. Second by John. Hearing no opposition, the motion to approve the report is carried.

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

Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) by Keith Montgomery

Keith spends the money. There is a \$4,000 grant with a \$1,000 advance. The season did not start until a Monday. It has been a busy season so far. Keith is still entering data for June. The inspectors interact with approximately 60 people daily. This includes boats from many other lakes, and many of these lakes have AIS. They work 13 hours per day. Our lake has rusty crayfish from the days when people used it as bait. They do not overrun our ecology. The mystery snail is a new invader. It is found pretty much everywhere. They grow to an inch in size. They are green and briny with a black ridge. So far, it is not known what it does to ecology. You also might interact with native rams horn snails. Otters feast on the snails. In August and later,

you will find them along shorelines.

AIS by Keith Montgomery

Thanks to Cindy Miller for lake monitors. We spent 6 hours in the fall traveling around the lake with Susan Knight looking for AIS. That was our last clean bill of health.

The quality of water depends on how we interact with our lake. Shallow lakes become overloaded with AIS. The main body of BOL is deep. We have done a good job of taking care of our shoreline. We meet high standards. Changes in the water levels account for any fluctuations. The lake monitors collect data and water samples from the deep hole in the lake which are sent to the DNR.

What can we do to save the quality of the lake? You can bury downspouts and make an assessment of your own property.

Oneida and Vilas are celebrating the night sky on the 13th. Please post pictures on the Facebook page.

Wake boats: There is a typical spirit of cooperation with the wake boats on the lake (Lommen, Hook, Travis, Natali and Keith). Zoning of the lake is: wake surfing and boarding operate 600 feet from shore. Shallow depths can impact the bottom sediments of 20 feet or less. There is a $\frac{2}{3}$ mile long track available. They also agreed with the 600 foot line of travel on a plane. . Also agreed within the 600 foot line travel on a plane. 600 feet still does damage the shoreline.

Jim Thomas says there are still giant waves. Traveling from the east to the west in the middle of the lake does help.

Chris Hook stated that they do try to go from east to west sometimes going from north to south doing the best they can.:

Suzie feels that her shoreline is really getting bashed. She wishes the path would be changed more often.

Chris stated that they have to pick a direction based on number of boats, wind direction, etc. If you have things going on, he is happy to accommodate.

Suzie asked, "Have you been out with more than one boat?" Chris replied that they try to go on one boat if possible.

Wake surfing does have an impact, but it is not the only impact out there. Chris is very conscious about what he is doing. Sally says they disturb the bottom of the lake.

Sally shares her experience: She never goes out on the lake when other boats are out. One day

she was out on the lake and realized there was a wave boat out. She went to land the boat in her shore station and could not get it into the station fast enough. As she was trying to hold the boat, she thought either the station or the boat were going to be damaged.

Kathy Gelb states that Chris is always good about watching out.

Chris shares that it is a good marker to turn around by Dirk's. Chris agreed that he and the other boat owners will continue to be conscientious and travel at surfing speed only when someone is actually surfing.

There has been an active discussion going on Facebook. Maybe there could be a chat set up on the website? Chris is happy to take riders out in his boat to see, but the danger is they might become addicted to wake surfing.

There is a version of the preferred lake zoning on the bulletin board at the public landing. Inspectors also have a laminated copy to show boaters. The west channel is too narrow for PWC (personal watercraft).

Dave mentions that Kevin, his brother-in-law, knows of a grant program for shoreline restoration with Vilas County. There is rock available to build up helping with erosion. Bonnie will send out information in an email.

The lake water level is up a lot. We are trying to save our hills. Everyone needs to be a monitor of their own property.

5. Investment by Chris Hook

One and ½ years ago we were thinking about how to invest. A money management committee does exist: Bob, Fred, Chris and Jim Thomas. At the end of March, the investment account was valued at \$93,500 or so.

6. Membership by Sharon Basten

Thanks to due diligence. Everyone is keeping up with their dues. We encourage family members to pay their dues. Added children have their names listed in the directory. Dollars for hours are encouraged.

7. Picnic by Sharon Basten

The picnic will be held on July 29th at 5 pm on the Lowenwood property. Who has eaten at Wild turkey? Blaze will need a final count before the picnic. The cost will be \$20 per person. \$13 for children age 10 and under. Children age 5 and under are free. Auction begins at 5pm. We will need volunteers to serve.

Dave states that you can now pay dues online. There is a big orange donate button. Sign in on the website and pay your dues online. We are currently working toward being able to pay for the picnic online.

Chris states that a good reason to pay dues online is that when you login and pay, the accounting software will mark you as paid.

8. Auction by Kathy Kelly

Barb and Kathy co-chair the auction committee. There was an Introduction of Kathy and Barb. Kathy thanked those who have already donated auction items so far. They are very busy gathering items.

Items contributed so far include the infamous Black Oak dinners prepared by Ray Arpke and Jeff Thomas.

Mary Jo is making another BOL pillow. Stefan Anderson is donating a BOL paddle. Kay a BOL sign. Sue Schurch is putting together some hand painted items.

There will be some new "State" baskets. BOL keychains will be new this year. There are BOL golf balls, items for kids from Sharon, items from local establishments such as fun things to do with family and visitors. One donated item is E-bikes to Manitowish Waters for a bite to eat.

Mark Haynes has donated his fishing guide service.

The committee is always looking for donors. Cash donations allow them to put together the baskets for you.

Bid against fellow neighbors. There will be numbers assigned to families with letters for members (ie. 10a and 10b), so that no one is responsible for the other person's bidding. Internet bidding would be great if anyone can help with it.

Kay and Jim Fleming ask that Jim and Mary Thomas come up to the front of the room. Jim Fleming thanks Ray, Darcy and Thomas'. 25% of BOLPF annual budget is provided by the auction. The biggest income generating items are the dinners. Thomas' have been hosting for years. Food is great. Wine is always good. Good educational experience. Jeff prepares the dinner. Suzie is donating the wine. Moroccan food. (BOL paddles are presented as thanks)

Kathy and Barb suggest looking at the website for posting of auction items. Suzie reminds us to bring cash for the raffles.

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

The boat parade will be held at 4 pm to start at the public beach. We have many little kids on

the lake. There are 5 judges.

The new directories are out. We now have a centerfold with 121 properties. There is soon going to be more splitting up of properties. There are 134 homes on the properties. In February, there are only 15 that are occupied.

New website capabilities: All contact information requires a password. Walt will send an email to change it.

We currently have permission to walk around the lake granted by Mike Saad. This permission is very valuable. Lowenwood is sometimes shut down due to visitors and college kids. The first shut down will be the 13th - 20th of July.

We have a new supply of 50 year pins. There are 25 - 75 year pins and 150 - 25 year pins that have been given out so far.

10. Clothing Fundraiser by Sara Beedie and Elizabeth Eaton

Many new items available. Clothing order after picnic. Pay upon delivery.

11. By-Laws Review/Vote

Change 1: All board members must be current on their membership dues. It has been 12 years or so since the bylaws were created. It was discovered that some board members were not current on dues.

Change 2: Committee Changes. The position of development director had never been fulfilled. That will be combined with the membership. Sharon and Dave have now formalized it. We now have an investment committee.

Change 3: There will be a potential 5th year for officers to afford continuity. Past presidents will be released from their position in 2 years. We have been having trouble filling officer positions. Currently, officers can hold 2 - 2-year terms. This change would be adding an allowance for a 5th year for officers.

A motion to pass the changes to the by-laws is presented by Kathy. It is seconded by Kay. Hearing no opposition, the motion to update the by-laws is carried.

Barbara Annin nominates Jack Barnum, Morgan Fleming and Mark Hoffman as board members. Dirk has no more nominations.

12. New Business

Jeany asked if we could introduce the board to the new people on our lake. New residents are: Brian and Michelle Fink (Lloyd, Knaak, Paton), Chuck and Julie Croft (bought property from Jerry Flemma) and Dave Becker (whose father passed away recently).

The progressive dinner raised \$1,800.00 for BOLPF.

Nominating Committee and New Board Vote

Mary Jo for the nominating committee: Bonnie Clarke, Sue Woltman, Donna Barber, Lauralyn Duff terms expire in 2023.

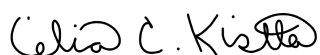
Proposed replacements: Mark Hoffman, Jack Barnum, Morgan Fleming

Meghan Woltman's term expires in 2023; She is eligible for another 2 year term.

There are three members whose terms on the Board of Directors expire. The replacement nominees are: Mark Hoffman, Jack Barnum, and Morgan Fleming. Are there any other nominations? Motion to bring the new board members on. Seconded. Hearing no opposition, we welcome our three new board members!

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:03 am by Jim Thomas was seconded by John Clarke. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. Please stay to help clean up.



March 10, 2024

Secretary

Date of approval
