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# June 1, 2024

## BOLPF Board Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Call to order

The BOLPF Board of Directors meeting held via Zoom was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by Bonnie Clarke, President.

Those in attendance: Bonnie Clarke, Dave Paton, Celia Kistler, Chris Hook, Keith Montgomery, Meghan Woltman, Mark Hoffman, Jack Barnum and Morgan Fleming for a quorum. Also attending was Walt Bates.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of BOLPF Board of Directors minutes from a meeting held at Lowenwood prior to the BOLPF picnic on July 29, 2023. It was a basic meeting to fill our quota of mandatory meetings to be held each year. We reviewed emails. Motion to approve by Dave Paton. Second by Morgan. Hearing no opposition, motion to approve carries.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### A. Treasurer's Report by Dave Paton

Dave said that the most recent report was included in the Black Oak Lake spring newsletter. We currently utilize Aplos and Stripe for online bill pay. Dave reports to Celia and Sharon with what has been paid. Acknowledging all donations and dues received. Dave is getting accustomed to and acquainted with his job as treasurer.

2023 was a good year for the Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation. In terms of overall income, compared to 2022 we were down in 2023 as were expenses. Recently, year-to-year results have offered some big variances as the pandemic had impacts that are still being felt though not as dramatically.

What really saved the 2023 income line were some sums that came in both from members and the state grant from WI that we receive every year. As you can see in the attached exhibit, annual dues continue to be very important to the Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation. The incredible generosity of a few members served to close the income gap and your BOLPF board is very grateful to those special members.

There are lots of ways to help BOLPF continue in its goals of: Protect Black Oak Lake

waters and shoreline for recreation. Protect and enhance the Black Oak Lake environment  
Manage natural fish and wildlife habitats. Work to initiate and keep protective zoning  
ordinances consistent with private property rights. Promote safety.

The easiest is that members be diligent in their dues. That has been a successful  
endeavor and with the recently installed online bill-pay that has made payments to  
BOLPF, whether they be dues, memorials, or other special giving in recognition of the  
beauty of Black Oak Lake, easier.

One facet of giving we haven't spent a lot of time talking about are planned gifts. The  
Board of the Black Oak Lake Preservation Foundation asks a favor of you to please  
consider BOLPF in your estate planning. If there is any constant to what we say and hear  
about our beloved lake is the abundance of memories and giving to BOLPF ensures those  
memories will continue well into the future.

The IRS has made many changes to IRA's and other retirement accounts in recent years.  
One way to give was made permanent a few years back – the qualified charitable  
distribution. This refers to the sum that IRA owners are required to take once a certain age  
has been reached, also known as the required minimum distribution (RMD). The qualified  
charitable distribution allows IRA owners to designate that some or all of their required  
minimum distribution be distributed directly to the charity of their choice. The decision to  
take advantage of the qualified charitable distribution means that the owner's annual RMD  
will be met, the owner won't be taxed on it (by the same token, it cannot be taken as a  
deduction like a taxable gift might) and your favorite charity/ 501C3, the Black Oak Lake  
Preservation Foundation, will get the money and NOT the IRS!

It's a real option so please consult with appropriate tax counsel for details.

Thank you all for your attention to the BOLPF annual dues and we'll look forward to seeing you  
on the lake!

Celia motioned to approve the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Mark. The Treasurer's  
Report is approved.

### *B. Clean Boats Clean Water by Keith*

There isn't anything new to report. There is a detailed report in the newsletter. There were a  
couple of shifts that were not covered last week. Carl missed the emails letting him know that  
one of the inspectors could not work their shifts. This is the first time we have ever had any  
shifts go uncovered.

### C. Bylaw Changes

There was a discussion of the membership committee. We need to approve the changes to the membership committee. Everyone received a copy of the bylaw changes. The vice-president is to assist. (Mark Hoffman)

We will not have a “Development Membership Committee” of which Mark is the chair with 3 : Mark is now chair. VP is the chair with 3 standing members in the committee. Bonnie suggested Nancy Travis and Mark will reach out to Nancy. Mark stated that he would love to have Nancy and that he appreciates Sharon and all who have gone before on the Membership Committee.

Morgan would be willing to join the committee. Dave suggests reaching out to all the 30-something old lake lovers. Officers must be in “good standing”.

The position of Development Director is eliminated.

### D. Investment Committee

The Investment Committee has to have a board member. Chris will no longer be on the board. Fred Aikins and Bob Beedie are currently on the committee. Ideally, we need someone who has been on the board for a while. If no one steps forward, Dave said that he will fill in. He is an investment advisor. Bonnie says that he should be “off the hook” with all he does so far. Mark suggests Rob Aikins. Rob might be able to be on the committee instead of Fred, but not with Fred. Dave said that Jack Barnum admitted interest. He will have been on the board for a while. Dave said he can talk to Jack and mentor him.

(Meghan joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.)

### E. Vote on bylaw changes

The Nominating Committee needs 2 more people. Mary Thomas and Dan Zane have agreed to be elected. Look up the board on the BOL website to see members who have one last year left indicated by an asterisk.

Dave motions to approve the bylaw changes. Second by Meghan. Changes to bylaws have been approved.

#### 4. Old Business

Jack brought up the culvert at the public beach. It will not be an easy fix. It needs to be open for the flow of more water out of the lake. They Black Oak and George Lake are both at the same level. Outflow from George Lake becomes an issue if they are at the same level. The culvert is clogged under the new driveway. Morgan talked with Jack who was going to talk to .

Walt: DNR calls Black Oak Lake a “seepage lake” with no inflow or outflow. George Lake is 10 acres and a small piece of the puzzle. Highway B was established in the early 60s. Highway B used to go through where they now park boats. It has been only more modernly divided. That is when they said BOL was a seepage lake. George drains into the Wisconsin River eventually.

#### 5. New Business

There are concerns about the picnic auction. The Auction Committee is struggling to get involvement from people. They are going to purchase gift cards locally instead of asking for donations from local businesses. Kathy needs to unload some of the responsibility.

The picnic is July 27th. Tom Everett is catering this year. The Progressive dinner is Wednesday, June 26th.

Date and time of next BOARD meeting: June 29th, following the 10 AM BOLPF Annual Meeting at the Snowflake.

Will will have a microphone to use. Helpers meet at 9 a.m. to gather chairs and set up. We do not have access to town hall chairs. Ely Memorial has chairs.

Bonnie asked Morgan to work on soliciting help for the auction.

There will be an email sent about arriving early to the meeting to pay dues, or pay your dues after the meeting. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. Maybe we should issue a sheet on how to pay dues online. Walt will publicize the procedure to pay online. Dave has a link to show what is coming via Stripe. Sara and Elizabeth are involved with the BOL items they sell online.

Bonnie asked Meghan if she is available to help? Meghan will not be up there on the 29th. Meghan will ask Kathy Kelly how she can help with the auction. Buy gift certificates for local businesses and donate them to help the local businesses.

Walt stated that Mike Saad was the “voice” of Conserve School which is now **Lowenwood** property. Mike retired at the end of 2023. The Head of Lowenwood is Penny Hargraves. We are not supposed to get out of your car for liability purposes on the Lowenwood property. We had a Quid Quo Pro deal worked out with Conserve School something like “if you can get me permission on the private property, Conserve School gives us permission to walk all around the lake”. It is no longer Conserve School, but they just continue to let us go around the lake.

The Lowenwood name comes from Nick Mandele Lowenstein and Russ Woodhall.

Morgan suggested an evening of BOL history with Walt as an auction item. Walt said this was okay with him.

The name of Black Oak Lake: Black Oak trees may have once been up here, but there are no longer any Black Oak trees.

## 5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Meghan. Second by Dave Paton. Hearing no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Celia C. Kistler

06/28/24

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Secretary

Date of approval

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