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# August 31, 2024

## BOLPF Board Meeting Minutes

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### 1. Call to order

The BOLPF Board of Directors meeting was held in person at the Hoffman Cottage by those able to attend and via Zoom by those unable to attend in person on August 31, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Keith Montgomery.

Those in attendance: Keith Montgomery, Mark Hoffman, Dave Paton, Bonnie Clarke, Mary Thomas, Dan Zane, Nancy Hill Travis, Morgan Fleming, Jack Barnum, and Meghan Woltman. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance: Walt Bates, Sharon Basten, and Kathy Surpless Kelly.

(Notes at the meeting were taken by Mark Hoffman, Vice President. Official Minutes were composed and approved by Celia Kistler, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.)

### 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion for approval of BOLPF Board of Directors minutes from meeting held on July 27, 2024 was set forth by Mark Hoffman, seconded by Jack Barnum. No amendments were suggested. Hearing no opposition, motion to approve carries.

### 3. President's Report by Keith Montgomery

#### a) Picnic by Sharon Basten and Auction by Kathy Surpless Kelly

Sharon gave a report on the BOLPF Picnic. We had 109 paid attendees. Tom Evert would be willing to do it again next year. Sharon suggested 8/2/2025 for next year's picnic. After some discussion, Sharon will be contacting Lowenwood and Tom Evert to see if 7/26/2025 or 7/19/2025 might also be available.

Kathy spoke about the Auction. Checks are still coming in. The same people participate year after year and there was discussion on how to get new young people involved. She recommended that we also need a way to pay for auction purchases online. There was some discussion about hiring a professional auction company (similar to this year's LOLA fundraiser) which could include a live auction and increased revenue. She recommended that the Board of Directors have a Fundraising arm.

### b) Membership

Sharon spoke regarding Membership. Spreadsheets are being updated. Mark will cross-reference the updated spreadsheet with the directory and send out friendly email reminders to pay your dues. Nancy had a dues check to deposit from a member. Keith will print out copies of the Fall Newsletter and distribute them to non-members on the lake with a cover letter on the benefits of joining BOLPF.

## 4. Treasurer's Report

Dave presented the year-end Treasurer's Report. We are doing okay but not as good as in the recent past. Our gains on investments have offset losses in other areas. Nancy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Jack and approved without opposition.

## 5. Foundation; Board and Officers Insurance Renewal

Keith presented our annual Insurance Statement. Monty Hunt is our Liability and Workers Comp Insurance Agent. Our premium continues to go up a little year after year and is currently \$2758/year. Nancy moved to accept the Insurance Report and was seconded by Morgan.

## 6. Investment Committee

Jack spoke on for the Finance Committee. The committee is looking into changes and will have a recommendation in the next couple of months.

## 7. New Business

### a) Nominating Committee Members

Kathy Gelb has filled the vacancy on our Nominating Committee. Other members of the nominating committee include Barbara Annin (exp 2025) and Sue Woltman (exp 2026).

### b) New Avenues for Fundraising

Volunteers for the Fundraising Committee are Nancy, Jack, Morgan, Meghan and Keith.

Fundraising suggestions included a Pickle-ball Tournament. We can invite corporate donors to the auction.

#### i. Advertising

There can be a QR code on the lake sign at the beach. CBCW Inspectors can hand out QR code business cards linking the QR code to a donations page, etc. Currently the website "Donate Here" link takes you to the login page first. We need a donations page for BOLPF nonmembers ("Friends of Black Oak Lake").

ii. Legacy Giving

Keith recommended that we continue to educate our members on Planned Giving.

c) CBCW Report

i. BOL

Keith mentioned that our Clean Boats Clean Water program is going well. There was an incident where an early morning fisherman put in at the public beach with Eurasian mil-foil on his trailer before our inspector arrived for the day.

It was recommended that members visit lakes with a mil-foil invasion to see how devastating it can be. Most of our members do not realize how good we have it. Other invasive species that may be a future threat to Black Oak Lake include Starry Stonewort and Quagga Mussels.

ii. Forest Lake

Forest Lake spends \$50,000/year on trying to get rid of mil-foil, which makes our \$30,000/year Inspector Program a good deal.

d) Tweak to Wake Sports Map

Keith presented the new wake board Map. It has been slightly modified to keep wake board boats in deeper water further from the shoreline in Lazy Bay and near the sandbar.

e) Tourist Rooming Houses (TRH)

Keith presented the new short-term rental information sheet. It will be distributed to homes that are available on VRBO, etc.

f) Newsletter

Keith will ask Chris Hook to continue as the newsletter creator. Mark stated that we should be actively looking for someone to relieve Chris from his long service as newsletter creator.

g) Other

Walt mentioned that a new lake directory is published every odd-numbered Spring including 2025. It was agreed that to be an off-lake listing in the directory they must pay their dues. Property owners are listed in the directory whether they pay their dues or not. It was agreed that the price of the directory will be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per copy to decrease the cost to BOLPF. Nancy suggested that any children 26 years or older be required to have their own listing.

## 8. Next Meeting

It was determined that the next Board Meeting would be held in March, 2025.

## 9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by was made by Mark Hoffman and seconded by Jack Barnum. Hearing no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Celia C. Kistler

03/19/25

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Secretary

Date of approval

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