

**Bowman Lake Association**  
**June Meeting**  
**6/28/2014**

**Presiding:** Colleen Masters, President

**BOD Members:** Fred Newdom, Cindy LaFleur, Susan Faulkner, Matt LaFleur & Barb Mark

**Attendees:** Val Balga, Doug & Barb Boughton, Ron Cahill, David & Karen Cobden, Dan Coiteaux, Dave & Karen Douteill, Erna Kooba, Bill LaFleur, Marilyn LaFleur, John Losee, Rosemarie Losee, Bob and Phebe Lukens, Tom White

With a quorum present the meeting was begun:

1. **Minutes** of 2013 Annual Meeting: A motion was made (Ron Cahill) and seconded (Susan Faulkner) to accept the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes, however Karen Douteill requested the meeting minutes be read. Minutes were read by Colleen Masters. Susan Faulkner moves to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by John Losee, and motion moved. Karen Douteill abstains.
2. **Treasurer's Report** presented by Fred Newdom: While expenses in 2014 are down due to cancellation of the Winterfest, dues revenue is significantly off, and Fred urged everyone, including those present to pay dues. Fred reported that the savings account was healthy, and Dave Douteill asked for details of expenses for the year. Dave Cobden moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ron Cahill, and motion moved.
3. **Social Committee Report** from Bruce Sowalski presented by Colleen Masters: Unable to find Regatta Chair for 2014 so Colleen reported that she and Janice Ann Kullman were going to run the 2014 Regatta. Colleen indicated that the 2014 would not include lunch, because the task of running the Regatta and preparing food was too big an undertaking for one family. Val Balga suggested the event be advertised as "Pot-Luck" so people knew to bring something to contribute. The Association will provide water and soda for the Regatta, and the Regatta will begin at 1PM.
4. **CSLAP Update** from Matt LaFleur: CSLAP- Matt LaFleur gave a comprehensive review of the 1st report for Big Bowman prepared by the CSLAP program.
  - a. Trophic Status (Turbidity) = Threatened. Ph results ranged from 7.0-7.3 which is positive. Deep water oxygen levels unknown b/c of failure or CSLAP equipment to test this characteristic. The primary reason for the status of "threatened" was Big Bowman proximity to outbreaks of Zebra Mussels (Snyders Lake), and not any empirical data from Big Bowman.
  - b. Bio-Health
    - i. Invasive Plants status is "Threatened"
    - ii. Harmful Algae status is "Favorable"
    - iii. Invasive Animals status is "Threatened" due to proximity to Snyders Lake.
  - c. Lake Perception Status- (based on CSLAP volunteers "observations" during sampling) overall is good. Water quality is good, Aquatic Plants is fair as is Recreation value due to bladderwort.
  - d. Lake Use Potable water is restricted as Big Bowman is designated as Class B (non-potable) by New York State Department of Health. While aquatic life is possibly threatening lake usage, there is no ban for consumption of fish.

- e. The CSLAP samples for chemistry are taken at the deepest part of the Lake (31 ft deep in vicinity of Keeler/Lerch properties). The CSLAP team would like to mark this location with a buoy to ensure consistency in sampling location.
  - f. CSLAP equipment has been repaired so that deep water oxygen testing will be included in future results.
  - g. The first report prepared by the DEC/CSLAP will be available on the Bowman Lake website ([www.bowmanlakeny.org](http://www.bowmanlakeny.org))
  - h. BLA will continue to participate in CSLAP (Secretaries note: participants are subsidized for the cost of testing/analysis for three years, and we are in second year of participation)
5. **Water Quality**- supplemental testing, Cindy LaFleur: At the June 2013 meeting, the membership approved supplemental testing to the CSLAP protocols to evaluate the lake for human contaminants, specifically, coliforms. Ron Cahill and Cindy LaFleur sampled the Lake at two locations near outlets at North and South end of the lake. Results completed by the Bender Water Lab of St. Peter's Hospital indicated levels for contaminants below detectable limits. Ron and Cindy will test again in late summer.
6. **Newsletter**- Colleen Masters recognized the "retirement" of our Newsletter author, Susan Faulkner, and thanked Susan for his efforts over the years. Colleen indicated there was a volunteer that would like to continue the newsletter, but asked that if anyone would like to assist, to please let Colleen know.
7. **Nominating Committee**- Colleen indicated that a Nominating Committee for 2014-2015 would need to be formed, and the following positions would need to be filled:
- a. President
  - b. 2 Full Term BOD positions
  - c. Remaining term of Dana Lerch who resigned due to health reasons (expires 2016)  
Bill LaFleur volunteered to lead the Nominating Committee. Doug Boughton and Dan Coiteaux also volunteered to participate. Kathy Hale was volunteered to the Nominating Committee by Dan Coiteaux.
8. **New Business**- Bowman Lake website- Colleen reported that members have expressed frustration that the Bowman Lake website is not found by commonly used search engines on the internet. Colleen reported that it was set up this way by Sharon Dawes and Ian Horne, possibly because they wanted to keep it private, and for "members" only. Colleen asked if people were agreeable to open up the website? Dave Cobden expressed concern that by opening up the website, we opened up our visibility which was concerning especially considering recent actions by the Town of Sand Lake under authority they have demonstrated in Scenic Preservation Zones. Colleen was going to ask Bruce Sowalski to report back to us on this matter.

Motion made by Ron Cahill to adjourn meeting; seconded by Susan Faulkner. Motion moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy LaFleur