

Bowman Lake Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2012

1. Sharon Dawes welcomed our new members to the Association.
2. Reading of minutes of 08/20/2011 waived and minutes accepted.
3. Financial report by Fred Newdom:
 - a. \$1300 cash on hand in checking account with \$900 budgeted expenses for the remainder of the year leaving a surplus of approximately \$400
 - b. Additional sources of income from fund-raising activities including sales of note cards, donations, and 50/50 at Winterfest. BLA will hold 50/50 at Regatta and Pot-Luck
4. Membership report by Cindy LaFleur:
 - a. Mailing in December 2011, and PayPal option have been successful in facilitating membership at a level of 108 individuals
 - b. Directory is complete, and will be distributed following meeting
5. Janice Anne Kullman reports little interest in "Friends" category so we will not pursue further exploration of this option for extended family and friends of the BLA
6. Sharon urged members to visit BLA website (www.bowmanlakeny.org). The website houses BLA documents (including water quality reports), and local announcements. Ian Horne is the webmaster, and everyone is welcome to suggest new material to be included on the site.
7. Social Committee schedule submitted by Bruce Sowalski:
 - a. BLA is still looking for hosts for Labor Day Pot-Luck, Men of the Mountain, and Ladies of the Lake Tea. Rob and Melissa Dawes are Regatta 2012 hosts
 - b. Josh Benson has volunteered to host the Regatta in 2013.
 - c. Talent show will follow Annual Meeting 08/18/2012 at 7:30 PM at the home of Lorraine Ferguson and Bruce Sowalski.
8. Sharon Dawes presented information about CSLAP (Citizen's State Lake Association Program). This program is a voluntary monitoring and education program which is co-sponsored by the NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Local volunteers/residents are trained and then routinely gather data (water samples) from participant lakes. The fee is about \$350.00/year (it varies depending on the depth of the lake) and the program lasts for 5 years. Local residents collect the samples according to a scientific protocol and ship them to the lab at SUNY ESF in Syracuse for analysis. The fee covers training, supplies, analysis and an annual report of the results. Training would be conducted on May 4, 2013 for local volunteers. A show of hands indicated at least five members would be willing to be trained and collect the samples. Ron Cahill motioned and Bob Dawes seconded that we participate in CSLAP. Motion was unanimously approved.
9. Sharon Dawes provided the membership with an update of the status of the BLA application to NYSDEC to introduce grass carp for the control of weeds. Sharon reported the permit application was made six weeks ago, and a representative of the DEC made a site visit to Big Bowman. Sharon reported that the DEC representative

stated that Big Bowman is suitable for the introduction of grass carp for weed control, as we have the weeds that “the fish like” and a single outlet with a well-built dam. Sharon also reported that the NYS Natural Heritage program determined that Big Bowman is not contiguous to a DEC/EPA protected wetland, although we would need to construct a fish barrier at the outlet/dam. We should hear if the permit is approved sometime this summer. Sharon noted we do not yet know the legalities for reaching agreement to use the permit if it is issued and opinions regarding what should be a “consensus” (such as 50% of the BLA) were discussed. Sharon acknowledged that other options are available but had not been fully explored by the Water Quality Committee because the members voted last August to pursue the carp permit as the best way to get the most information. She invited interested members to pursue other options such as chemical treatments and mechanical harvesting for presentation to members. A list of questions from members in attendance at this meeting, emails, etc., was assembled and submitted for the DEC to gather more information about the permit process and potential impact of grass carp. This document is attached to meeting minutes.

10. Nominating Committee volunteers are needed. There are two positions on BOD whose terms expire (Rob Dawes and Shane Cahill) and all BOD officers require reelection.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy LaFleur (acting in the absence of Secretary Susan Faulkner)