

Bowman Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2021

Attending: Mark Nasuti, Janice Anne Kullman, Bill Kullman, Rachel Cahill, Jack Betterly, Colleen Masters, Laura Dagostino and Rovie Simons

The meeting was called to order at 7:06.

Agenda Item 1

Janice volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting

Agenda Item 2

Mark agreed to take the minutes of the membership meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2021

Agenda Item 3

Mark Apologized for not putting several agenda items on the membership agenda. He was reminded too late to the meeting date to put the items on the agenda, but will make sure they are on for the next membership meeting. (That meeting, while called the July meeting because it is the day after the annual regatta, actually falls on August 1 this year)

Mark asked how Rovie wanted his agenda item worded for that purpose. Rovie wanted to know what our finances were to fund lake testing because it appears that the NY Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) may be cutting back on funding for the CSLAP water-testing program. If that is the case the BLA might have to pay someone to do the testing. Laura said that we have approximately \$5,000 in the BLA savings account for that purpose. Colleen noted that in the past part of the suggested contribution used to be earmarked for the CSLAP. Laura said that is not happening now and asked if it should be. After some further discussion, Jack pointed out that because the funding issue was speculative and we do have a healthy savings account to use if we need to, that there is no need for an agenda item at this time. Everyone agreed. Rovie agreed he would include the information in his Water Quality report at the meeting.

Agenda Item 4

Jack asked if Rachel is behind in preparing to Chair the annual regatta this year. She said no, that she anticipated there would be a regatta this year. Rachel noted that most people are vaccinated, that the event is outdoors which prevents the spread of the Coronavirus and that the infection rate in this area has dropped to .3%. There was discussion of some other factors to consider such as food and drink which Rachel said would all be in individually packaged units. We all agreed that as the Chair Rachel had the power to make those decisions. Rachel asked if the vote would get into those details. Mark said that the vote was simply whether to proceed with planning the regatta yes or no.

Mark noted that he and Vicki still have to isolate themselves but that he would be there by boat.

Agenda Item 5

Mark reminded us that we have no election committee, that we have two positions with no candidate and that Robbie Dawes had said he would run for President. Janice, Mark, and Bill volunteered to be the election committee. Janice said she would reach out to Robbie to ask if he was still running. During the meeting Robbie responded that he was not going to run. Mark explained that Elaine Merguerian would be running for Bill's Board Member position and that Rachel's slot did not yet have a candidate.

Rovie asked for a review of the election procedure, which Mark provided: 1) Contact the election committee to get your name on the ballot; 2) the membership votes at the "July" annual meeting and according to the amended by-laws the vote can occur by zoom. Your name must be on the agenda/ballot by July 21 this year.

If there is only one candidate per position, we agreed that the members could vote for the whole slate at one time.

Agenda Item 6

Rovie said he now understood the Dam Board Committee process. Mark said it was a problem that appears to have been solved and he did not plan to raise it.

Agenda Item 7

Rachel raised the idea that we should address the issue of people leaving things at the end of Lawson road for others to take and Barbara Boughton's objections as the property owner. After some discussion of the exchange on Face Book about it, Rachel volunteered to reach out to Barbara, who is not a member of the BLA and ask if she would like Rachel to read something at the meeting to the members.

Colleen raised the issue of people who are renting Balga's house bringing their own boats and equipment that could bring invasive species of plants to the lake. After some discussion, Mark agreed to send out the renter's guide to the BLA members, including the Balgas. Jack and Rovie will speak to the rest of the CSLAP committee and discuss the idea of talking directly to the Balgas. Janice suggested we need a law or regulation to really provide some teeth to the BLA renter's guidance. Several people pointed out that the law would still be hard to enforce and Bill noted that sometimes the threat of enforcement is enough.

The Board agreed to have its next meeting Thursday, July 29 at 7PM by Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at a little after 8PM, I forgot to look at my watch.

-Janice Anne Kullman