

## June 26, 2021 Bowman Lake Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Call to Order: Time: 7:06 pm by Mark Nasuti, President

Current Board Members:	Present	Absent
President: Mark Nasuti	X	
Vice President: Janice Anne Kullman	X	
Secretary: vacant		
Treasurer: Laura D'Agostino		X
Directors: 3 year terms, 2 directors elected each year		
Rachel Cahill (elected July/Aug 2019; 2 year term)	X	
Bill Kullman (elected July/Aug 2019; 2 year term)		X
Jack Betterly (elected July/Aug 2019)	X	
Matt Robilotta (elected July/Aug 2019)		X
Rovie Simons (elected Aug 2020)		X
Colleen Masters (elected Aug 2021)		X
Immediate Past President: Dan Coiteux		X

Others Present: Anja Carr, Lorraine Ferguson, Pam Van Hoesen, Vicki Fowler, John Losee, Barbara Kivlin, Midge Trivers, Kathy Hale

1. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** Minutes have been approved by the Board of Directors per current BLA procedure. Note: Membership Meeting minutes are in draft form and voting is to **approve** the minutes. Board Meeting minutes are finalized and voting is (per BLA tradition) is to **accept** the minutes

- a. Acceptance of July 23, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Moved by: Mark Nasuti      Seconded: John Losee

Vote in favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 0

Accepted by majority vote

- b. Approval of July 26, 2020 draft Membership meeting minutes

Moved by: Mark Nasuti      Seconded: Anja Carr

Vote in favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 0

Approved by majority vote

- c. Acceptance of May 14, 2021 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Moved by: Mark Nasuti      Seconded: Anja Carr

Vote in favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 0

Accepted by majority vote

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Laura D' Agostino could not attend the meeting. In an e-mail sent to Mark, Laura apologizes for not having time this week to prepare a written report for

presentation at the meeting. Laura plans to attend the next membership meeting and will present a Treasurer's report and proposed 2022 budget at that meeting.

### 3. Committee reports:

- a. Water/ Dam Board Committee. Presented by Anja Carr: The tall board was put in the dam in mid-April after a dry spell. Then we got a storm and lots of rain. At the same time, someone, without the knowledge or consent of the BLA, inappropriately put an additional 4 inch board in the dam. The extra board plus the storm produced a very high water level; high enough to risk damage to multiple properties. This problem was addressed through the water/dam committee. Mark commented that he believes it will not occur again. Currently the weather has been generally dry and Anja expects the board will remain in until fall. Current committee members: Anja (chairperson), Bruce Mearness, Justin Adamo, Rob Dawes, Mark Nasuti
- b. CSLAP Committee. Presented by John Losee: CSLAP is acronym for Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program. Currently, along with John, the committee includes Rovie Simons (Chairperson), Matt LaFleur, Jack Betterly, and Scott Frost. The first water samples were collected 2 weeks ago. The second set of samples will be collected tomorrow. A person from NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) administers the CSLAP program) and will be formally training John next week; at that point all committee members will have been formally trained. NYS DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) provides most of the funds for the CSLAP program and currently there is a "budget battle" occurring within DEC. NYSFOLA has informed us that funding for CSLAP could be significantly reduced, resulting in less data collected, or possibly no data in certain years (e.g. 2 years yes, 3 years no). The CSLAP committee, representing the BLA, has gone on record with NYSFOLA as strongly opposing any reduction in the CSLAP program. We get a great deal of very useful information about our lake through CSLAP, at little cost.
- c. Regatta. Presented by Rachel Cahill: Rachel is assuming the Regatta will occur on July 31. Covid numbers are much lower in the Capital District, vaccination rates are relatively high (approximately 70%), and outdoor events are much less risky. She is planning to hold the full range of events typically held; except that food/beverages may be limited to water/soda and cookies/snacks in pre-packaged servings. The group had a lengthy discussion and the clear consensus is a wish for more "substantial" food. The group would like to plan on burgers/dogs cooked on the grille. The group thought this was feasible if everyone uses tongs, and gloves & hand sanitizer are provided. Possibly someone gloved up will put condiments on the burgers/dogs. Anja volunteered to be the lead person for the food part of the Regatta. *Anja and Rachel will need volunteers to help both with planning/shopping before the Regatta, and on the day of the Regatta. Contact them directly if you can help.*

**4. President's Report:** Presented by Mark Nasuti:

- a. Mark said several items are missing from the agenda for this meeting because he forgot to put them in and he found out too late to put them in (the agenda must be sent out no later than 10 days before the meeting). The items are from last July's membership meeting and are three votes regarding does the BLA continue to make the three annual charitable contributions it has historically made. Mark apologized to the group, said he has asked the Treasurer to not write those checks yet, and said they will be on the agenda for the next membership meeting.
- b. Mark said another item was on the draft agenda but somehow was not on the agenda when it was sent out to the membership. Somehow the text was deleted; Mark does not know how this occurred. This item was to vote on holding/not holding the Regatta. Mark again apologized to the group. Mark said that since the Regatta is a permanent BLA activity, there is no vote required to hold it; only to not hold it. A poll of all meeting attendees was unanimous to hold the Regatta, so fortunately this omission on the agenda did not cause any problem.
- c. Mark (and the group) thanked the Kullmans for paying the BLA Zoom membership for the June 2021-June 2022 year. Since Zoom appears to be a successful way to hold BLA membership and board meetings, this expense will be included in next year's proposed budget.
- d. Mark asked Kathy Hale to speak regarding plans for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Kathy said that She, Bill, + fireworks are planning to be here! Everyone was *very* happy to hear this. *Bill may need help putting on the fireworks so if you can help please contact the Hales directly.*
- e. Mark shared that he and Vicki received their vaccine shots, however Vicki made no covid antibodies in response to the vaccine. This was very disappointing, but not unexpected, because she is immune-compromised and cannot make any antibodies. The medical plan is for Vicki to eventually receive another one or two vaccine shots; however this will not occur until the end of summer at the earliest. Until then her doctor has advised her to continue to isolate and socially distance. Vicki and Mark both agree that Mark should continue to do this also, as the risk to Vicki is too high. Therefore, Mark/Vicki cannot prepare the food at the Regatta, and Mark will be in his paddleboat on the water for the regatta. The good news is that Vicki feels fine and if she & Mark continue to be careful she should continue to be fine.

- 5. 2021 BLA Elections:** Elections will be held at the next membership meeting. Offices up for election are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Board Members (Rachel Cahill & Bill Kullman's terms expiring). All of these offices except Secretary and one Board position have candidates running for them; however that does not preclude any BLA member from running for any office. If you wish to throw your hat in the ring, you need to contact one of the Election Committee members. This year the Election Committee members are Mark Nasuti, Janice Kullman, Bill Kullman. The deadline to contact the Election Committee is July 21, 2021.

- 6. Proposed amendment to the BLA By-Laws:** (Note: in order to pass, any proposed amendments require a three-fourths majority vote of all the members voting at the meeting.)

The following language is currently in the by-laws: *“The agendas of all regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Association must be published no less than ten (10) days in advance of the meeting and sent to all members by mail, email, or hand delivery. Only matters on the published agenda for a meeting may be put to a vote at that meeting. Any member may request an item be placed on the agenda for discussion at any meeting, but only requests made in time to be included on the published agenda can be brought to a vote.”*

The proposal is to add the following sentence to the by-laws: *“Agenda requirements for meetings referenced in the constitution or by-laws do not apply to Board meetings or Committee meetings.”*

Moved: by: Mark Nasuti    Seconded: John Losee  
Vote in favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 0  
Approved by over  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote

- 7. Request a Bruce Sowalski talent show be voted on as a regular yearly BLA event:**

This was proposed by Ron Cahill (after consulting with Lorraine). Everyone thought this was a wonderful idea.

Moved by: Mark Nasuti    Seconded: Kathy Hale  
Vote in favor: 12    Opposed: 0    Abstain: 0  
Approved by majority vote

- 8. General Discussion** (any issue any member wishes to discuss). No other issues raised

- 9. Next Membership Meeting:** Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 pm via Zoom

- 10. Adjournment:** Moved by Anja Carr, seconded by Jack Betterly. Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 pm

Minutes taken by Mark Nasuti