

## BLA Board of Directors Meeting      May 14, 2021

Meeting conducted via ZOOM

### Participants:

Mark Nasuti, President  
Janice Ann Kullman, Vice- President  
Laura D' Agostino, Treasurer  
Jack Betterly  
Bill Kullman  
Coleen Masters

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Meeting agenda was distributed previously via email. Agenda items are below in *italics*, followed by summaries of discussions/decisions:

1. *Who will volunteer to take the minutes for this meeting?* Mark volunteered.
2. *2021 Regatta: Do we recommend to the BLA membership that we have a Regatta? If so, what do we need to do to have one legally and safely?* Everyone at the meeting hopes and wishes we can hold the Regatta; and the Board is optimistic that it can be done in a safe manner. The Board unanimously decided to recommend to the BLA membership that we proceed with planning for a Regatta. Details regarding how to hold the Regatta safely are unclear at this time, in part because we do not know what the CDC and NYS guidelines/requirements will be in late July. The CDC guidelines, for example, changed significantly on the day of this meeting. The Board did discuss that providing buffet food appears problematic; we may have to instead provide individual bottles of water/beverage, and individual servings of items such as cookies or chips. However, food aside, the Board is recommending the Regatta include the full range of activities traditionally associated with the Regatta. The decision to proceed/not proceed with planning for a 2021 Regatta will be on the agenda for a vote at the June 26<sup>th</sup> BLA membership meeting.
3. *Should BLA membership meetings be Zoom only, or should we attempt to hold them as in-person and Zoom meetings?* The Board agreed to continue holding meetings via Zoom. Individual members of course may choose to gather in small groups at neighbors' houses to participate via Zoom.
4. *2021 Elections Committee: We need a committee of 3 members to announce to the membership at the June membership meeting. BLA Board members whose terms expire this year are in **bold red font** below:*

<i>President: Mark Nasuti</i>	<b><i>Term expires 7-2021</i></b>
<i>Vice President: Janice Anne Kullman</i>	<b><i>Term expires 7-2021</i></b>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<b><i>vacant</i></b>
<i>Treasurer: Laura D'Agostino</i>	<b><i>Term expires 7-2021</i></b>
<i>Immediate Past President: Dan Coiteux</i>	

*Directors:*

*Rachel Cahill*

*Term expires 7-2021*

*Bill Kullman*

*Term expires 7-2021*

*Jack Betterly*

*Term expires 7-2022*

*Matt Robilotta*

*Term expires 7-2022*

*Rovie Simons*

*Term expires 7-2023*

*Colleen Masters*

*Term expires 7-2023*

Mark, Janice, and Laura agreed to run for another term of office. Mark said Robbie Dawes communicated to him his intention to run for BLA president. Nobody at the meeting volunteered to be on the elections committee. Mark will reach out to the BLA membership for volunteers.

5. *Lake water levels, putting in/taking out the dam board, and the decision making process that goes into the latter (agenda item requested by Rovie Simons.)* Rovie was not present for the meeting, however Janice said she believed he wished to discuss whether the proper procedure was being followed by the Water Committee (informally referred to as the Dam Committee). Mark reported that a few weeks ago there was an instance where the proper procedure was not followed. In brief, the proper procedure is for the committee to meet and vote regarding putting in/taking out the dam board. What happened was an exchange of text messages among some committee members, three members texted their vote to put the board in, and the board was put in by two of these three committee members. Unfortunately, neither Mark (who is a member of the committee) nor Anja Carr (who is the committee chairperson) were aware of this. In addition, an unknown person subsequently put an additional 4 inch board in the dam on top of the official board. This resulted in the water height rising above what is normally the highest level it rises to. Justin Adamo (on whose property the dam is located) discovered and removed the 4 inch board, and contacted Mark. Mark scheduled a Zoom meeting of the committee, and the committee met on May 1. Mark, in e-mails and at the meeting, communicated that putting in an additional board is absolutely not in compliance with BLA policy; nobody in the BLA has the authority to do this. (At the Board meeting, Janice Ann also referred to the DEC licensing of the dam and her belief that putting in an additional 4 inch board violates the permit we have for the dam.) Mark also communicated (in e-mails and at the meeting,) that absent an emergency, the proper procedure is for the committee to meet and vote regarding putting in/taking out the official dam board (made by Rick Keeler years ago); that is all the committee can do. The group discussed that this meeting could be an exchange of e-mails vs. Zoom or in-person; however everyone on the committee needs to be in the loop, Anja as committee chair should coordinate this, and any decisions reached should be clearly communicated to everyone before action is taken. Everyone agreed to everything stated above. One committee member was not present at the meeting. Mark called him the next day and communicated the discussion held at the meeting. Mark feels the situation was appropriately addressed, Janice (who Mark consulted with when this all occurred) agreed, and, absent any future problems, Mark and Janice consider the matter settled. Mark did communicate to the Board that Robbie Dawes has stated that he wants the question of what is the “right” water height for the Lake on the agenda for the June membership meeting. Because historically discussions regarding this topic have been both emotional and lengthy, Mark said he was considering limiting the time each person could speak (e.g. 2 minutes) so that nobody dominates the discussion. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

6. *Anything else people wish to discuss.....*

- a. Mark communicated that the new, improved BLA website is now operational. Same web address as before: [www.bowmanlakeny.org](http://www.bowmanlakeny.org) Mark said that Ian Horne did all the invisible “behind the scenes” work that makes everything functional, and Sharon Dawes did all the formatting and layout work. Mark said he really thinks it looks great, and expressed his appreciation to Sharon and Ian.
- b. Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 23 @ 7 pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm