

Bowman Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026 – 7:00pm – 38 Manning Way & via Zoom

In attendance: Joanne Ingham, Janice Kullman, John Losee, Barb Mark, Colleen Masters, Bill Shulman.

Call to Order : John Losee, 7:10pm

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the July 1, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance in the checking (\$7,015.84) and savings (\$921.09) accounts. The CD is currently \$10,372.79. The CD was renewed for three months and will come due September 1, 2026..

Report of monies received (\$249.05) from the PayPal account.

Water Committee Reports and Activities:

Water Quality: Overall, there are no emerging water quality issues that require immediate attention.

Book Club: No report

CEC: No report

CSLAP: CSLAP Water testing will be done once per month for four months. Two collections have been taken. Dissolved oxygen will be tested every other week for a total of eight test dates.

Dam: The 11.5-inch dam board is currently in. As of the meeting date, the water was at the top of the board.

EPA – O2MC: No report

Lake Level Study: No update.

PRISMS: No updates to report. PRISMS is a listserv that can be accessed to do research or pose questions.

Weed Pulling: Weed pulling parties will be held in July and August. Lorraine Ferguson will set up a schedule and share it with the membership, after the Ladies of the Lake event.

Old Business:

Regatta Plans: The Regatta will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026. The BOD reviewed the current plans for the day and discussed staffing responsibilities. It was suggested that an announcement about the Regatta include the message that non-BLA members be encouraged to make a donation of, perhaps, \$10.

The event that includes peanuts in the lake will be held as the final event so that those with peanut allergies can be accommodated.

Fourth of July Fireworks: Barb Mark made a motion that the BLA send a \$100 gift card to Bill and Kathy Hale as thanks for the fabulous fireworks display on July 4, 2026. Janice Kullman seconded the motion. The vote was five yeses and one abstention. The motion passed. Joanne Ingham volunteered to send a gift card to a restaurant near Merrick, where the Hales live.

Calendar of Events: There were no changes to the Calendar of Events at this time. The schedule was circulated to the membership.

Insurance: The BLA BOD has determined that Comprehensive General Liability (CGL) insurance, as well as Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance should be purchased to afford protection against injury law suits. Based on discussions with Mr. Michael Litz, of Angers and Litz, the BLA could secure D&O insurance on an annual basis for \$960. We are waiting to get a quote on the annual costs for CGL insurance.

The decision to obtain insurance rests with the BLA BOD. Based on the BLA By-laws, the BOD prepares an annual budget and presents the proposed budget at the BLA Membership meeting. The budget is voted on by the BLA BOD at the BLA Membership Meeting. A budget line for CGL and D&O insurance can be included in the budget for the 2027 year per the following article in our Constitution:

Article V. The Association fiscal year shall be Jan 1 to December 31. Each year at a regular meeting of the Association, the Treasurer shall present, and the Board of Directors shall adopt, an annual budget for the succeeding fiscal year after opportunity for member discussion. At the same meeting, the Treasurer shall make an annual financial report of revenues and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year.

Discussion: The BOD discussed how best to present this new information to the membership, options for raising money through suggested donations at events, having more fund raisers, raising the membership fee, and how best to attract more BLA members. It was also suggested that the BLA cover the insurance expense for the first year. After the first year, the BOD will review the budget for the following year.

Michael Ingham will contact Mr. Michael Litz and ask if the insurance policies can be written for five months. In this way, we could purchase a policy to cover the remainder

of the 2026 Fiscal Year, while using the cost of a full year's policy in the 2027 Fiscal Year's budget.

New Business:

Elections: Elections for the BLA Officers and Directors will take place at the July 30, 2026 Annual Membership meeting. The Nominating Committee has put together a full slate of candidates to fill the positions of President (Janice Anne Kullman), Vice President (Sarah Simons), Secretary (Joanne Ingham) and Treasurer (Colleen Masters), along with three Director positions (Laura Simons filling Kiley Adamo's unfinished 2 years, Barbara Mark for 3 years, and Tip Simons for 3 years). John Losee will become the Immediate Past President. John Losee will send out notifications of elections by July 20, 2026.

2027 Budget Proposal: The Board reviewed the 2026 budget income and expenditures. Without factoring costs for insurance, a proposed balanced 2027 budget was developed. Once all the quotes are in for insurance, the BOD will have an exact picture of the funds required this year to support purchasing insurance. The BOD agreed to support the insurance costs for the remainder of this year, and next year and then evaluate how to cover these costs going forward. Ideas included increasing the number of fund-raising events, charging a small fee to activities, and perhaps, increasing the annual dues.

Next BOD Meeting: If needed, another BOD meeting may be scheduled to review the proposals for insurance.

Meeting adjourned: 9:14pm

Submitted by: Joanne Ingham