

July 31, 2022 Bowman Lake Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Call to Order: Time: 3:06 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	
Jack Betterly (elected July/Aug 2019)	X
Matt Robilotta (elected July/Aug 2019)	X
Rovie Simons (elected Aug 2020)	X
Colleen Masters (elected Aug 2020)	X
Elaine Merguerian (elected Aug 2021)	X
Bill Schulman (elected Aug 2021)	X

Others Present: Vicki Fowler, Pam VanHoesen, Mark VanHosen, Kathy Hale, Ron Cahill, Eileen Cahill, Anja Carr, John Losee, Patty Betterly, Barbara Kivlin, Rachel Cahill
Total attendance: 19

- 1. BLA Meeting Ground Rules:** Mark Nasuti read the "BLA Meeting Ground Rules" which describe the structure he intends to follow in running the meeting. A copy of these ground rules may be found at the end of these meeting minutes.
- 2. 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) to **accept** the minutes
 - a. Approval of June 26, 2022 draft Membership Meeting Minutes**
Moved by: Anja Carr Seconded: Bill Schulman
Approved by unanimous vote of all members present
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** (Laura D'Agostino):
 - a.** \$5911 in savings account, \$5999 in checking. Revenue from dues is greater than was projected, (\$1670 vs. \$1500) and membership is at a very high number.

- b. Laura presented the 2022 expenditures to date and the draft 2023 BLA Budget to the membership. The membership had no comments or concerns regarding the 2023 budget, with one exception: a \$5000 line item for hiring a consultant to assess the dam and our policies re: the dam. Some members expressed (for various reasons) the opinion that this figure was too high. After discussion, the Board, per the BLA by-laws, voted on approving the budget with a revised figure of \$3000 for the consultant. The Board approved this revised budget by majority vote, with one Board member voting no. A copy of the budget documents may be found at the end of these meeting minutes.

4. Committee Reports:

- a. Water/Dam Board Committee (Anja Carr): The board has been in for a while and has stayed in as we have not had much rain. We are technically in a mild drought @ this point.
- b. CSLAP Committee (John Losee):
 - Four of eight water samples for 2022 have been taken; sampling will be completed by the end of September.
 - We have more of the football-shaped lily pads this year vs. last year.
 - Last year's CSLAP report has been issued. Not much change overall from the previous year regarding water chemistry, nutrient levels etc. We are in pretty good shape, and are one of the cleaner lakes in New York.
- c. Voting Committee (Mark Nasuti):
 - No committee members were present at the meeting, so Mark reported on an email he received from committee chairperson Kevin Rowe: The committee has not met this summer, however Kevin plans to hold a meeting by the end of August.
 - The membership requested Mark communicate to the committee that "we are anxious to hear from the committee" regarding a revised proposal.
- d. Consultant Committee (Lorraine Ferguson/Sharon Dawes):
 - No committee members were present at the meeting, so there was no update.

5. President's Report (Mark Nasuti):

- a. 2022 Regatta
 - The Regatta was a success, weather was good, and a great time was had by all. Eileen & Ron Cahill won the Blake Cup this year. The food was great. The BLA merchandise/souvenirs were a big hit. Thank you to the Kullmans for hosting, and thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen!

- Many people commented that having a volunteer signup sheet for all the Regatta tasks vs. having a Regatta coordinator worked very well; with the advantage of involvement by more people vs. a few people doing most of the work. We will plan on using the same format next year. Janice Kullman volunteered to coordinate the volunteers and signup list for next year, and will store the Regatta bins in her new shed.
 - Laura D'Agostino donated her grandfather's rope for future tug-of-wars.
 - The membership agreed that any child that did not win a prize should get a prize at the end so they don't go home empty-handed.
- b. Mark thanked the Hales for the July 4th fireworks. Everyone agreed they were great.
 - c. The BLA website now has many more sets of old meeting minutes, as well as a revised Constitution/By-laws incorporating changes voted on by the membership over the last few years. Thanks to John Losee for the old minutes and Sharon Dawes for posting all the documents.
 - d. Reminder the Bruce Sowalski Talent Show is scheduled for 3 pm on Aug 27 @ Lorraine's back yard. The Dawes barn/ballroom is the rain location. Ron Cahill is the chairperson; contact him if you want to participate. Talent is optional!
 - e. Kiley Adamo has volunteered to be the BLA Secretary. We will be holding a brief membership meeting to vote on her election. The membership unanimously agreed to ask Kiley to be Acting Secretary until the vote; and requested that the special meeting to hold the vote be scheduled ASAP. Mark agreed that asking Kiley to be Acting Secretary was a good idea and he and Janice Kullman will schedule a special meeting ASAP.
- 6. Vote on Proposal to Raise the Regatta budget from \$400 to \$500.** Proposed by Janice Kullman.
- a. Moved by: Anja Carr Seconded: Laura D'Agostino
 - b. Approved by unanimous vote of all members present
- 7. Vote on Proposal to create an anonymous donation fund to help restore the windmill.** Proposed by Mark Van Hoesen
- a. Moved by: Mark Nasuti Seconded: Ron Cahill
 - b. This is not a fund that will use BLA money; the BLA will merely collect voluntary donations and convey them to Bob Dawes.
 - c. Per Mark Nasuti, Bob Dawes said he has one of two blades completed, he will complete the second blade shortly, and would appreciate help when

the time comes to mount/install them. Mark will let everyone know the date.

- d. Some people expressed the desire to make the “installation date” a party, and use up leftover Regatta food. Any excuse for a party! People were curious regarding if work other than the blades needed to be done, and what the estimated cost will be. Mark will reach out to Bob Dawes.
- e. Approved by unanimous vote of all members present, with one abstention. Contact Laura D’Agostino if you wish to make a contribution.

8. 2022 BLA Elections:

- a. Positions up for election, and candidates running are:
 - President-----Mark Nasuti
 - Vice-President-----Janice Kullman
 - Secretary-----No candidates for this position
 - Treasurer-----Laura D’Agostino
 - 2 Board Members-----Jack Betterly, Kathy Hale
- b. All candidates were elected by unanimous vote of all members present, with one abstention.

9. Next Regular Meeting: February 19, 2023 via Zoom. Time to be determined.

10. Any issue that any member wishes to discuss.

- a. Two members reported very good fishing this year; they said we seem to have a lot of fish.
- b. One member said 3 pm is not a good time to have these meetings. After a discussion, it was agreed that Mark Nasuti and Janice Kullman will use a Doodle Poll or Survey Monkey to gather feedback re: the best time to hold the meeting.
- c. One member requested that we discuss the topic of fish stocking at the next BLA meeting.
- d. The Valley Cats are honoring all Veterans, and Anja Carr in particular, at their Sept 4 game. Contact Anja if you would like tickets to the game.
- e. The in-stock Regatta merchandise/souvenirs are available for immediate purchase. Contact Barb Kivlin if interested.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm

Minutes taken by Mark

Nasuti

BLA Budget January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

	Budget	Actual	NOTES
Revenue			
Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,670.00	as of 7/27/22
Fundraising	\$200.00	\$190.00	regatta 50/50
Donations		\$40.00	anonymous donations @ the regatta
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,700.00	\$1,900.00	
Expenditures			
Regatta	\$400.00	\$0.00	TBD receipts & reimbursements pending
Winterfest	\$300.00	\$0.00	
Pot luck	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Ladies of the Lake event	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Talent Show	\$150.00		
Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Postage & Supplies	\$100.00	\$194.84	check to Lorraine 5/2/22 for RFP prod
Website Hosting	\$50.00	\$0.00	in kind donation - Ian Horne
NYSFOLA membership fee	\$75.00	\$50.00	check to John Losee 1/22/22
CSLAP	\$350.00	\$370.00	check to John Losee 1/22/22
Zoom account	\$150.00		need invoice to reimburse
Donation, UCC Zion	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Donation, Taborton Fire Co.	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Donation, Sand Lake Ambulance	\$100.00	\$100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,175.00	\$914.84	
Account Information			
Opening Checking Balance (2022)	\$4,762.29		
Balance @ Annual meeting in July 2022	\$5,998.74		
Closing Checking Balance (2022)			
Opening Savings Balance (2022)	\$5,910.74		
plus interest			
Less (historically transfer for water quality)			
Closing Savings Balance (2022)			

APPROVED BLA Budget January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023		
	Budget	Actual
Revenue		
Dues	\$2,880.00	Change from draft
Fundraising	\$200.00	
Donations		
TOTAL REVENUE		
Expenditures		
Regatta	\$500.00	proposed \$100 increase per BLA vote on ____
Winterfest	\$300.00	
Pot luck	\$150.00	
Ladies of the Lake event	\$150.00	
Talent Show	\$150.00	
Newsletter	\$0.00	
Postage & Supplies	\$100.00	
Website Hosting	\$0.00	in kind donation - Ian Horne
NYSFOLA membership fee	\$75.00	to come out of savings
CSLAP	\$350.00	to come out of savings
Lake Study Consultant fee	\$3,000.00	proposed < 3K to come out of saving
Zoom account	\$150.00	
Donation, UCC Zion	\$100.00	
Donation, Taborton Fire Co.	\$100.00	
Donation, Sand Lake Ambulance	\$100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,225.00	
Account Information		
Opening Checking Balance (2023)		
Balance @ Annual meeting in July 2023		
Closing Checking Balance (2023)		
Opening Savings Balance (2023)		
	plus interest	
Closing Savings Balance (2023)		

BLA Meeting Ground-rules

1. Regarding the organization of the meeting in general, the two ground rules are:
 - a. We will be following the agenda in the order it is written for this meeting.
 - b. People may want to talk about things not on the agenda. That's perfectly OK. In fact, the last item on the agenda is for things that are not on the agenda: *"Any issue that any member wishes to discuss."* So if you want to talk about things not on the agenda, please wait until then. Everyone who wishes to talk will get the opportunity to talk. But if people try to bring up other topics early, The BLA President will remind them that we are not discussing that now.
2. Regarding talking, the two ground rules are not interrupting someone and not arguing with someone. In other words, please let the other person finish, and please address your remarks to us all.
3. Prior to each vote, everyone will have the opportunity to speak. In previous meetings we used a 5 minute rule: a person got 5 minutes, then it was someone else's turn. The President will be timing people, including himself, and will call "time" when your time is up. We can do additional "rounds" of speaking depending on how things go.
4. The "Share Screen" function in Zoom will be enabled, so if anyone wants to share something during their time to speak they can.
5. The President is prepared to mute anyone who disrupts the meeting. He will warn people first by telling them they are disrupting the meeting; but if he can't get a word in edgewise he may have to resort to a brief period of muting. Let's hope it doesn't come to that. The goal is to have a meeting that is fair and orderly, where everyone is heard and everyone is treated with respect.