

**The Bob Lake Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
HHHS Auditorium
July 13, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Present: 30 in-person + 11 via zoom

Proxies: 12

Total of 53 voting members (properties) represented

Agenda

- Welcome & General Announcements
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of BLA 2023 AGM Minutes
- Report of Officers:
 - Chair's Annual Report to Members on behalf of the Board of Directors
 - Treasurers report
- Budget & Fees for 2024
- Update on Priorities:
 - Lake Stewardship
 - Safe Boating
 - Boat Launch
- Election of Board Members
- Other Business
- Closing Remarks

Minutes

Welcome & General Announcements

- All members were welcomed and thanked for attending.
- The Zoom logistics were explained to the Zoom participants.

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion #1** – That the proposed agenda be approved. Moved by John du Manoir, seconded by Michael Black, motion carried.

Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

- **Motion #2** - That the 2023 AGM minutes be approved. Moved by Anne Stephens, seconded by Jim Hyland, motion carried.

Report of Officers

Chairs annual report

- We have met many times on Skype, all the committees, Boat Launch, Lake Steward and Social.
- The meat of everything the committees have done, and we as a board have done over the past year is on the agenda today
- As a reminder, we first came together in 2016 as a result of the closing of the boat launch. Five representatives from the five road associations.
- It was September of 2017 in this very room that we inaugurated the BLA
- The goal at that time was to give ourselves a functioning organization that was financially healthy and able to deal with issues that were of common interest for lake residents
- We still have lots of work to do on the boat launch and on Lake Steward issues

Treasurers report

- Our Treasurer went into detail explaining the revenue and expenditures for 2023
- **See the AGM 2024 webpage on the Bob Lake Association website for the detailed breakdown**
- Summary of the revenue and expenditures for 2023:
- Opening bank balance January 1, 2023: \$6,680.62
- Total revenue: \$9,110.00
- Total expenditures: \$6,669.93
- Bank Balance December 31, 2023: \$9,120.69
- He mentioned that while our bank balance is healthy, we see it as a reserve fund for reinstating the boat launch
- To-date we have spent a little over \$8,000 on engineering and legal fees to try and address a boat launch on Claude Brown Road which was unsuccessful
- We decided last year it would be a good idea to have a second pair of eyes look at our books. An audit would be far too expensive, so we added a clause to our constitution to have a non-member of the board review them.
- Kathy Gamblen, treasurer of the TTRA, reviewed the bank statements, income sheets, balance sheets, cash flow and receipts, and based on her review she stated that she is not aware of any discrepancies in our financials.
- **Motion #3** - That the 2023 Financial Report be approved. Moved by Erwin Speckert, seconded by Karen Empey. Motion carried.

Update on Priorities

Lake Steward update

- Lots of great information presented by the Lake Steward committee on the health of our lake and what to do to keep it healthy
- Information about Algae Blooms and why they are increasing and what we should be doing to prevent them. We had three on our lake this year.

- Information on what should and should not go into our septic systems and the proper way to maintain them
- A reminder that the septic inspection has been postponed this year, which is not a good thing as they are the major reason for the pollutants going into the lake
- How and why, we should be naturalizing our shorelines
- **For more information on these issues as well as others, see the Lake Stewardship webpage on our website**

Safe boating update

- Lots of stray docks this year.
- We have put pictures up and we need folks to own up to the strays as they are dangerous
- Contact the BLA should you have missing docks/ramps as we can assist in getting them back to you
- Purchasing a Dock Tag will help getting stray docks back to owners
- Lots of resources on our website about safe boating practices, various maps that show where our hazard buoys and our slow no wake signs are located
- **See the Safe Boating webpage on our website for all the information**
- Question asked on whether the Slow No Wake signs have been effective
- The cottagers where these are located said that things have improved 95 – 99%, but there are always 1 or 2 exceptions

Observation and Question

- One cottager on the north facing shore between the first and second narrows mentioned that once people pass the first narrows they tend to speed up and the waves are quite prominent
- Related to that he wondered if we had any indication on how many owners are renting out their cottages
- We have no numbers but perhaps there maybe some stats when the Short-Term rental report comes out
- His point being we can get to the cottagers that are here regularly about Wake problems, but we need to get to the renters as well.
- We do have a Wake Tip sheet that we will put that up on our website
- We had a No wake campaign last year and it's suggested that we should do another

Boat Launch Update

- The boat launch committee met probably more this year than any other as we attempted to go to delegation with our Plan C.
- Unfortunately, council denied our request
- The details of the Boat Launch sharing program the association is organizing were explained as an interim solution until we have our boat launch reinstated
- We have identified 34 boat launches on the lake, and we are planning to match those in need of a boat launch with those that have one

- For all the details of our efforts this year, the reactions from council, details of the Boat Launch sharing program, and the slides we were to present to delegation, **see the Boat Launch webpage on our website**

Budget & Fees for 2024

- **See the AGM 2024 webpage on our website for the detailed breakdown of the proposed budget**
- Summary of the 2024 budget:
 - Opening bank balance January 1, 2024: \$9,121
 - Proposed revenue: \$4,740
 - Proposed expenditures: \$3,164
 - Bank Balance December 31, 2024: \$10,697
- **Motion #4**– That the proposed 2024 budget be approved and the annual BLA membership remains at \$40. Moved by Michael Black, seconded by Eric Lamers. Motion carried.
- When the amount spent on Water Testing came up in the budget a question was asked on whether there was any information on the trends of water sampling. On the Lake Steward page on our website, we have charts showing the trends. The charts go back 10 or so years but the last reported year is 2019 and our Lake Steward will be chasing down the more recent data. When received we will update the charts on our website. We will also publish the advanced water testing results we will be gathering as we switch over to U-links.

Election of BLA Directors

- BLA members standing for re-election to the board of Directors: Ted Gayowsky, Ross Gladwell, Jim Hyland, Laurent Joncas, Gary Olesinski, Sue Pyke, Dave Roberts, Robert Roszell, Erwin Speckert, Elaine Wray
- Call for nominations: Ryan Brooks was nominated, and he accepted the nomination.
- **Motion #5** - That the members of the Board of Directors as elected be approved. Moved by John du Manoir, seconded by Karen Empey. Motion carried.
- As per the constitution we will elect the 4 officers at our next board meeting

Other Business

- **3rd annual Rock the Dock** charity & social event Saturday July 20, 2-4pm and featuring our very own Bo Blake Band
- Many thanks to our BLA Social Committee and its Chair (Pamela England) for coordinating another hugely successful event last year!
- We've raised nearly \$7K for the Minden Food Bank in the past 2 years – let's blow past \$10K!
- **Pyjama Project**

- Grassroots donation project started by a group on South Lake to collect newly purchased PJs that can be passed on to community members most in-need (Google “pyjama project Minden”)
- A new set of PJs can be purchased for under \$20 – all sizes needed
- In the past year 240 sets of pyjamas have been donated
- The pyjamas are sent out locally to associations in need
- Reminders for donations will be sent out to our members.
- Drop-off box located at St. Paul’s Anglican Church Thrift Store in Minden, or call Anne Stephens (annestephens53@hotmail.com / 705-306-9167
- **Save your Pull tabs.** You can drop your tabs off on the dock of the green cottage with the metal shutters. The cottage where the lake goes into the narrows.
- The tabs go to the Lindsay Lions club to provide guide dogs for those in need
- **Dock Tag sales.** Our biggest year with 12 purchased
- Interest was shown for Dock Tag decals for water toys such as kayaks, pedal boats etc.
- We will look into it.
- We are always looking for volunteers, please contact a board member if you are interested
- **Debris on the Lake**
- Heather Gage mentioned that because of their locale on the lake they end up with lots of debris and not just logs, but kayaks, pedal boats, docks...
- They cannot handle all the debris, and they are moving the items down the creek beside their cottage
- They need the support of the association
- There are many other areas on the lake that collect debris as well
- We feel as an association we need to address this situation as it does affect us all and so we ask cottagers to contact us if they have debris that requires disposal
- It was suggested that we organize a work group/committee to disassemble the docks and dispose
- The board will discuss this at the next board meeting

Q&A

- Many questions already asked and answered

Closing Remarks

- Thanks to the board members.
- Thanks to all for joining.
- Stay Safe
- See you on the lake.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. Moved by John du Manoir, seconded by Heather Gage
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.