

By-Law Committee

Minutes for the meeting August 14, 2023

Meeting called to order 6:32

Committee Member present – Chairman Robert Kiehm, Jean Cassella, Heather Edelson, Alan Howell and Cindy Porriello; absent Jean Cassella

Also, in attendance: President Jay Cassella and Vice President Brian Polak

Reviewed:

Section 48-A Lake Sanitation

The current by-law states “must be lower in October”. There was a debate about the use of the word “may” v “must” and why the lake must be lowered just in October. There was as a discussion about the by-law submission from the Lake Committee that was withdrawn at the annual meeting before any votes. Currently there is a petition by 10 members of the association to hold a Special Meeting regarding this by-law.

Section 18 Nomination – this By-Law change was submitted VP Polak

The change “Each candidate shall be voted for separately by ballot and must receive a majority of all votes cast excluding blank or defective ballots.”

This suggestion was presented in an attempt to clarify whether a candidate must be voted on with separate ballots or whether the candidates must be voted on separately on the same ballot.

The committee discussed whether or not the committee could change the wording of the written proposal to better suit our by-laws. After some discussion it was decided that we would seek an opinion from the association’s attorney. The President contacted the attorney, and his opinion was that the committee could NOT change the wording of the submitted proposal. That the proposal be presented as is and is voted up or down.

Other proposal (section 22 President) submitted by VP Brian Polak were dismissed as it created a conflict with other by-laws.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Kiehm

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Chairman By-Law Committee