

HLA Monthly BOG meeting held Monday 8/28/23. The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm by VP Brian Polak

Attendance by Zoom: Mary Arnold and Denis Pelligrino.

Attendance in person: Keah Esposito, Alan Stokke, BJ Chotiner, Jill Carey, Mary-Beth Russo, David Chalifoux, Linda Lamitola, Betty Barsevich

Board members in attendance: Brian Polak (VP), Robert Kiehm (Treasurer), Sheri Berger (Tax Collector), Frank Nunes (Secretary), Cynthia Porriello (3yr), Laurel Hoynoski (3yr), Heather Edelson (3yr), Lloyd Pearson (Past Pres).

Board members not in attendance: Jay Cassella (Pres)

A motion was made by Bob Kiehm to table the accepting of the minutes of the 7/31/23 BOG monthly meeting until the next BOG meeting due to some remaining missing details on the record. The motion was seconded by Brian Polak. The motion passed unanimously.

Notice was made to those in attendance that HLA members John Baulski of 103 East Shore Dr and Thomas Wood of 31 West Shore Dr. both had passed away since the last monthly meeting. Our condolences to the families.

General Discussion:

Alan Stokke – Pointed out that the minutes for the 7/31/23 meeting are not yet posted. Also indicated that he would like to see the minutes for the committee meetings posted.

Treasurer report - Bob Kiehm indicated the annual budget has been closed. Read updated report, written report to be entered into the record. The Association managed to stay well within budget this fiscal year that ended. He indicated that he would like the BOG to consider making a motion to place additional funds in a 9month CD. August 2023 had \$13,877.16 in income and \$8,836.22 in expenses. Motion to accept by Laurel Hoynoski with Heather Edelson 2nd, no objections recorded.

Tax collector report – reviewed by Sheri Berger, copy entered into the record. Motion to accept the report made by Cynthia Porriello and 2nd by Heather Edelson.

Lake & Dam report - report of 8/21/23 meeting by Dave Chalifoux was read. All members attended the meeting. They discussed water samples collected and submitted that day for analysis. Results are in and all passed and are well below threshold. They discussed the bylaw amendment presented today for vote as well as needing updates to the website. Signs on beaches should be secured to trees. Installation of GeoGrid is no longer affordable for the beach erosion control. There are concerns of Knotweed proliferation on the lake, must remain vigilant. He read out many recommendations

made by our contractors on how to safeguard the lake (to be posted to the website).
Motion to accept the report made by Lloyd Pearson and 2nd by Heather Edelson.

Audit committee - no report

Bylaw committee report – Report presented by Bob Kiehm for their meeting of 8/14/23. They reviewed proposals for changing various bylaws and if it's possible to change some of the language in the submitted proposals. The Association Atty has indicated that the proposals must be presented as submitted by the writer and the only option is to either vote it up or down. 2 Proposed amendments by VP Brian Polak were reviewed, one was accepted to move forward and the other was denied as it conflicts with existing bylaws. Section 51 on camping remains in the works and Section 52 also has some remaining questions.

Beautification committee – No report

Aquatic Wildlife committee – No report

Septic committee – Cahil has pumped out an additional 12 of 28 septic systems due this past month.

Special committee on Home Rule – No report

Road committee report -

Web/Facebook committee -

Old Business – 2 Violation letter to the Knickerbocker family and how to word it. Sheri Berger found a previous letter in the record dated 9/8/21 from President Cassella to the family which requested the supposed prior authorization to camp that was given them. Discussion was had as to whether this constitutes fair notice and reason to move forward with fine. It was felt that the BOG's follow up letter still needs significant rewriting so it follows from the prior letter. A motion to table the matter was made by Lloyd Pearson and 2nd by Heather Edelson.

New Business – Brian Polak indicated that he has been working on revising the language as it pertains to Sec22 Nominations. He explained his rationale by comparing it to our federal government system of nominations and his belief that we should follow the same process. He will be resubmitting it to the Bylaw committee.

General Discussion opened:

Alan Stokke – Pointed out his position that allowing the president such exclusive authority would ignore the membership wishes and rights and thus diminish their power to guide the BOG and their association. He also spoke as to the matter of fines on members, questioned if a member has ever paid a fine. Sheri Berger indicated that

finances have been levied, though it is believed no one has ever paid them. Brian Polak indicated that his review of the records indicated most of the last 10 years, there have been fines levied against members, but again no sign of collection. It was mentioned that the overarching goal of the BOG for the fines is to bring about the required behaviors rather than for the collection of revenue.

Mary-Beth Russo – Expressed need for better understanding by membership of how their proposed Bylaw amendments are reviewed and moved forward. She asked for a list of requirements against which the proposals would be measured. Bob Kiehm indicated that it is laid out in the Bylaw on the matter. Mary-Beth asked specifically about her proposed amendment for adoption of Democratic Rules of Order and why it failed. Bob Kiehm indicated it failed only because it was too lengthy. Mary-Beth asked for guidance on making it passable. Frank Nunes indicated that in the Democratic Rules of Order themselves there is specific guidance on how to present it to a BOG and language to use to easily reference and incorporate it into existing Bylaws. Bob Kiehm indicated that he had understood the initial proposal to be asking that the entire contents of the Guide be made into the bylaw. Mary-Beth clarified her intent and indicated that she would revise the language of her proposal and would resubmit it for consideration.

Alan Stokke – Looked up on his phone how to adopt Roberts Rules and read it to those in attendance.

Cynthia Porriello – indicated there are many portions of Democratic Rules of Order that appear to go against our current bylaws. Bob Kiehm indicated he and Mary-Beth would discuss further how best to present her proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm by motion from Brian Polak and 2nd by Cynthia Porriello.