

BPLA Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome, explain call cadence & objective – John
The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order at 7:00 pm. John explained the process to follow for the Zoom meeting.
2. Introduce board – John
John introduced the board: John Mueller/Jim Stevenson (co-Chairs); Roger Olson – Treasurer; Jeff Lindgren – Secretary; Ron Redding – Projects | Picnic; Dan Frey - Newsletter | July 4th parade; Maria Gobely – Buffer Zones; Al Droubie. All board members were present at the meeting.
3. Acknowledge first time attendees – John
No first time attendees were identified.
4. Review agenda – John
The agenda was presented and briefly reviewed.
5. Approval of 2019 Labor Day meeting notes– Jeff
The 2019 Labor Day meeting minutes were presented.
6. Motion to approve meeting minutes – John
John asked for a show of hands to approve the minutes, Minutes were approved by show of hands.
7. Discuss Memorial Day mailing and distribution objectives – John
John briefly discussed the items distributed to the members in lieu of our usual in-person meeting.
8. Treasurer’s report – Roger
 - A. Treasurer’s report approval by board
The budget was sent out in the June mailing. Roger discussed the major items and most differences were due to not having meetings.
Motion to approve Treasurer’s report – John
John asked for a show of hands to approve the minutes, Minutes were approved by show of hands.
 - B. Questions can be submitted via chat box in ZOOM and to be addressed
No questions.
9. Election of Board Members – John
 - A. Big Pine Lake -1 open position
 - i. Maria Gobely (completed term 1, moving forward into year 1 of her 2nd term)
Motion to approve Maria moving into her second term approved by a show of hands.
 - ii. John Mueller (beginning year 2 of 2nd term)
 - iii. Al Droubie (appointed in May, beginning year 2 of 1st term)
 - iv. Jeff Lindgren (has completed all 3 terms, open position)
Motion to approve Jim Corbo to replace Jeff was made and approved by a show of hands.
 - B. Pine Lake – 2 open positions
 - i. Ron Redding (beginning year 2 of his 3rd term);
 - ii. Dan Frey (beginning year 2 of his 1st term)
 - iii. Jim Stevenson (has completed all 3 terms, open position)
Motion to approve Jim Lauer to replace Jim S. was made and approved by a show of hands.

- iv. Roger Olson (has completed all 3 terms, open position)

Motion to approve Don Roepke to replace Roger was made and approved by a show of hands.

10. Committee reports

- A. Boat Parade – Dan

Dan covered the parades, 10 boats on Big Pine Lake, 7 on Pine Lake. The participants were very enthusiastic! Next year will be on July 4 with a patriotic theme and all participants will receive a BPLA swag bag.

- B. Fireworks – Dan

There was a great turnout on the lake due to wonderful weather. Thanks to the Makela's and the Karel's for their help and contributions! Fireworks next year will be on Saturday, July 3rd at 10 pm.

- C. Roadside clean up – Ron

Roadside cleanup will be September 12, 2020. Projects included refurbishing the bird houses and installing the clearance signs at the bridge in the narrows.

Volunteer Projects/Norsemen news– Ron

The latest actions at the county regarding Norsemen were discussed including deadlines for the EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) and the next steps to be taken.

September 12 projects will be Strawberry Creek cleanup and trimming trees at the narrows boat landing. Beavers have been active in Strawberry Creek and the board will contact appropriate parties to follow up.

- D. Membership report – John

190 members now compared to 200-210 in a normal year. The board is working to contact the missing members.

- E. Water Quality Projects– John

Jim Lauer has been appointed to lead the Water Quality Projects.

Don R., John M., and Ron R. attended a Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) meeting to discuss water quality for the Kettle River & Upper St. Croix River watershed.

Issues were discussed that are having an impact on the water quality of Sunset Creek and Pine Lake from the CO. Rd. 25 improvements.

Aitkin and Pine Counties have clean water project funding.

Fisheries update was presented, there has been no walleye stocking anywhere in the state this year.

Discussed Dwight's water quality efforts which note that numbers are improving.

- F. Buffer Zone projects –Maria

There has been good participation with three projects in each county, including a Willow cutting for benefit of the projects. Projects have been shown to be beneficial to the quality of the lakes. Maria is now collecting names for 2021 projects. BPLA is setting a good example!

11. Old Business – John

John asked for questions. There was a question about Sunset Creek issues.

12. New Business – John

None.

- A. Adjournment – John

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

There were approximately 15 or 16 attendees.