



Big Pine Lake Association 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2019

Topic: Welcome and Introduction of Directors **Presenter:** Ken Ormsbee

Discussion: Per association bylaws, the meeting called to order by Ken Ormsbee, BPLA president at 10 am. Ken gave an overview of the meeting agenda. Members were made aware of the business portion of the meeting and the need to approve last year's minutes. Ken introduced Directors in order of length of service. After introducing Dennis Bengtson, Secretary, Ken presented a Certificate of Appreciation plaque to Dennis who is retiring from the Board. Ken then introduced himself and the other directors: Bill Korchik, Vice President; Ann Korchik, Treasurer; Scott Eichhorst, Director of Lake Management; Gary Swanson, Director at Large,Carolynn Duncan, Director of Social Activities & Events. Carolynn was also presented a Certificate of Appreciation plaques as she decided not to be a candidate for election.

Topic: Pine River Fish Passage Project (PRFPP) Overview

First Presenter: Ken Ormsbee, BPLA President; PRFPP Project Manager and Financial Lead

Ken gave a PowerPoint presentation (accessible via the BPLA website) that featured a series of overview timelines beginning with the construction of the original rock dam in 1970 to the recent LSOHF grant funding of the new PRFPP structure in 2019. He concluded by sharing the key schedule dates of the PRFPP Phase 2 Rebid and an outlook for the possible bidders.

Second Presenter: Dennis Bengtson, BPLA Secretary; PRFPP Project Manager and Technical Lead

Dennis continued the PowerPoint presentation by focusing on the primary PRFPP objectives, how the original rock dam could never meet them, how the rock dam is currently performing and how the new arched riffle fish passage structure has been designed and will be constructed to meet each objective. The primary PRFPP objectives are:

- 1) Enable Year-around Aquatic Upstream Fish Migration
- 2) Maintain Usable Lake Levels (especially during periods of low inflow)
- 3) Reduce Long-term Maintenance Costs

A secondary objective is to accomplish the above objectives with minimum financial impact to lake property owners. This objective is being met by the LSOHF grant award of \$1,246,000 and matching BPLA/SSD funds of \$75,000 that Ken highlighted in his first presentation.

NOTE: For details on this and all other topics covered in this Annual Meeting, a PDF version of all presentation slides shown in the meeting can be accessed via the BPLA website at www.bigpinelake-crosslake.com

Business Meeting Called to Order by Ken at 11:12 AM

As specified in the BPLA By Laws, Robert's Rule of Order was followed for this formal portion of the meeting.

Topic: Review of 2018 Minutes for Approval **Presenter:** Dennis Bengtson

Discussion: The 2018 Annual Meeting minutes have been available on the BPLA website and printed copies were available at the meeting if necessary, for review. Motion to approve by Ron Schaap; Second by Marty Duncan.

Action: Minutes unanimously approved without changes. These 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes will soon be posted on the BPLA website.

Topic: Annual Treasurer's Report **Presenter:** Ann Korchik

Discussion: Account balances, \$4,803.25 in checking and \$356.56 (uncommitted) in the SSD fund as of 8/13/19. \$78,900 of the total SSD account balance is committed to the PRFPP as matching grant funding or grant application expenses. The Environmental Mosquito Management Program was a success again this year with 26 enrollments. BPLA memberships are near the all-time high at 53. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Pam Graves; second by Linda Johnson.

Action: Treasurer's report unanimously approved. The complete financial report is included in the Annual Meeting Presentation Slides posted on the BPLA website.

Topic: Lake Management Update **Presenter:** Gary Swanson

Discussion: Gary presented slides and information regarding Big Pine Lake's water quality and aquatic invasive species (AIS). Gary described the key elements of a water quality test and showed a graphical representation of our test results over the past three years from RMB Laboratories showing typically mid-range values. Ken mentioned that the minor occurrence of Zebra Mussels in Big Pine Lake is likely due to the "soft bottom" and lack of

hard structures the mussels prefer. Gary identified areas in the Pine River and entrance to Big Pine Lake where Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has been found and is currently being monitored by the DNR and Scott Eichhorst.

Action: All members are encouraged to reverse their boat's props when entering the lake from the river to help prevent the spread of EWM further into the lake. More detailed information on water quality and AIS are included in the Annual Meeting presentation on the BPLA website.

Topic: EMM Program Updates

Presenter: Ken Ormsbee

Discussion: Ken reported that 2019 was the final year of our three-year contract with Clarke Environmental Intl.

Action: Ken will solicit bids from at least three providers for the 2020 season. Possible bidders include, Clarke, Mosquito Squad, Foggers and Tru Green.

Topic: BPLA Website Update

Presenter: Ken Ormsbee

Discussion: Ken shared an overview of how he has organized our website and identified two new sections that he added in the past year to contain new AIS information and provide easier access to upcoming BPLA events and newsletters.

Action: Review the website as needed. Give the Board suggestions for communication improvements. Let us know if your e-mail changes. The entire Annual Meeting presentation file will be posted to the website as a pdf file.

Topic: Social Activities Update

Presenter: Ann Korchik

Discussion: Ann presented a slide showing each of the social events and activities by month (May-August) for the past five years. In addition to the Annual Meeting, there have been 4 Family Fishing Tournaments, 3 Boat Parades, 2 Clean-up Days, 2 Coffee & Conversation events and a PRFPP update meeting. Carolynn shared candid photos highlights from the 2019 Family Fishing Tournament. Ann thanked Gary and Erica Swanson for the use of their property again this year and presented a slide listing many tasks that we need volunteers to help with. Ann also solicited input for 2020 via a social activity survey she provided at the meeting. Ken mentioned that next year will be the 50th Annual Meeting for BPLA so it may become a larger event and be held in a different venue.

Action: All members are encouraged to volunteer ideas, time and or donations for drawings at the events. Opportunities for volunteering, especially at the fishing contest, are available – please contact Ann at ann.korchik@gmail.com. Notices will be sent out next year, as the 2020 plan is solidified.

Topic: Election of Directors

Presenter: Bill Korchik

Discussion: Just prior to the start of the Business Meeting, Bill, note the up-coming topic on the agenda for Director Elections and shared a number of reasons and considerations for becoming a candidate. During the Business Meeting, Bill identified the four open positions on the Board, three known candidates (Ken, Scott and Jackson Purfeerst) and again solicited nominations from the floor. Tom Altier was the lone volunteer to become a candidate. With four openings and four candidates, Bill invoked a provision in our By Laws to conduct “voice vote” for the slate of four candidates rather than a ballot vote. The slate of four candidates, Ken, Scott, Jackson and Tom was unanimously elected to two-year terms on the BPLA Board of Directors.

The 2019 Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm.