

Big Moose Property Owners' Association
Annual Meeting
July 24, 2021

Call to Order:

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Big Moose Property Owners' Association was called to order at 9:01 by President Colleen Zogby in person at the Community Center and via Zoom video. The following individuals were listed as in-person Attendees:

John Burrows	Peter Straley	Marge Correll
Colleen Zogby	Dan Correll	Paul VanSlyke
Ed Chase	Hubbell Knapp	Bob Krietler
Bonnie Krietler	Jay Taylor	Paul Powers
Donna Hartz	Sarah Dew	Al Popkess
Lucy Popkess	James Schunck	Joan Derrenbacker
Bob Derrenbacker	Dan Boerger	Candy Wachterman
Dick McCaughey	Meredith McCaughey	Sarah Winch
Carmen Mastroianni	Debbie Sleeper	Cheryl Holmes
Hap Holmes	Fran Knorr	Jay Fuess
Olga Adams	Laura McSweeney	Connie Menand
Walt Menand	Barry Levin	Paul Kordziel
Betsey Hadden Lee	Kathy Brothers	Peter Adams
Megan Maher	Tom Maher	Brian Allen
Cricket Allen	Gail Binyon Tobin	Barbara Lester
Rich Bruno	Lisa Bruno	Jeremy Gnadd
Barb Morgan	Sue Beeching	Les Knox
Faith Eastwood Shore	Linda Critchfield	Tim Critchfield
Aly Goshow	Nick Goshow	Pat Duffy
Chris Grauert	Millie Rey	Lisa Humphrey
Dave Wightman	Jan Ingraham	Shane Kovacs
Martha Shanahan		

The following individuals were listed as Zoom Attendees:

Carol Canne	Peter Grieves Tunnell	Bill Burrows
Ham White	Kathy Orbanek	Bill Locke
Cathy Crabtree	Lorraine Schunck	Pat Raymond
Kelly Lukemire	Christina Ciani	Bob's iPad
Tim ?		

Invocation

President Zogby called on Rev. Dr. McCaughey to deliver an invocation.

President's Remarks

President Colleen Zogby noted the large group of attendees for the meeting and thanked the Board of Directors for their efforts and participation over the year. She reminded the attendees

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of the BMPOA mission statement and encouraged membership, especially Associate Membership, for all who have an interest in the betterment of Big Moose Lake and surrounding community. Colleen specifically thanked outgoing Membership Chair and Director Jan Ingraham and outgoing Parent Chair and Director Sara Carr for their years of dedicated service to the BMPOA.

Water Quality – Paul Powers and Ed Chase

Paul reported on the results of the July bacteria testing. Most sample points have undetectable levels of *E. coli*. Average pH of the lake is up. He is also engaged in testing as part of ALAP, and he shared the ALAP 2020 report with the meeting. This report will be posted on the BMPOA web site. Paul noted that the ALAP report documents what many of us have seen: that our water has become less transparent over time. Paul says this is no cause for concern. He also noted the decrease in acidity—a good trend—and now the lake is typically at a pH of 6.0-6.5. He reported that the lake is overall in great shape, thanks to everyone's vigilance with septic system.

Invasive Species – Colleen Zogby

Colleen reported that we rely heavily on Pat Duffy and the staff at Dunn's Boat Service to assure that only clean boats and trailers enter Big Moose Lake. Colleen noted that Kurt Pardue plans to complete his annual lake swim in search of Milfoil and invasive species. With the ownership change of the Boat Service, Colleen thanked Ken Hinckly for the many years of dedicated service to keeping our lake free of Milfoil. Pat Duffy who is now managing the Boat service reported that he plans to continue the efforts. We have had no issues or concerns this year.

Recreation Program – Sara Carr

Sara reported that due to the lingering issues of COVID-19, the Rec program this summer is all out-side activities. Boat Safety course was given 7/6-8. A big thank you to the Wertz/Shore families for allowing the use of their lake front for swimming lessons. Sara reported that she is already planning with Kurt and Maggie for Summer of 2022. The Chicken Barbeque fundraiser is being held this year (July 24th, today). The Lake swim is scheduled for 7/31. Thanks to Kurt, Mike Canne, Chris Grauert and Kip Bruyn for their grill work, and thanks to the community for supporting the Recreation Program in this way.

Sara indicated that there would be a boat parade on Saturday, September 4th to close out the summer. Colleen thanked Sara for all her work, and thanked Kurt and Maggie for their commitment to the BMPOA Rec program.

Youth Protection – Marge Correll

Marge Correll noted that we are using the Boy Scouts program to provide information and training about Youth Protection. She encouraged parents and grandparents to take the training. Marge pointed out the key principle of the training, which is "two deep leadership": There should be two adults present in every interaction with kids (including virtual/electronic

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interactions). Anyone can go to the Youth Protection Training area of the Boy Scouts web site to learn more and receive (free) training.

Boat Safety – Sarah Winch

Sarah encouraged distance swimmers to have visible flotation devices and an accompanying spotter in a boat. Be visible! Sarah reminded people to pay attention to proper night-time lighting, and check that all lights are working before setting out at night. This applies to all boats, including kayaks and canoes. Finally, she encouraged the use of engine cut-off lanyards, which will shut down the engine if the wearer is thrown out of the boat or otherwise upset. Al Popkess reported that the police have been patrolling the lake, checking boat registrations and writing tickets for out-of-date registrations. Many new buoys have been installed around the lake. Funding was provided by the BMPOA and installation completed by the boat service.

Colleen Zogby wrapped up the presentation by Sarah Winch highlighting that the BMPOA does not endorse swimming alone. She stated “It is imperative swimmers have an accompanying spotter at all times. Visible flotation devices are not enough to ensure swimmer safety.”

Government Relations – Colleen Zogby

There are no significant items to report. Garbage pick-up continues as in prior years (Monday/Thursday, 9-10 at the Higby and Crag Point road intersection. White Metal pick-up day is July 24 (today).

Insurance – Peter Adams

Peter noted that he had been able re-establish the appropriate coverages for the Rec program after we suspended them (our choice) last year due to COVID-19. All appropriate insurance coverages are in place for 2021. Colleen thanked Peter for his willingness to serve.

Communications – John Burrows

John noted that the web site, www.bmpoa.com, remains the destination for information about BMPOA activities and information of general interest to the membership. Over the winter, he has ensured that all available electronic minutes, both for Annual and Directors' meetings, are posted on the web site, as well as information about water testing and links to various studies that include Big Moose

Membership – Jan Ingraham

Jan reported that there are currently 198 paid full, and 35 Associate members, an increase in full members from last year. She welcomed three new members; Ken and Martha Taylor, Tim and Nicki Smith and Kelly (?). She made a plea for Associate membership to people who are adult children of camp owners on Big Moose.

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Buildings and Grounds – Don Dew

John Burrows reported in Don's absence that the buildings and grounds are in good shape, thanks to Don's attention and caretaking. In the last year, a new electrical entrance was installed in the Strack House along with a new stove. There were a number of dead Tamarack trees on the BMPOA property that needed to be removed.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Widdicombe, Paul VanSlyke

The Association is in good shape. Per the statements made available to the membership, we have about \$16K in checking and \$48K in savings. It's expected that the Association will run a small deficit in 2021 due to the increased buildings and grounds maintenance. Richard strongly encouraged dues payment in January, as it creates significant additional work for him when dues payments trickle in over the other months of the year.

Richard thanked Paul for all his work and help to keep our financial affairs in order. It was noted that the Association has about a \$40,000 annual budget and seeks to operate on a break-even basis.

Review of Books – Joe Hanlon's report

Colleen reported that Joe Hanlon, CPA has reviewed Richard's work. This is not a formal audit, but a review of the information provided. Joe has written a letter with recommendations which the Board will take up later in the season. Joe's review was of the general ledger and selected invoices, and all payments could be tied out to invoices.

Colleen said that Joe's recommendations include making sure that we are annually getting the best price on our insurance coverage, and that a board member reviews payroll and payments made. Joe noted that Richard is very organized and provided all records in good order.

New Business

Big Moose Ambulance Company

Sarah Dew reported that the Big Moose Ambulance Company may close its doors by the end of 2021 due to the lack of EMS volunteers. The ambulance company is considering partnering with Old Forge and Inlet to see about funding and paid personnel.

Float Planes – Bob Kreidler

Bob reported that float planes are not restricted from landing on Big Moose Lake but may be a possible way to spread invasive species. He wanted to make sure pilots were aware of the potential hazard.

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Nominations – Laura McSweeney

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Laura proposed Marge Correll and Laura McSweeney for their second term, and Anne Dew and Lorraine View, as new board nominees. On a motion by Paul VanSlyke, seconded by Sarah Winch, the slate was adopted without opposition.

Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Burrows
Secretary