



Big Pine Lake POA Fall Board Meeting Saturday September 21, 2024 Pine Lake Chapel

Board members present: S. Esnough, D. Fisher*, T. Hubbard, J. Low, M. Moore, S. Robin, M. Segar, W. Thomas, D. Weber, S. Wright

Board member not present: S. Wickham

Members Present: Lisa Hubbard, Dave & Carol Mueller

Meeting started at 9:05 AM

Minutes: M. Segar read the minutes from the 2024 Summer Board and Membership meetings. Mike Moore motioned to approve the minutes. D. Weber seconded. The Summer minutes were unanimously approved.

Board Member adjustments:

- David Fisher volunteered to join the board at the summer meeting. T. Hubbard made a motion to officially appoint D. Fisher to the Big Pine Lake POA Board. M. Segar seconded. The motion passed unanimously
- Steve Wickham sent his resignation from the BPL-POA to Tom Hubbard. Steve is officially resigned from the BPL-POA board.

Treasurers report: (S. Esnough)

- Our accounts are all with Wells Fargo
- Checking account has \$4378
- CD has \$36,305
- Sharrell Wright and Jerry Low volunteered and were appointed to review the 2024 financial records.

Introductions: With new board members and visitors, J. Low recommended we make introductions.

Dave & Carol Mueller were invited to the meeting by S. Robin in hopes of resolving a roadside dispute. The association did not have any input to provide

Bylaws: The Board extensively reviewed the Bylaws to determine necessary updates. Several trustees took notes of recommended updates. T. Hubbard will make changes and send a final draft to J. Low for his wife Sue to edit any typos or grammatical errors.

BPL-POA website: Sharrell Wright has

worked to build the association website hosted within the MN Lakes & Rivers website. Sharrell has recruited Amie Mayo to assist with building out the website. Amie has experience in this area and has proven to be a valued volunteer. Sharrell reviewed several aspects of the website to get feedback from the board.

- D. Weber expressed concern about hosting the website with in MN Lakes & Rivers in case they ever fold. Sharrell assured the board that the site is backed up and would not face a hardship to switch to a new platform should MLR fold.
- Sharrell recommended providing a monetary incentive for teens 12-17 of members to take the Boaters online certification class. Jerry Low made a motion to approve \$25.00 to each youth that completes the class and provides us a copy of their certification card. Tom Hubbard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- S. Wright suggested we waive the first-year membership dues for new lake owners as a welcome gift. Marie Segar made a motion to waive the fees as suggested. Mike Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously
- Sharrell recommended we try a volunteer ambassador program for our streets. One volunteer for each street to communicate information to members and try to recruit non-members to join the association
- There will be several pages within our website: Water Safety, volunteer signup, Lake clothing, Water Quality info, membership information and signup, lake news, share your history, etc. Additions and deletions may occur.
- Sharrell asks the board to please review the website and provide feedback.
<https://bigpine.mnlakesandrivers.org/>
- M. Segar made a motion to officially approve Tahosports, owned and operated by member/owners Mark and Karen Aho, as the BPL-POA spirit ware provider. M. Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was discussion about having volunteers assist at the lake access to supplement the DNR. Training is provided. T. Hubbard will get more information and provide time frames volunteers would be needed.

Shore Buoys:

- D. Fisher has applied with the DNR to be able to place a buoy at the 150' mark off his shore. He may qualify due to the blind turn for safety reasons.
- M. Moore was looking into other possibilities of placing buoys. He has nothing at this time.
- Mark Aho volunteered at the membership meeting to make some education signs to post. D. Fisher will follow up with Mark.

MN DNR Fish Survey: T. Hubbard provided copies of the 2021 and 2024 Lake Survey Reports from MN DNR Fisheries for board members to review and compare on their own.

Dam Update: T. Hubbard is applying for the grant and to have the design drawn up.

Lake Steward Program: T. Hubbard and D. Weber were able to inspect several shorefronts through the summer. D. Weber believes the signs cost \$50.00. We would like to have the association pay up to \$25.00 toward a sign for those who pass the inspection. There was some confusion over exact costs. A motion will be revisited once we have more information.

2025 calendar:

- Spring board meeting and road side clean up May 17th
- Fishing Contest and Parade July 5th
- Summer board meeting and annual meeting July 19th
- Picnic August 2nd
- Fall board meeting and roadside clean up September 20th

Election of Officers:

- S. Robin made a motion to appoint Tom Hubbard as President. M. Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously
- M. Moore made a motion to appoint Sharon Esnough as Treasurer. M. Segar seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Moore made a motion to appoint Marie Segar as Secretary. T. Hubbard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Segar made a motion to appoint Mike Moore as Vice President. Sharrell Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Financial review: Sharrel Wright and Jerry Low reviewed the 2024 financial records and found them to be of sound standing

Meeting adjourned at 11:56

Respectfully submitted by Marie Segar