

BPLPOA Summer 2026 Membership Meeting Minutes

July 18th, 2026 10:00AM

Pine Lake Chapel

- Introductions of board members present: Mary Jo Boughner, Sharon Esnough, Tom Hubbard, Jerry Low, Wes Thomas, Dick Weber, Sharrell Wright
(Absent Board members: Mike Moore, Marie Segar, Rich Segar)
- Please make sure you have **signed in**
- Please note sign ups for MAISRC tour in August & volunteer opportunities
- Flyer of Association Initiatives
- Wake Map and boating information

A. Previous meeting

- a. Conducted a vote for Bylaws update (previously 1997)
- b. Had speakers from Aitkin soil and water, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, and Great Roots-shoreland Restoration
- c. Provided Dam update

B. Treasurers report (Sharon Esnough for Rich Segar)

- a. Membership: (57%)
 - i. Current 2026 Paid Members: 97
 - ii. Total Lake Properties*: 163
- b. Balance: \$46,129.45
 - i. Bank Balance: \$7,285.36
 - ii. CD Balance (3.19%): \$38,844.09
- c. 2026 Income: \$5601.89
 - i. Income from dues (donations): \$3920 (\$1085)
 - ii. Income from CD (3.19%): \$596.89
- d. 2026 Expenses: \$3081.16 year-to-date

C. Community Events

- a. Fishing contest (Jerry for Moore's): 162 participants, 250 hotdogs served, All kids received a prize
- b. Roadside clean up: Mary and Mark Pretruszewski will begin with Fall 2026 cleanup.
- c. Picnic (Jerry Low): Low's Saturday August 8th, starts at 4:30PM 43795 245th Lane (Tarrymore). Bring a chair and a dish to share. Handicap parking near house. Signage will be up.
- d. Tour(Dick Weber): August 20th to MAISRC in St Paul. Contact Dick Weber. Phone number on trifold flyer if interested or sign up on list on table.

D. Welcome Liv Nyffeler: Can a Small Dose make a Big Difference?

- a. PhD student at the University of Minnesota's Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species

Research Center (MAISRC).

- b. Her research focuses on zebra mussel management, including developing practical solutions for invasions, understanding population dynamics, and evaluating ecosystem responses to management actions.
- c. Liv earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where she studied walleye populations in northern lakes, and completed her master’s research at the University of Minnesota on Lake Superior lake herring (cisco) recruitment.
- d. Her current work aims to support science-based management strategies that address real-world challenges facing Minnesota lakes.

Note: Many questions from membership on Zebra Mussels. DNR should have solid results and hopefully recommendations by 2030.

E. Initiatives

- a. Education: Wake Map with distances highlighted. Thanked members for responsible boating activity. Boating etiquette and MN requirements flyer available on table for wake boats and jet skis.
- b. Water Quality:
 - i. Invasive species: Point intercept Survey Update-Survey will be performed beginning of August. 300 points within the lake will be reviewed and compared to prior study (2021) and communicated. Study shows vegetation and lake health.
 - ii. Boat Launch Education:
 - 1. Volunteer sign up sheet-please specify if you would like to participate
 - 2. DNR No longer allows volunteers to perform ‘inspections’ but educational tent/booth at boat launch is allowed. Board looking into this, any volunteers interested in this project let board member know or sign up on table.
- c. Shoreline & Habitat:
 - i. Lake Steward-Dick Weber
 - 1. Property owners interested in lake steward property evaluation are able to sign up today at signup sheet on table or contact Dick Weber (phone number on trifold brochure) or go to website to sign up.
 - 2. 2 properties currently doing lakeshore restoration projects: Segars and Dahlbergs.
 - a. Shoreline restoration In the Aitkin news 7/1/26 edition “Hoping it will spread faster than invasive species”. Will be available on website.
 - b. Anticipate starting to see results in 2 years with these lakeshore restoration projects..

F. Old Business

- a. 501C3 update-Jerry Low - currently in process, 3 page form, cost is \$275.
- b. Dam update-Tom Hubbard - suspects DNR will send out for bids August-Sept; DNR will reassess in September. The dam will have fish steps that allow some fish passage. Total cost to us is \$5,000 (estimate) payable when the project is completed before the end of Fall 2027. The dam level will be about the same height as today. Tom has the most recent elevation drawings.

G. Airplane Flight over Big Pine for 3 people by Bill Halpin's son for an auction item. No members accepted opening bid. Dick Weber advised anyone interested could bid by individually contacting Dick Weber.

H. Thank you for your attention

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 by Dick Weber, Seconded by Sharrell Wright. All agreed and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Boughner