

BPLPOA Summer 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

July 18th, 2026 8:30AM

Pine Lake Chapel

Meeting called to order at 8:30 by Jerry Low.

Attendees: Sharrell Wright, Dick Weber, Sharon Esnough, Tom Hubbard, Amie Mayo, Wes Thomas, Jerry Low and Mary Jo Boughner.

Absent: Mike Moore, Marie Segar, Rich Segar

- A. Board approved minutes from previous meeting - Tom Hubbard motioned to approve, Dick Weber seconded. Motion approved.
- B. Treasurers report (Sharon Esnough) Sharrell Wright motioned to approve, Amie Mayo seconded.
 - a. Membership: (57%) - Current 2026 Paid Members: 97 / Total Properties*: 163
 - b. Balance: \$46,129.45 - Bank Balance: \$7,285.36 / CD Balance: \$38,844.09
 - c. 2026 Income: \$5601.89 - Dues (donations): \$3920 (\$1085) / CD: \$596.89
 - d. 2026 Expenses: \$3081.16
 - e. CD (3.19%) - Matures 7/30/2026
 - i. Proposal: Renew 3.2% keeping check balance at \$5k + Weir Dam Cost.
 - ii. The estimated Weir Dam cost is \$5,000. The DNR has not sent the project out to bid yet.
 - f. 990N "Postcard" tax filing is required annually by IRS by 12/31.
 - g. Annual Financial Budget: Will request approval of the annual budget in the Fall meeting to allow spending against the regular expenses and donations.
- C. Community Events -
 - a. Discussion of ongoing DNR activity on lake, findings of fish in gill nets. Rotation between Big Pine Lake and Round Lake remainder of season.
 - b. Roadside clean up:
 - i. Participation - 4-6 people is sufficient
 - ii. Signs - we need replacement of signage. Fishing Contest (4 signs), Roadside Cleanup, and Annual Meeting signs are needed. \$200 approved at the last Board meeting; Dick Weber and Jerry Low will handle.
 - iii. Need new leaders for this activity.
 - c. Annual meeting today - 24 members attended
 - d. Picnic: At Low's Saturday August 8th, starting at 4:30PM 43795 245th Lane (Tarrymore). Bring a chair and a dish to share. Jerry will make signs. Will have burgers, brats and

hotdogs. Will arrange some handicapped parking and Sharrell and Amie will add it to the online notices.

- e. Tour: August 20th to MAISRC in St Paul-posted - we will promote this.

D. Initiatives

a. Water Quality:

- i. Invasive species: Point intercept Survey Update -Tom Hubbard. The water temp is 84 degrees! We haven't noticed any algae but Jerry noticed some filamentous algae; Sharrell Wright read that you should just rake it up and throw it away. Sharrell contacted Brian Roulette and he is looking at our boat ramp inspector statistics and will provide them to us so that we can contact the DNR for further guidance.
- ii. Boat Launch inspections - DNR has decided that they don't want volunteer permanent inspectors at the Boat Launch, they want educational ambassadors. Tom Hubbard mentioned that the inspectors have been doing a pretty good job.

b. Shoreline & Habitat:

i. Lake Steward

1. 18 properties have passed lake steward evaluation. 3 or 4 have not passed. Results are sent in by the person doing the evaluation by sending the information to MLR through their shoreline inspection app.
2. Secci disc discussion - Sharon Esnough believes that Dave Ossier has been doing these tests; she will verify and advise the Board. Tom Hubbard will contact the Halpins on equipment and he will talk to them about this. We have not been doing the water clarity tests these past two years and will be continuing this through AW Research.
3. Sharrell Wright said that AW Research will do 2 tests (Sharrell Wright will give the contact info to Jerry Low). \$69.00 per test or \$315 for the season. The board approved doing tests twice this year (2026) but 3 times per year in the future. Amie Mayo motioned to approve, Tom Hubbard seconded.
4. Shoreline Restoration - 2 properties in process of restoration: Segars and Dahlbergs. Published in the Aitkin news 7/1/26 edition, "Hoping it will spread faster than invasive species". Jerry has 40 copies to pass out at the Annual Meeting today. Anticipate starting to see results in 2 years.

c. Education:

- i. Wake Map with distances highlighted - Jerry Low has noticed that people seem to be doing activities further out in the lake; Tom Hubbard noticed that in the bay, they are still boating too close to shore. Dick Weber will bring up at the Annual Meeting today.

- ii. Speaker at today's Membership meeting - Liv Nyffeler - 27 years old and working on her PhD at U of MN. Her talk today is about trying to eradicate zebra mussels on Lake Riley (just under 300 acres).

E. Calendar - Will review the future meeting schedule at the Fall Board meeting.

F. Old Business

- a. 501C3 update - Jerry Low has done more research on this. \$275 fee, he has to finish a 3-page form before he can submit. This looks doable and will aid in obtaining grants.
- b. Dam update - Tom Hubbard

G. New Business

- a. Review 2026 strategic plan concept for sharing with membership - Sharrell/Dick The Board agreed to include this at today's Annual Meeting. Discussion on Board member assignments.
- b. Electronic payment of member dues - Mary Jo Boughner mentioned that a neighbor asked whether we could support electronic payment of dues. There is a cost to using Venmo for the association. Alternatively, using a Venmo personal account would require a lot of unnecessary coordination and risk. The Board decided to continue accepting checks or cash at this time. Mary Jo will talk with neighbor.

Follow-up Actions:

- Dick Weber and Jerry Low
 - Replacement of signage. Fishing Contest, Roadside Cleanup, and Annual Meeting signs.
- Sharrell Wright and Amie Mayo
 - Handicapped Parking for Annual Picnic - add comment on the Picnic online notices.
- Sharrell Wright
 - Follow-up with Brian Roulette on our lake statistics.
- Give AW Research contact info to Jerry Low.
 - Jerry Low
- Put out notice for needing help at the picnic and signage.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 by Mary Jo Boughner, seconded by Jerry Low.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Boughner