

BOULDER LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Annual Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2024 - 9AM  
Doty Town Hall

Prior to the meeting, 2024-2025 dues were collected, a continental breakfast was enjoyed by all and OCLAWA Raffle Tickets were sold.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM by Association President Stuart Armstrong.

All attendees introduced themselves and where they are located on the lake.

Invited guest speaker Derek Thorn from FLOW-AIS (Florence, Langlade, Oconto Waterways Aquatic Invasive Species) discussed his role in combating Aquatic Invasive Species on Boulder and other area lakes. Question and answer period about Eurasian Water Milfoil, Derek's outreach efforts in schools, landing checks and surveys, and how to identify and handle possible invasive species. Derek complimented our Association on being proactive with planning around AIS/EWM.

Chad Nehring noted that Oconto County Recreation Deputy Dan Woodke had been invited to the meeting but unable to attend.

The meeting moved to regular business.

Bob LeBeau (current Vice President) was unable to attend the meeting, but will take the helm as Association President for the 2024-2026 term at the conclusion of the meeting.

A round of applause was extended to Stuart Armstrong in gratitude for his service to the Association as President for two terms (extended due to COVID).

A call for nominations for the position of Vice-President was made. Attendees were reminded that the Vice-President assumes the office of President after a 2 year period. No nominations were received for the position of Vice-President. A second call for nominations was made, and again none was received. ***The position will remain vacant and unfilled at this time. If anyone is interested, please contact Bob LeBeau or Chad Nehring for more information.***

A call for a motion to approve the continuation of the combined Secretary/Treasurer position, as specified in the By-Laws was made. (Otherwise the positions would be filled by separate volunteers).

MOTION: Motion by Richard Guerts, Second by Carrie Whetter to approve the continuation of the combined Secretary/Treasurer position.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Consent Agenda: In lieu of reading last year's meeting minutes handouts were provided at the meeting for members to review.

MOTION: Motion by Paul Martin, Second by Brad Schmitzer to accept the 2023 minutes as written.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Chad Nehring presented the Treasurer's Report, copies of which were distributed at the meeting and made part of these minutes.

- The current balance of our checking account is \$3,152.87
- 2023-2024 Income and Expenses were listed
- Outstanding checks and expected expenses upcoming were discussed

MOTION: Motion by Tim Stephani, Second by Richard Guerts to accept the Treasurer's Report as written.

DISCUSSION: It was noted our "fiscal" year is June 1 through May 31.

VOTE: Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Motion by Tim Stephani, Second by Jan Salzmänn to approve continuation of Flagstar Bank as the Association's Bank.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice vote, All in favor, motion carried

MOTION: Motion by Brad Schmitzer, Second by Richard Guerts to continue allow Association dues to be collected electronically using "Stripe" with an increase in the convenience fee to \$1.75.

DISCUSSION: Chad noted this increase was due to an increase in Stripe's fees and allow us to net the full \$50 dues amount.

VOTE: Voice Vote, All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business/Standing Business:

**Water Quality:** Paul Martin reported on water quality. Assessments are done every spring through late summer. Water clarity started cloudy this year but has turned very clear Phosphorus & Chlorophyll continues to be within range with no noticeable increase or decrease. Derek Thorn asked how Paul's experience was with the new online reporting system (SWIMS). Paul said it was going well.

**Loons/Loon Island:** Mary Jo Kress reported there are two eggs on the nest, and two adult pairs have been seen. Other attendees noted goose eggs in another location unattended, and members commented on the Trumpeter Swans seen this spring.

**Buoys:** Stuart recognized Jim Kaliska from Boulder Lake Lodge, who donated a pontoon platform for placing and retrieving buoys. A round of applause was given from the attendees. Stuart also recognized Richard & Linda Geurts, and Brad & Cheryl Schmitzer for their assistance with placing and retrieving buoys.

It was noted that two buoys have been ordered for replacement. One buoy on the west bay buoy line was missing, and one rock buoy needs replacement. These have been ordered from Rolyan Buoys and should be here in late June; Stuart will pick them up and bring them to the lake. Richard questioned if the DNR had ordered the removal of a buoy, the Association has heard nothing from the DNR on any topic. Paul Martin asked if the rock buoy on the south side (Birch Ln) could be grouped with the other buoys, OK with Richard. Richard will be working with Pete Lorge on some bracket fabrication to make things easier.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters & Landing Monitors:** Chad noted we had an attendee at Clean Boats/Clean Waters training at Riverview Town Hall two weeks ago. Training is also available online (takes about an hour). Derek Thorn noted that grants of up to \$4,000 are available requiring 200 hours of time; \$15 per hour volunteer time can also be denoted for other grants. Chad reminded the group that we had not been active with this for a couple of years and it would be good to resume this; we also have looked at perhaps sharing volunteers with Boot, Bass, Archibald Lakes, etc but nothing had been done with this so far.

**Ordinances/Wake Enhancement:** Chad reported on Wake Enhancement Ordinance for Town of Doty. Town of Doty was the first town in the area to enact an ordinance for Wake Enhancement, other towns (Townsend, Lakewood, Riverview, etc) are now in progress of enacting similar ordinance. Concern is statewide, DNR reluctant to create statewide rule leaving it to individual towns. A reminder that the wake boats themselves aren't illegal, it's the actions of enhanced wake or ballasting that violate the ordinance.

The DNR will not enforce town ordinances. Oconto County Sheriff will and can cite under town ordinance. If violations are observed, please note the date, time, boat description and if able, the registration number. Oconto Sheriff NON EMERGENCY number (920-834-6900) should be called with the information and a Recreation Deputy will follow up. Oconto County will take the lead on Boulder Lake even though the lake is in two counties.

**Aquatic Invasive Species/EWM Committee:** The committee has not met much in the last year. Treatment for EWM in 2023 was very successful, most areas 90% or more reduction in EWM. An official lake clean-up day will be set later this summer, although it was noted we are all doing a good job of removing trash, debris when we see it while out boating, fishing, etc.

**Website/Facebook:** Reminder for members of our Facebook and website, both of which are updated on a regular basis. Chad is looking for additional history, photos, stories etc to continue to build that portion of the website.

**Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association:** We renewed our membership in OCLAWA. “Lucky 13” Raffle tickets are available for sale at the meeting (1 for 10, 3 for \$20) with a portion of sales returned to our Association. (NOTE: Tickets remain available, please contact Chad Nehring 920-606-4939; they are also available at Boulder Lake Lodge).

Chad reported on the OCLAWA annual meeting. Various lake associations EWM efforts were discussed, grant writing was discussed, and Deputy Woodke presented information on violations, etc. Oconto Sheriff will have a new substation at Riverview Town Hall and Recreation patrol boat will be relocated there instead of in Oconto. Expect more patrol on lakes this summer, although reminded that they also patrol for ATV/UTV and have several hundred miles of road to cover for that.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY HAPPY HOUR CRUISE AND VENETIAN PARADE:** We will hold this on SATURDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> with the Happy Hour cruise at 5PM; the lighted Venetian Parade at 9PM (dusk). Gather in front of Echo Valley or join as the parade comes by your place.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

**Boulder Lake Management Plan:** Chad presented on a few aspects of the Boulder Lake Management Plan. This is nearing the end of a 2+ year process, in cooperation with the DNR, Oconto County, FLOW-AIS, UW-Stevens Point and others. The plan is in final draft form, so any final comments should be give to us soon so we can forward. The plan combines a number of other studies from the last few years and should make it easier as we apply for grants in the future. Individual grants may also be available. Chad repeated the need to work together on grants, “help the Association to help you” and noted that grants were available for various things, both for personal as well as commercial property. We look forward to the plan being completed.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Chad mentioned that we have a number of requests for “how can I help” but we’ve not formalized that. We will now have three committees that need volunteers that will take the load off of the officers and those that have been volunteering for some time.

One committee will be a Lake Quality and Use Committee. This will assist with AIS/EWM Control; Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting; Buoy Coordination; Clean Boats/Clean Waters, and Lake Clean Up Day.

A second committee will be for Communication and Education. This will assist with the website, Facebook, and Newsletter; Coordinating the annual meeting; representing the Lake on OCLAWA and other organizations; Landing signage and education; assisting with Clean Boats/Clean Waters;

A final committee will be Development. This will assist with membership recruiting; merchandise for the Lake Association (this needs a volunteer on this topic alone); Grant Research and Writing; organizing some type of fundraising event or activity.

Sign up sheets for all committees were at the meeting; if you were unable to attend please contact Chad Nehring. All help is welcome! Everyone has talents and the time commitment for much of this is minimal. Please consider helping YOUR Association!

A call for other questions or concerns from the membership was made. There were none.

The next annual meeting will be Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 9AM at the Doty Town Hall.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Guerts, seconded by Carrie Whetter.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice Vote, all in Favor, Motion Carried, Meeting adjourned at 10:35AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Nehring  
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND NEEDING TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024-2025:

Please visit <https://boulderlakenews.org/membership> to complete the registration form and pay dues online. The form can also be downloaded and send with a check payable to Boulder Lake Association to Chad Nehring, 2440 E Baldeagle Dr, Appleton, WI 54913. Thank you!