

BOULDER LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Annual Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2025 - 9AM
Doty Town Hall

Prior to the meeting, 2025-2026 dues were collected, a continental breakfast was enjoyed by all and OCLAWA Raffle Tickets were sold.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Association President Bob LeBeau.

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

A call for nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer was made. Attendees were reminded that the Secretary/Treasurer is eligible for multiple terms. Chad Nehring agreed to re-run for the position. No other nominations were made. On voice vote, Chad Nehring was re-elected to another two year term as Secretary/Treasurer.

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 Jim Tilkens 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 Stuart Armstrong, Second by Nancy Romsos to accept the 2024 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 \$3,537.06
- 2024-2025 Income and Expenses were listed
- Outstanding checks and expected expenses upcoming were discussed

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

MOTION: Motion by Stuart Armstrong, Second by Richard Guerts 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 Austin Dodge to continue allow Association dues to be collected electronically using "Stripe"

DISCUSSION: Chad noted the additional service charge remains the same.

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 was as murky last July and August as Paul can ever recall. Chlorophyll level is also higher than normal, with Phosphorus normal.

Loons/Loon Island: Stuart Armstrong reported a nesting loon on the island, with some deterioration on the island. The male partner is also on the lake, with potentially one more loon as well (not confirmed).

Buoys: Bob indicated that in addition to the two buoys replaced last year, four buoys were replaced this year. Richard Geurts indicated that we should be good on buoy replacement for a while, and that the pontoon platform donated by Boulder Lake Lodge is going well. Discussion on leaving the buoys in longer this year, issue was the availability of a scissors pontoon trailer to which several members volunteered theirs as needed. There was some additional expense for chain and related items, reimbursed. Bob recognized Richard & Linda Geurts, and Brad & Cheryl Schmitzer for their long time and dedicated assistance with placing and retrieving buoys.

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ken Carlson along with Stuart Armstrong reported on the ongoing Eurasian Watermilfoil concern in the lake. Attendees viewed a map of the 2023 areas. The spot by Echo Valley was treated in 2023 and appears to be 100% gone. There are some small areas of growth in the usual spots in the south and southwest areas, nothing too concerning as of yet but Stuart will continue to dive on and monitor. Members discussed prior lake treatments, as well as some of the planning needed and costs involved. We may need to survey again this fall.

Members were reminded to keep up their efforts to pick up trash and other debris around the lake, we are doing a good job now. No official lake clean up day needs to be scheduled this year.

Ordinances/Wake Enhancement: Chad Nehring gave a short update on Wake Enhancement Activities. The Town of Doty ordinance is now in its second year. Other towns (Townsend, Lakewood, Riverview, etc) have also enacted similar ordinances. Concern is now statewide. The wake boat lobbying industry is hoping for a statewide rule that would override individual town ordinances. Other groups are promoting local control specific to each lake or group of lakes. A reminder that the wake boats themselves aren't illegal, it's the actions of enhanced wake or ballasting that violate the ordinance.

AS A REMINDER....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.

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. A presentation that was given to Oconto County Board members by OCLAWA was reviewed with the membership. We viewed EWM problems and costs on Kelly Lake and Wheeler Lake as examples. Discussion about Lake Associations moving to "Districts" to become a taxing authority; would be a last resort on Boulder Lake. A review of the value of lake property owners contributions to the tax base county-wide was also done; make sure to stay in touch with your local representatives to remind them of the value of the waterways. Oconto County is considering establishing a full time Lake Resource employee, we encourage our members to support this.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HAPPY HOUR CRUISE AND VENETIAN PARADE: We will hold this on FRIDAY JULY 4th with the Happy Hour cruise at 5:30PM; the lighted Venetian Parade at 9:15PM (dusk). Gather in front of Echo Valley or join as the parade comes by your place.

NEW BUSINESS

Boulder Lake Management Plan: We learned that we needed to formally approve this plan. The plan has been available on our website for over a year; members had opportunities to join listening/feedback sessions last year as well.

MOTION: Motion by Richard Guerts, Second by Jim Tilkens to approve the Boulder Lake Management Plan.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that this plan has a ten year duration, was not restrictive to any activities and was informational in nature. It also does not negate the needs for other plans for specific projects, such as EWM treatment.

VOTE: Voice vote, All in favor, motion carried

Raffle Ticket Licenses: Chad asked that we approve establishing both Class A and Class B Raffle Licenses for the Association. The cost is \$25 for two years for each license. This would allow us to run traditional raffles as well as 50/50 raffles.

MOTION: Motion by Stuart Armstrong, Second by Linda Guerts to approve establishing Class A & Class B Raffle licenses.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice vote, All in favor, motion carried

NEW “Shake the Lake” Fundraiser: This is a new event for the Association, designed to help get the word out and raise funds for the Association. This was at the suggestion and offer of Jim & Patricia from Boulder Lake Lodge. Noted about the event:

- Start time is 4PM, later in the day so most can enjoy the lake and then come
- Live music from “Lovin Country” from 4:30 until 7:30
- Bags/Cornhole Tournament, \$40 for team of 2, 50% return with 8 teams needed. Town of Doty has boards.
- Food and beverages (coordinated by Boulder Lake Lodge)
 - Will work with Boulder Lake Lodge to make sure sufficient amounts, hard to plan
- Corn Roast is in the works, we are looking for a corn roaster but have backup plans. Fire Department may have one.
- Also looking at other activities; kids games; raffles; merchandise; etc.
- NEED VOLUNTEERS! Sign up sheets are available, many hands make for light work, if everyone could volunteer an hour it would help!
- We will communicate more needs in the coming weeks.
- Hope to make this an annual event and grow it; real goal is to get the word out about the Association, meet other lake users and have fun!

Merchandise: The Board is working on a logo and then on merchandise like T-shirts, hoodies, hats etc. More to follow on this with the hopes of having it available at the event.

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

The next annual meeting will be Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 9AM at the Doty Town Hall.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Guerts, seconded by Stuart Armstrong.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice Vote, all in Favor, Motion Carried, Meeting adjourned at 10:20AM.

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!