

BOULDER LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Annual Meeting Minutes
DRAFT – TO BE APPROVED AT 2027 ANNUAL MEETING

June 6, 2026 - 9AM
Doty Town Hall

Prior to the meeting, 2026-2027 dues were collected, a continental breakfast was enjoyed by all and merchandise/OCLAWA Raffle Tickets were sold.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM by Association Vice-President Ken Carlson. President Bob LeBeau was not able to attend the annual meeting.

All attendees introduced themselves and where they are located on the lake. 37 members were present.

A moment of remembrance for Janet Tilkens, who passed away November 25, 2025 was observed. The Association in accordance with past practice will make a memorial donation.

A call for nominations for the position of Vice-President was called for. The position was described to those present. No nominations were offered. The position remains vacant. The remainder of the Board will continue to recruit for this position. This is a great way to provide service to Boulder Lake.

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 Stuart Armstrong 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 Austin Dodge, Second by Jan Salzmann to accept the 2025 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 \$9,926.91
- 2025-2026 Income and Expenses were listed
- Outstanding checks and expected expenses upcoming were discussed

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

DISCUSSION: None

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

MOTION: Motion by Jim Tilkens, Second by Stuart Armstrong to approve continuation of Flagstar Bank as the Association's Bank.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice vote, All in favor, motion carried

MOTION: Motion by Tim Stephani, Second by Peter Lorge to continue allow Association dues to be collected electronically using "Stripe"

DISCUSSION: A question was raised about the service fees. Chad confirmed that the fees are charged in addition to the dues.

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 is extremely clear so far this year, likely due to a combination of a late spring and low boat traffic. Chlorophyll level is normal, with Phosphorus normal as well. Paul noted that compared to state averages, our lake is much cleaner than lakes of similar size.

Loons/Loon Island: Stuart Armstrong reported a nesting loon on the island, with the island size remaining the same (no rehab needed at this time). The male partner is also on the lake.

Buoys: Richard Geurts reported all buoys are in good shape, with an extra one "in reserve" as needed. He has GPS on his boat now and will pull the winter markers. Ken 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. Stuart used a map of the lake to show where areas of monitoring are; so far/so good this year. One area of concern off the point by the old Boy Scout Camp, could possibly be hand-pulled but hard to get to with water depth. Stuart will continue to monitor it. Discussion of other lakes in the area and the ongoing costs to mitigate weeds. Entire northwest area of Pickerel Lake is matted with EWM, with only a navigational channel cut out for it.

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. An official Lake Clean-Up Day will only be scheduled this year if needed.

Raffles: Chad reported that the 50/50 raffle at Shake the Lake last year went well. We had intended to have a traditional (ticket) raffle this year, but decided to hold off one more year. OCLAWA tickets are available however.

Shake The Lake recap and update: The event last year was a success despite a downpour during setup. Will keep the same basic format this year. Event will be Saturday, August 8th at 4PM at Boulder Lake Lodge. Same music as last year. Thanks again to Town of Doty Fire for the donation of the use of the corn roaster and bags boards, requested to use again and Randy Siewert will coordinate. Thanks to Boulder Lake Lodge for hosting; Jim Bauer for paddle boat donation for raffle and to all volunteers who helped in any way. Total raised was over \$3,000. Will need volunteer help again this year. Chad also requested donations of items for bucket raffles at the event, please reach out to him.

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. Mark Dodge asked if members were aware of the Town of Doty's historical book; many were not and he had some brought to the meeting which many members purchased. These books are available for \$20 (Secretary's note: This is a GREAT book with lots of fun history! Proceeds go to Town of Doty Fire Department.)

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 will also be available at Boulder Lake Lodge).

Ken reported on the OCLAWA annual meeting. Oconto County established a full time lake quality position. Much of the meeting was spent discussing what is working and not working for various lake associations. Finding volunteers continues to be a challenge.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HAPPY HOUR CRUISE AND VENETIAN PARADE: We will hold this on SATURDAY 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

Merchandise: Merchandise sales have gone well. Had a significant initial order from Shake the Lake with pickup in person. Chad mentioned this was fairly labor intensive. The last order round was done this spring and items have been arriving this week. Shipping costs for some were reduced with refunds given. We raised over \$500 in the latest round. Another round will be done this fall with shipping in time for Christmas.

A question was raised as to if we would have merchandise at Shake the Lake. We likely will but trying to keep inventory level small, so supplies may be limited. Shirts have no event date on them and are general in nature.

Chad mentioned that we'll be adding additional items for sale, possibly flags and stickers. If anyone has ideas or requests, please let Chad know. We did add some additional clothing styles this last order round.

Landing Monitors/Clean Boats-Clean Waters: Bob LeBeau would like to continue this program and volunteered to coordinate. Shift signups are available for Saturday July 4th and Sunday July 5th. If you are interested, please send an email to boulderlakenews@gmail.com and we will get you on this list. Training is available online but is not mandatory.

A call for other questions or concerns from the membership was made.

Ordinances/Wake Enhancement: Stuart Armstrong asked if there were any updated. Chad Nehring gave a short update on Wake Enhancement Activities. The Town of Doty ordinance is now in its third 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. The State Legislature failed to bring this to the floor in the last session, but it likely will be in a later session. We may ask for your support to keep regulation on a local, lake-specific basis. 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.

Kayaking Social Group: Mark Dodge mentioned a group of kayakers that meets a few times a month to kayak lakes around the county. If interested, please get ahold of Mary Jo Kress.

Town Of Doty History Books: Mark remained after the meeting for anyone that was interested in a book.

The next annual meeting will be the first or second Saturday of June, 9AM at the Doty Town Hall (based on hall availability)

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Guerts, seconded by Paul Martin.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voice Vote, all in Favor, Motion Carried, Meeting adjourned at 9:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Nehring
Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND NEEDING TO RENEW

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025-2026:

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!