

BLIA 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 15, 2021 – ZOOM –
Meeting Host Bob Wilson

Attendance: 24 registered for Zoom meeting – actual count is estimated at 35 as couples often share their computer screens.

7 :06 Call to order and Opening Remarks: BLIA President Wes DeVoe at 7:07

Mandatory Agenda Items: Per the Bylaws, there are two mandatory subjects for tonight's meeting: Financial Report and Election of Officers.

This meeting is being held virtually because of occupancy regulations at the BL Fire House. Due to Covid restrictions, no Annual Meeting was held in 2020. Election of Officers was accomplished by mail in ballots. Minutes of all recent meetings have been posted on the BLIA website – ballstonlake.org

Financial Report – Treasurer Larry Hausheer reported. BLIA is healthy. We have \$39,431 in assets as of Jan. 1, 2021. The funds are mostly in a savings account targeted for future lake management projects. In 2019 we had a \$1,575 surplus. We transfer surpluses to the savings account. This year we budgeted an \$800 surplus but are on track to be closer to \$2000.

Our main income is member dues, supported by GE matching funds. Largest expenses are: insurance (for our protection and to be eligible for state grants), NYSFOLA/CSLAP (most of this is for water sample testing), postage handling and printing (most of this is for the Newsletter), and occasional beaver control. We budgeted \$8,700 for expenses but hope to keep that under \$8,000.

Election of Officers 2021 - Ann Pierce presented the slate of officers and directors – The slate passed unanimously: Wes DeVoe President, Larry Hausheer Treasurer, Joanne DeVoe Secretary, Dave Pierce VP Lake Management, Greg Adams, VP Newsletter, Pete Voss VP Clifton Park, Drew Hamelink VP Sewers. Bill Bashant Director, Gini Whetten Director, Patrick Whitten Director, Ann Pierce Director.

Committee Reposts

BLSD Sewer

Drew Hamelink presented an update on the sewer project – all work must be completed by September 2022 per contracts. The manual prepared for residents within the sewer district was presented. Links to both documents can be found on [Town of Ballston Sewers | Ballston Lake & Buell Heights Sewer Project](#)

Questions were fielded re: the distance from the hook up to certain homes. These protocols have been established by the Saratoga County Sewer Commission.

Ballston Lake Management (Dave Pierce)

1. No bacteria sampling done in 2020. Lab closed due to Covid.
2. CSLAP water sampling summary 8 collection dates during 2020. Algae, clarity and chlorophyll were better than the 30-year average. Phosphorous averaged 24 micro grams per liter which is better than the 30-year average, but is still considered eutrophic.

3. Water Chestnut removal by BLIA volunteers. There are significant areas are the weed bed in the beginning of the wide waters north of the narrows. Keep an eye open and if you see them gently pull them up and remove the nut. Last year we only got about 10 gallons.
4. Status of \$ 26,000 DEC grant to create a Ballston Lake Management Plan to improve the water quality of Ballston Lake. We did the towns' paperwork and received \$6,500 from Ballston \$1,200 from Clifton Park.
5. Outlet Project to bypass beaver dams to prevent flooding during excessive rain events. We are working with Saratoga Plan to put in a bypass conduit for better flow.
6. Zebra mussel status 2020. Moderate in 2020. This is a constant issue for people who take in water from the lake.
7. BLIA has joined with Villago to jointly sponsor a portable toilet at the boat launch.
8. The future of Lake Management. An aquatic plant survey was done by Darrin Freshwater Institute in 2019. We will have a Lake Management Plan in fall of 2021. Put these together and we can develop a action plan to improve Ballston Lake. Funds in our savings account can be applied toward any matching requirement that this plan would require

Q & A

A question was fielded re: Invasive species (Milfoil) and boat washing. The weed harvester has not been considered. 10 years ago, we surveyed that there are 60 acres of weeds with 40 acres near homes. Weeds extend about 10 to 20 feet out in shallow areas in mid to upper third of the lake. This may be addressed in the lake management plan. The full discussion may be found on [BLIA Mtg 6-15-21.mp4 - Google Drive](#) . Villago is private and 1. We need an inspector, 2. The wash water is a problem and there is no place to do it. A couple of invasives that have not arrived are spiny water flea and hydrilla. If you do work on the shoreline, you need a permit from DEC and Army Corps of Engineering. The water of the lake belongs to NY State.

Adjournment: President Wes DeVoe thanked all the participants and reminded attendees about upcoming BLIA events: 4th of July Boat Parade, August 3 Annual Picnic, & Sept. 5 Light Up the Lake. He expressed special appreciation to Bob Wilson and Bob Duncan for, the work they did to make the Zoom Annual Meeting virtually seamless. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted

Joanne M. DeVoe, Secretary

Thank you, Bob Duncan and Bob Wilson for the files of the meeting:

Video (400 Mb)

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