



Big Alum Lake Association, ALL BALA Meeting

MINUTES SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019 10 AM TO 11:11 AM OSV THEATRE MEETING ROOM

ATTENDEES	<p><u>Officers of BALA</u> Chuck Roy (President) Mark Minnucci (Vice President) Debbie Gran (Treasurer) Jennifer Bailey (Recording Clerk) Lisa Sanderson (Corresponding Secretary)</p> <p><u>Committee Chairs and Member(s) – At- Large</u> A. Membership Committee – Jill Roy B. Recreational Committee – Mari Roy C. Dam – Ken Gajewski D. Environmental Committee- Bruce Gran E. Boating Committee – Matt Kibbe F. History Committee – John Puffer G. Fishing Committee – Robert Scobel H. Nominating Committee – Tracy Murphy I. Watershed Committee – Tom Clark J. Jeff Buchanan (BALA Board Member at large)</p> <p><u>Big Alum Membership At Large</u></p>
CALLED TO ORDER	10:04 AM
MATERIALS	Agenda; Meeting Minutes from 07/06/19 Meeting; Treasurer’s Report; By-Laws of Big Alum Lake Association; SLAC Information;
RECORDING CLERK	Jennifer C. Bernardo-Bailey

Meeting Called to Order

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Quorum determination. Chuck Roy	
A. BALA President Chuck Roy determined a Quorum was present. (One officer and 15 Members)		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	C. Roy, BALA President	Completed

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Agenda Review. Chuck Roy	
Chuck Roy, President of BALA, reviewed agenda items, agenda accepted by BALA Executive Board, BALA Full Board, and Membership present. Chuck explained the new voting and meeting recognition program. Each property is issued a card upon registering for the meeting. Any member of a family can use the card to be recognized by the Chair to speak, or to cast their one vote per household. It is necessary to be a member in order to speak in front of the Association.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Move forward through the Agenda items.	C. Roy, President	N/A

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM 07/06/2019 C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Meeting Minute Review from 07/06/2019 Chuck Roy	
Move to accept Meeting Minutes from 07/06/2019 meeting as presented: Tom Clark made the motion to approve the minutes, and Bruce Gran seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Completed and minutes will be uploaded to website.	Lisa Sanderson for uploading to website	Not determined at this time

4. REVIEW OF TREASURER REPORT

DEBBIE GRAN/C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Review of Treasury Report	
	Debbie Gran/Chuck Roy	
A.	Debbie Gran, BALA Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report to date. All bills paid in full to date. BALA to pay final payment for weed treatment soon of about \$1000, donation to St. Anne and OSV for use of properties for the meetings and filing cost with state. Financially doing well and staying on budget. Balance sheet showed reserves of \$70,261.87.	
B.	BALA President Chuck Roy reviewed the fiscal year of BALA with the Membership, and pointed out that the fiscal year has been adjusted to align with the calendar year. Chuck mentioned that with the increase in dues next year, approved at the July meeting, and with the Recreation Committee's continued contributions from the BALA Gala event, we can rebuild the reserve fund as we spend it down on lake improvement projects like the lake watershed drainage project. He said we are looking good financially and he was pleased.	
C.	Treasurer Report was reviewed and a motion to accept the treasurer report was made by Mark Smith, and seconded by Matt Kibbe. Vote was taken and the Treasure's Report was and accepted by all members of BALA Membership present unanimously.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Reviewed and accepted Treasury Report	Debbie Gran	Completed

5. REVIEW OF BALA COMMITTEES

DISCUSSION	Round robin to review of each committee present by their representatives.	
1.	New members recognition- none present at this time.	
2.	Membership Committee – Jill Roy: Next year the first dues notices will be sent by e-mail instead of through the mail, with payment set up on the website electronically. A mailed reminder, for those that have not paid their dues by April, will be a follow up to the initial e-mail notices. Jill said that at present, 182 properties have paid their BALA dues.	
3.	Recreational Committee – Mari Roy: Mari introduced by name all the members on the Recreational Committee. Mari wanted to thank all of the BALA Community and the Committee for all their help in making the BALA Gala such a success. Mari restated the mission of the BALA Recreational Committee is to create a lake community through fun activities, such as the BALA Gala, and boat, middle of the lake gatherings, winter pot lucks, etc., and at the same time generate revenue for BALA whenever possible. Barbara Hitchcock stated the mission statement of the Recreation Committee: The Rec. Committee is a committee comprised of BALA community members, who volunteer their time at meetings scheduled throughout the year, to create activities to enhance the sense of community among Big Alum Lake Association Members. Funding of their budget is approved by the Board and voted on by the Membership as part of the annual budget. Mari proudly reported an income from this year's BALA Gala ticket sales and auction, of \$6,808, and expenses of \$4025, resulting in a net profit on the event of \$2782, to be contributed to the lake reserve fund. We would like to thank all those that donated to the BALA Gala.	
4.	Dam/Drainage – Ken Gajewski, reported that he will open the dam on 11/1 to bring lake down 30 inches and on Jan 1 st he will close the dam. The big draw down to 36 inches will take place next year for the winter of 2020. Bruce Gran stated the big draw down is needed and beneficial as it is a great weed killer despite the worry that the level won't always recover. Most years recovery of lake water depth is not a problem.	
5.	Environmental Committee/SLAC Update - Bruce Gran: Bruce reported Solitude's treatment of lake was delayed this year because, in April they do the initial pre-survey to look for weed growth, and based on the pre-survey, weed growth was not present due to the cold rainy weather. Bruce pushed for treatment of the lake nonetheless with Rob Wheaton, who works for Solitude, and it was agreed to treat the lake. However, treatment was delayed, due to scheduling, and happened later than usual (in early July instead of June). Consequently, a large portion of the weed treatment invoice missed the Town's June 30 th deadline. This means that portion of the invoice will need to be submitted next year for reimbursement from the Town's Betterment Fund. A lot of Big Alum Members forwarded messages that Rob Wheaton did a great job with the treatment, and that he was very thorough treating the areas with heavy weeds. Bruce reported that the weeds around the island are noninvasive, and will die off and not spread. Bruce would like to thank Beverly, Tom Clark and Mark Smith who helped with the survey of the lake. Results of the survey was an improvement in clarity over last year: Big Alum was 22 feet 3 inch depth of clarity near the dam, the island area was 19 feet 6 inches, and our closest lake competitor was Leadmine at 18 feet. There are some floating, nonharmful, remnants of noninvasive weeds in the water that will go away with time. Bruce mentioned that we are lucky have natural alum in our lake to help us with our phosphorous issues, where as South Pond is having to fund injections of alum into their lake at a hefty cost. Alum combines with phosphorus to deprive algae and weeds this nutrient.	
6.	Watershed Engineering Committee – Tom Clark: Tom Clark spoke for the watershed committee. Tom discussed there has been good progress on the watershed project. The repair work around Mt. Dan has been completed and Tom was very impressed with the company that completed the work cleaning up the drains and grading the road away from the lake. Paradise Lane has a road committee that rebuilt and cleaned out a couple of drainage swales to keep water from draining directly into the lake. Paradise Lane committee did a lot of work and great job on that. The engineering study was started on North End area #8. Burton Engineering has been surveying the road and will create a plan to be submitted to the Town for approval in the near future. They will also look at the drainage and existing swales for the south end of the lake by the Italian American Club with the intention of creating a plan for that problem area of the lake. Property owners will need to be contacted for this project since the drainage swale will need to run over private property.	
7.	Nominating Election and Bylaws Committee – Tracy Murphy: Tracy had nothing to report at this meeting.	
8.	Boating Committee – Matt Kibbe: Matt reported that boating activity has been constant this summer and he believes it has picked up some over last summer. Friendly reminders; no people sitting on bow when the boat is in motion, make sure enough life preservers are on board the boat for all passengers, anyone driving a PWC has to be at least 16 years of age and have a boating license certificate. Matt said we are in the process of updating the Lake Rules and we will be reprinting the boating rules and regulations pamphlet. Chuck Roy and Matt have discussed changing the speed of boats circling the lake clockwise from the present speed of 15mph, advocated in the pamphlet, to travel of 6mph for clockwise travel, and/or closer than 150 feet to shoreline. It was felt that 15 mph created too large a wake for stand-up paddleboards and kayaks. This puts our lake rules in compliance with the State's boating rules. Remember, paddle boards and kayaks, as well as sail boats, have the right of way over any motorized boat or PWC. When meeting another boat head on, under maritime law, you go starboard, let other boat pass to	

port. Rafts and floats shall be no more than 50 feet from the shoreline, as they otherwise become navigational hazards, and they must have reflectors on them. Some these rules are courtesy laws agreed upon by the Lake Association, and others are Mass. State boating laws enforced by the Environmental Police. In either case, use your common sense to be safe. Tom Clarke made a motion of amending the rules for policy changes / edits as discussed, with a second by Tracey Murphy, and the motion went to vote, with all in favor. Mari questioned why we are printing the rules. Jennifer Bailey explained that a minimal number of paper printed copies is needed to be left at the boat ramp so that those visiting the lake will have our rules. However, these rules are also listed electronically on the web site for viewing. Matt discussed that boats with docking headlights should only use them for docking, they are not for boats under way on the lake, and Chuck mentioned that it is State Maritime law to use navigation lights when under way at night, no exceptions. Navigation lights let other boats know the direction your boat is traveling. Matt also mentioned that it is important to ventilate gasoline engine boats properly before starting and after fueling. There was a recent boat fire at a nearby local lake where the boat burned to the waterline. We want to prevent this from happening on our lake and to our neighbors. Also watch your wake so as to not damage shoreline properties. The island administration has been running well; no overcrowding by excessive use, and it has been kept relatively clean by the users. Water ski t-shirts are available. Chuck is reminding everyone that this is not an official club, the liability insurance costs and cost of fuel is too high to have an official club. The t-shirts are just for fun and anyone can order one. Contact Matt Kibbe to order one.

9. **History Committee** – John Puffer: John not present. Nothing to update at this time.

10. **Fishing Committee** – Robert Scobel : Rob not present but Chuck reported “fishing is good and fish are doing swimmingly” for Rob!

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Meeting Packet to be put on website and email follow up.	Lisa Sanderson	ASAP

6. OLD BUSINESS

C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Chuck Roy to review any old business.
A.	Chuck Roy reviewed the 2020 budget that was posted on line (printed copies were available at the meeting), and asked the membership if there were any questions before it goes vote. Chuck explained that the budget did not include the construction costs for the Watershed Committee project at this time, as we don't have them yet, and there will need to be an amended budget presented to the Membership for a vote once we have those figures. Connie White asked if this was the first budget to be presented as January to December fiscal year, Chuck replied that the first time was actually presented at the July meeting as an amended January to December 2019 budget. No other questions. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Jeff Buchanan, with a second by Barbara Hitchcock, there was no further discussion, all present were in favor, and no opposed.
B.	A report was given by Jennifer Bailey and Lisa Sanderson on the newly added classified section of the BALA web site. Classified ads are now available to the Membership and are free to Members. Non-member rates are \$25.00 per quarter. There are no pro-rated fees during a quarter. Sponsorships of the web site are also available at \$200.00 per calendar year with no proration, and provide a link to the sponsor's web site on the BALA website.
C.	Chuck Roy said that there was nothing else he needed to discuss, and he was going to open the floor up for discussion. Nancy Mangari, from #206, said she would like to obtain a directory of all the members on the lake. Lisa Sanderson said that this is not information that the members want to be given out, but Jill Roy and Debbie Gran stated that people signing up to be members of BALA have the option, on the membership form, to “opt out” of having their addresses, phone numbers and e-mails made available to other members. Nancy said she just wanted the information to know peoples' names as she sees them around the lake. It was mentioned there used to be a listing of the names on a sign on Mt. Dan Rd. It was decided that a printed membership list will be made available to members of BALA, showing only those members that “opted in” on the membership form. Bruce Gran mentioned putting cottage numbers on end of dock on the lake might be helpful to people trying to match up names. Tom Clarke mentioned numbering is counterclockwise from the dam, so there shouldn't be duplicates. Dennis Murphy asked Bruce about the weeds around the island, and questioned if that area was treated or not? Bruce stated that it was treated. Dennis felt the treatment didn't seem to work well in that area, and he is concerned that weeds will spread. Bruce stated that these weed areas will not spread, and once the weeds die, they will not form new colonies from the floating dead weed fragments.
D.	Ken Gaweski gave the Paul Lamarine Report for 2019 Big Alum Lake Counts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 77 SkiBoats / 6 Hurricaines b. 1 electric boat c. 1 seaplane d. 52 pontoon boats / 20 Benningtons e. 30 Personal Watercraft f. 11 Small Fishing Boats g. 6 Sail Boats / 3 Sunfish h. 24 Flagpoles i. 6 bounce floats j. 7 foam pads

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Electronic Packet to be created and distributed for amended budget in future	Chuck Roy	N/A

7. NEXT MEETING

C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Chuck Roy mentioned, that at the July meeting it was decided to maintain the two meetings a year, but change the date of the July meeting so it does not fall on the fourth of July weekend. Chuck still feels that one Annual meeting in August should suffice, but will go along with the Membership's desire for two meetings.	
Next all BALA meeting to be held on July 11 th , 2020.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

To distribute meeting date.	Chuck Roy to gather and decide.	N/A
8. ADJOURNMENT		C. ROY
DISCUSSION	BALA President, Chuck Roy closed out the meeting.	
Meeting adjourned at 11:11AM		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None as completed	N/A	N/A