



# BIG ALUM LAKE ASSOCIATION

## Big Alum Lake Association Executive Board and all Committee Chairs

MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

6:49 PM TO 8:43 PM

PRESIDENT, CHUCK ROYS HOME

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Officers of BALA</b>                  Chuck Roy (President)                  Mark Minnucci (Vice President)                  Debbie Gran (Treasurer)                  Jennifer Bailey (Recording Clerk)                  Lisa Sandersen (Corresponding Secretary)</p> <p><b>Committee Chairs and Member(s) – At-Large</b>                  A. Membership Committee – Jill Roy                  B. Recreational Committee – Marion Reilly                  C. Dam – Ken Gajewski                  D. Environmental Committee- Bruce Gran                  E. Boating Committee – Matt Kibbe                  F. History Committee – John Puffer (Absent)                  G. Fishing Committee – Robert Scobel                  H. Nominating Committee – Mark Smith (Via Phone)                  I. Watershed Committee – Tom Clark                  J. Jeff Buchanan (BALA Board Member at large)</p>
<b>CALLED TO ORDER</b>	6:49 PM
<b>MATERIALS</b>	Agenda; Meeting Minutes from 08/17/19 Meeting; Treasurer’s Report; Updates to Big Alum Boating Rules and Recommendations;
<b>RECORDING CLERK</b>	Jennifer C. Bernardo-Bailey

Meeting Called to Order

**1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

C. ROY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Quorum determination.	Chuck Roy
A. BALA President Chuck Roy determined a Quorum was present. (Five officers present and 9 Committee Chairs present)		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
None	C. Roy, BALA President	Completed

**2. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

C. ROY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Agenda Review.	Chuck Roy
Chuck Roy, President of BALA, reviewed agenda items, agenda accepted by BALA Executive Board, and BALA Full Board that was present.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Move forward through the Agenda items.	C. Roy, President	N/A

**3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM 08/19/2019**

C. ROY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Meeting Minute Review from 08/19/2019	Chuck
Move to accept Meeting Minutes from 08/19/2019 meeting as presented: Jeff Buchanan made the motion to approve the minutes, and Tom Clarke seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.		
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Completed and minutes will be uploaded to website.	Lisa Sanderson or Jennifer Bailey for uploading to website	Not determined at this time

**4. REVIEW OF TREASURER REPORT**

DEBBIE GRAN/C. ROY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Review of Treasury Report	Debbie Gran/Chuck
A. Debbie Gran, BALA Treasurer, presented the treasurer’s report to date. All bills paid in full to date, BALA to pay Exsel Marketing for updates to website of nominal charge \$200. Financially doing well and staying on budget. Balance sheet showed reserves of \$70,397.66.		
B. Deb Gran and Chuck Roy reviewed the fiscal year of BALA 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. Chuck 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 Bruce Gran and unanimously accepted by all present.

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.	<b>Memberships Committee</b> – Jill Roy: This next year, 2020 the first dues notices will be sent by e-mail instead of through the mail, with payment set up on the website electronically via paypal link to go live. 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, 150 families have paid their BALA dues which some have multiple lots. There are 192 families total with 220 lots total as some families have multiple lots. Jill mentioned she had Jennifer Bailey update the sheets last year for the mailings but also in August for the August full membership meeting. Lisa Sandersen has created 2 excel sheet lists, one to be used as BALA communicative to all interested in BALA list but non-member paying list and also created a list of paying members. Lisa Sandersen felt it was important to have these two lists to separate some of the emails being sent out as paying members should be entitled to receiving all news/information versus also sending such information to non-paying members. Mark Minnucci volunteered to head up going to nonpaying members home to discuss the benefit of joining BALA as a paying member.
3.	<b>Recreational Committee</b> – Marion Reilly: Marion was introduced as the new Chair of the Recreation Committee and Chuck Roy thanked Mari Roy for all her time and commitment to being previous chair. Marion mentioned that the Recreation Committee met and they have decided that they want to decrease the amount of events that they host to ensure attendance. They were pleased with the BALA Gala attendance and the amount that the 50/50 and auctions brought in. Marion brought up that she feels the committee works well with obtaining reimbursement for items from being paid by Deb Gran so she would like to not keep an account of \$150 as requested by the committee recently. Marion brought up the concern of the recreation committee having pressure to have a fundraising expectation versus planning ways to get together. Jennifer Bailey spoke that Chuck nor the rest of the board never stated that the Recreation Committee had a fundraising component to their budget or had added pressure about fundraising. It had been mentioned that in the past there was fundraising completed in conjunction with some of the recreation committee events but there was no pressure to have a fundraising budget and if that was communicated to the recreation committee members than that was incorrectly communicated. Jennifer Bailey also mentioned that Chuck did discuss that the events shouldn't all be in the negative that yes that some may cost the association money to encourage community events but all should not be at a cost and if some could fundraise that would be even better. Rob Scoble mentioned that in the past the BALA Gala has always done well with attendance and bringing in funds as in the past he stated that the GALA usually brought in \$3,000 to 5,500 dollars via the event and auctions. Chuck Roy mentioned the need to create a fundraising committee which he will discuss more in New Business Chuck Roy mentioned that there is a need to create a new Fundraising Committee to work hand in hand with the Rec. Committee, which he will discuss more in New Business. Jennifer also spoke that Chuck only reminded the Rec Committee to break even on events and if they could to "try" to make some money for the BALA Budget than that was bonus. There was no specific amount mentioned of fundraising required. Chuck mentioned that he agrees with what Jennifer spoke about and what Rob stated that the GALA event should be a fundraiser as in the past as well as the premiere social event of BALA.
4.	<b>Dam/Drainage</b> – Ken Gajewski, reported that he opened the dam on 11/1. He is going to bring lake down 30 inches and on Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> he will close the dam. Ken said the spill over is going well and he has been putting back into the lake the trout caught in the stream. Ken again mentioned that the big draw down to 36 inches will take place next year for the winter of 2020. Bruce Gran restated 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.
5.	<b>Environmental Committee/SLAC Update</b> - Bruce Gran: Bruce reported the review of what happened with the delay in weed treatment. He reported that 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 <sup>th</sup> deadline. This means that portion of the invoice will need to be submitted next year for reimbursement from the Town's Betterment Fund. Bruce reported that the weeds around the island were noninvasive and died off. Bruce reported the results of the survey which 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. Bruce mentioned that he has requested Rob Wheaton to be the designated engineer for Big Alum from Solitude.
6.	<b>Watershed Engineering Committee</b> – Tom Clark: Tom Clark spoke for the watershed committee. Tom discussed there have been delays in the engineering work as the engineering company has had two separate engineers assigned to Big Alum work have resigned. The engineering company should be back on track shortly. Tom mentioned the repair work from Mt. Dan road work has held up and doing well. He would like to propose a \$700 repair to Paradise Lane swails which Chuck Roy mentioned we could not do this work at this time as the watershed work has been prioritized in a need order so when it is time to repair Paradise than it will be voted on to be completed unless Paradise Road Association would like to go ahead and pay for the work themselves. Tom mentioned he understood and that the watershed work is on hold but getting back on track that he is pleased so far
7.	<b>Nominating Election and Bylaws Committee</b> – Tracy Murphy stepped down and Mark Smith took over as chair of this committee: Mark Smith introduced himself and stated he just wanted to remind everyone there is no voting of positions this upcoming summer but if anyone is not able to stay on to let them know to start looking for replacements. Chuck Roy thanked Tracy Murphy for all his time and help.
8.	<b>Boating Committee</b> – Matt Kibbe: Matt reported that boating activity went well this summer and better use of the island. He mentioned the buoys are out and the lake is low so if anyone still has boats out there to use caution as more rocks are out and hazardous. He reviewed the changes/updates to the Big Alum Boating rules to include 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. Included, paddle boards and kayaks, as well as sail boats, have the right of way over any motorized boat or PWC. Mark Smith mentioned he would like added if the ski club used the green buoys as recommended nationally. Jill Roy mentioned she has a donor who would like to be anonymous to update the BALA owned sign down at the boat ramp. Discussion was mentioned if the sign was state owned versus BALA owned but Matt Kibbe stated there was a sign by the water at the ramp that is owned by the BALA association and that is the one needing updating.

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

10. **Fishing Committee** – Robert Scobel : Rob reported “fishing was good this summer and that the fish did swimmingly” ! Rob rementioned that the Lake is stocked twice a year on undisclosed dates.

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

## 6. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

C. ROY

DISCUSSION	Chuck Roy to review any old business.	
A.	Chuck Roy discussed further the need for fundraising committee. He feels will be an important committee to have as it will help keep funds in the reserve to keep the lake clean in future as needed having a reserve for possible work. Chuck mentioned that with the start of work to areas around the lake, monies will be used from the reserve and will need to be continually replaced. Jeff Buchanan mentioned that the person running the fundraising committee should have a lot of community ties, calm presence and ability to speak with business and people to obtain funds. The fundraising committee will need to work with the watershed committee as they may need to work together to write grants for help with funding. Chuck Roy mentioned that he feels there is a need to budget \$5000 per year to fund for future work. Mark Smith stated that he would donate \$2500 toward that \$5000 so the committee would only need to raise \$2500 and anything above is gravy.	
B.	Chuck Roy reviewed the 2020 budget, a report was given by Jennifer Bailey on sponsorships that Exsel Marketing has the website ready to add in sponsors when we are ready to obtain them. Chuck gave the green light for Jennifer to go ahead to start obtaining sponsorship listing for the website. Reminded the cost is \$200 per year to listed.	
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 executive board and committee chair meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup> .		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
To distribute meeting date.	Chuck Roy to gather and distribute.	N/A

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

C. ROY

DISCUSSION	BALA President, Chuck Roy closed out the meeting.	
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None as completed	N/A	N/A