

BIG ALUM LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Big Alum Lake Association, Inc. ("BALA") was held upon proper notice on February 8, 2024, beginning at 6:40pm via a Zoom conference call. In attendance were the following directors: Ken Gajewski; Bruce Gran; Deb Gran; Mark Smith; Barb Hitchcock; Jeffrey Buchanan; Chuck Roy; Matt Kibbe; Mike Gionfriddo; Liz Detarando; and Jen Bailey. Absent were Mr. Tom Clark and Mr. David Bellerose. There being a quorum of the Board present, Mr. Roy called the meeting to Order.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 14, 2023. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The next order of business was a Treasurer's report by Ms. Gran, who reported on the income statement and balance sheet (all attached) with a quick summary of the various line items including noting that BALA holds a cash balance of \$54,015. After a discussion of these and other items, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the financials were unanimously approved.

The next order of business was old business: Chuck Roy, Chairman

The only old business to discuss was the issue of the weed treatment for the lake and the NOI application. Mr. Roy noted that because we are still waiting on a DEP number, the Sturbridge Conservation Committee ("SCC") has been unable to approve the NOI and issue an Order of Conditions ("OOC"). After two meetings, however, he said the outlook seems positive to get approval. The Conservation Agent has had follow up correspondence with the Lake Manager and there seems to be no concerns that could stop the process. Thus, based on the assumption we will get an OOC, Mr. Roy signed a contract with Ponds & Lakes to undertake the weed treatment with fluridone ("Sonar"). Under that contract, the application will be by pellet with the first application in April and the second in June. Then there will be an aquatics study to see if there needs to be a third application and if that application should be diquat or Sonar.

Next was new business: Chuck Roy, Chairman

First, Mr. Roy brought up SLAC. He noted that SLAC is looking at the issue of cantilever docks, which the SCC has recently taken up. The SCC believes that the maximum size of a cantilever dock is 4 feet wide by 25 feet long because there is a state law regulating non-cantilever ocean docks with those specifications. The Selectmen of Sturbridge are asking for SLAC input. For now, the Selectman are imposing those specifications on cantilevered docks on the lakes in Sturbridge.

The next new business to discuss was improvement to the Website. It was noted that the Website is frequently out of date and that other lakes in the area use Facebook for current information. There was then a discussion about opening up to other social media. It was noted that some members do not want to be tagged or photographed and that will have to be honored. It was also noted that if we used Facebook, it could be made a private group. A discussion was then held on which committee or officer Role at BALA would work on this. It was noted that since Ms. Bailey is corresponding secretary which entails email notices to the members, her role would be one place where social media relations could be handled. Ms. Bailey noted she was willing to consider it and Mr. Buchanan noted he was willing to help as the Clerk. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was agreed that the Board should explore setting up a Facebook page. Ms. Bailey, as Correspondence Secretary, was assigned to lead the effort, and Mr. Buchanan offered his assistance.

The next new business to address was new officers. Inasmuch as this is an even numbered year, a new election of officers must take place at the next annual meeting on July 13, 2024. Mr. Roy noted he will be retiring as President and that under past practices the Vice President, Mr. Mark Smith, would be a candidate for the next President. In addition, he noted that Mr. David Bellerose agreed to stand as a candidate for the next Vice President and that the remaining officers agreed to return. Therefore, upon a motion duly made and seconded, and upon a unanimous vote, the Board in accordance with Section 5.02(a) of the Bylaws nominated the following persons to be submitted to the membership for election at the next annual meeting:

Mark Smith, President
David Bellerose, Vice President
Deb Gran, Treasurer
Jen Bailey, Corresponding Secretary
Jeff Buchanan, Clerk

Also in accordance with the Bylaws, Mr. Smith, as Chair of the nominating committee, will send an email to all members asking if any Member would like to appear on the ballot at the next annual meeting.

The next order of business was committee reports:

Membership Report: Barbara Hitchcock, Chair

Ms. Hitchcock noted that the first bills will be mailed shortly with a due date of March 15, 2024. Membership dues will stay constant at \$100 and Lake Lover levels will remain the same at \$1,000 (Gold), \$500 (Silver), and \$250 (Gold) (each inclusive of membership dues).

Recreation Report: Liz Deterando, Chair

Ms. Deterando first noted that the committee would like to list two potential dates of the boat tie-ups with rain dates to have them on the calendar for people to plan to ensure that the tie-ups can occur, but did not give dates at this time.

Next, she noted that the committee has secured August 2 at Hyland Orchard Pavilion for the BALA GALA. The committee has again secured Liz Deluca for the catering as there was a lot of positive feedback about the food last year. As we did last year, we will try to keep costs down by not having lobster.

Ms. Deterando noted that members of the committee will have receipts to be reimbursed for items purchased and costs for the event. Mr. Roy noted that the costs of putting on the GALA should be included in the ticket price income line item as there is not a budget for the event.

Ms. Deterando next noted that the committee is reaching out Rapsallion Brewery to host the meet and greet “Kick Off the Season” Event. If Rapsallion is interested, the date currently proposed by the Committee is Friday May 10 at 6 pm.

Dam/Fishing Committee: Ken Gajewski, Chair

Mr. Gajewski noted that the dam is closed, and the lake is refilling. He thanked those that helped catch the fish in the stream and put them back in the lake.

Environmental Committee: Bruce Gran, Chair

No further update other than what was discussed in old business.

Watershed Report: Tom Clark, Chair

No update as Mr. Clark was absent. But Ms. Gran noted that the recent drain clean-out went very well and that Tom Clark is looking for \$1,050 for 2024.

Nominating Report: Mark Smith, Chair

Mr. Smith noted that the election of new officers was already discussed in new business. Both Ms. Bailey and Mr. Kibbe will be part of the Committee vetting any person nominated by a member to be an officer.

Boating Report: Matt Kibbe, Chair

Mr. Kibbe noted that usage is down and therefore needed maintenance has been down.

Fundraising Report: David Bellerose, Chair

No report as Mr. Bellerose was absent. Mr. Roy noted that we need to make an extra effort this year because of the lake weed mitigation expenses.

Finally, Mr. Roy noted that Janet Garon, a lake resident and member of BALA, is running for state legislator, and that we should get the word out to support a lake resident.

Mr. Roy noted that the next regular board meeting will be on May 9, 2024, at 6:45pm at an in person meeting with location to be determined.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Jeffrey Buchanan, Recording Secretary

Big Alum Lake Association Inc
Profit Loss Statement
January 1 through Dec 31, 2023

	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 22	Jan 1-Dec 31, 23	Jan 1- Dec 31, 23	Jan 1-Dec 31, 23
ORDINARY INCOME				
4000 -Membership Dues	14,600.00	14,600.00	15,000.00	102.74%
4020 -Rec Committee				
50/50	310.00	400.00	250.00	62.50%
Cash Drawer Deposit	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Gala Ticket Sales	5,555.00	5,100.00	6,005.00	117.75%
Total 4020 -Rec Committee	5,915.00	5,500.00	6,305.00	114.64%
4030 -Checking/Savings Int	25.81	30.00	46.44	154.80%
4035 -Short term CD Interest	0.00	0.00	188.49	
Total Interest	25.81	0.00	234.93	
4060 -Fundraising				
Apparel	110.92	300.00	88.77	0.00%
Auction	5,215.00	5,000.00	7,205.00	144.10%
Donation Keep Lake Clean	12,675.00	12,000.00	9,600.00	80.00%
Gala Donation	320.00	0.00	300.00	
Mystery Wine Table	680.00	1,000.00	840.00	84.00%
Total 4060 -Fundraising	19,000.92	18,300.00	18,033.77	98.55%
Total Ordinary Income	39,541.73	38,430.00	39,573.70	102.98%
Expense				
6000 -BALA Administration*				
McGrath Insurance	971.00	0.00	974.50	
Spinelli CPA PC	0.00	0.00	550.00	
US Postal Service	166.00	0.00	176.00	
Website Mgmt Fee	350.00	0.00	350.00	
Other Expenses	713.44	0.00	699.63	
Total 6000 -BALA Administration	2,034.44	0.00	2,750.13	
6020 -Boating	322.60	350.00	0.00	0.00%
6030 -Watershed Drainage Committee	1,137.50	2,500.00	1,050.00	42.00%
6040 -Lake Environment				
Porta Potty	903.75	1,120.00	1,401.63	125.15%
Northeast Aquatic Research	3,200.00	0.00	0.00	
GEI Engineering Study	0.00	0.00	6,153.92	
Ponds & Lakes/Stahl Holdings	10,215.00	20,000.00	12,975.00	64.88%
Carl Nielsen/TRC	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	
Total 6040 -Lake Environment	14,318.75	21,120.00	23,030.55	109.05%
6060 -Fundraising				
Stickers	0.00	0.00	191.22	
Sports and Apparel	1,628.49	0.00	0.00	
Wine	273.30	500.00	368.51	
Misc.	77.09	50.00	66.36	132.72%
Total 6060 -Fundraising	1,978.88	550.00	626.09	113.83%
6080 -Rec Committee				
Withdrawal for Cash Drawer	50.00	0.00	50.00	
Gala Event	5,663.79	5,100.00	6,385.01	125.20%
Gala Ticket Sales Refund	22.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Meet & Greet		0.00	194.23	
Total 6080 -Rec Committee	5,735.79	5,100.00	6,629.24	129.99%
6090 -Membership				
Annual Membership Mailing	235.00	180.00	269.13	149.52%
Supplies	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00%
Ballots	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 6090 -Membership	235.00	305.00	269.13	88.24%
6095 - Extraordinary Expense				
501c4 Filing Costs	600.00	500.00	0.00	
Total Expense	26,362.96	30,425.00	34,355.14	112.92%
Net Ordinary Income	13,178.77	8,005.00	5,218.56	65.19%
Other Income				
Contributions From Other Entities	33,183.60	0.00	0.00	
Town of Sturbridge Betterment	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,400.00	93.33%
Website Sponsorship	0.00	200.00	0.00	
Net Other Income	34,383.60	1,700.00	1,400.00	82.35%
Net Income	47,562.37	9,705.00	6,618.56	68.20%
Funds Transferred				
To/From Reserve	47,562.37	9,705.00	6,618.56	68.20%
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Accrual Basis

Big Alum Lake Association Inc
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Big Alum Lake Association Inc	746.67
4050 -Checking Acct 462	33,079.77
4055 -Savings Account 470	20,188.49
Certificate of Deposit	54,014.93
Total Big Alum Lake Association Inc	54,014.93
Total Checking/Savings	54,014.93
Total Current Assets	54,014.93
TOTAL ASSETS	54,014.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	47,396.37
Net Income	6,618.56
Total Equity	54,014.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	54,014.93