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Why voting action is being taken now.

The Freshwater effort at mediation to resolve FOBL differences and create functional structure will continue.

However,

The Friends of Bass Lake is also a corporation accountable to a legal structure described in our articles of incorporation and by-laws.

A written legal challenge was made February 12 and February 15 via email by director Nancy Rose.

The claims made were that the 'FOBL legal process had been subverted'. That, 'Scott Carpenter (president/director) had subverted the process by not allowing voting'. That, 'paid members should organize and vote new directors and officers into office.'

John Snyder (treasure/director) recently distributed the amended by-laws approved by the board and signed by the officers; Scott, John, and Mark September 10, 2107.

It appears that the effort taken in 2017 to amend the 2015 by-laws was not completed—the by-laws were not reproduced, distributed, or posted. Consequently, no director or member had formally exercised their right under the 2017 by-laws to call a SPECIAL MEETING, state the purpose for the meeting, and make a motion for a vote-able action until now.

Now that the amended by-laws have been distributed, I've acted to exercise my responsibility, explain the plain language of the by-laws, and bring the organization into compliance with those by-laws.

The signed written vote of the directors will be sent to the president (along with a donation) and counted by the two officers of the corporation (president and treasurer) ARTICLE IV Section 5. Otherwise it will take place at 5 pm March 11, during a break in the REGULAR MEETING.

--Scott

Dear board members:

Please respond to this email with either,

YES (I'd like to vote by mail) or

NO (I'd like to vote at the Monday March 11 board meeting at 5 pm)

Voting by mail has the advantage of allowing all 7 board members the chance to vote if they can't make the next board meeting.

Here are the sample ballots you'll be voting:

Friends of Bass Lake Officer Ballot	1-year term election 2019	Mark Yes or X to elect	Write-in Candidate
President	Scott Carpenter		
Treasurer	John Snyder		
Vice President			
Secretary			
Friends of Bass Lake Director Ballot	3-year term renewal	Mark Yes or X to renew	
Director	Scott Carpenter		
Director	Nancy Rose		
Director	Susan Sackrison		
Director	John Snyder		
Director	Frank Steck		

Note:

- This action will bring the board into compliance with our current by-laws voting responsibility.
- Only board members (directors) can vote.
- Majority vote carries.
- Only board members who have served out a 3 year term are due for renewal.
- Election of officers is an annual event.
- Officers can be removed at any time with a majority vote of the directors.
- A 2019 financial donation to FOBL must be made for your vote to count (suggested donation is \$25).

Thanks, Scott

PS

I'll send follow up notification on the outcome; **Yes** vote by mail, or **No** vote at meeting.
(Enclosed with this email please find a file containing the current by-laws and a formal letter specifying how the by-laws apply for voting purposes)