

Friends of Bass Lake  
Directors Meeting  
February 10, 2020

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Chris, Don, John, Diane, Frank, Scott, Nancy, Susan, Joelyn

Call to Order: 6 pm

1. Don reported that we now have an updated list of members, based on monetary donations. Nancy, Susan and Don compiled this list. This list will be used to communicate with members and build our organization.
2. January minutes approved.
3. Treasurer Report: Budget: \$1919.11 John renewed our 501 3C registration for 2020 with the Secretary of State's Office.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Bylaws: 3 hours were spent on revising the bylaws. These were worked on by Don and Nancy and John
  - b. Major changes were presented. Nancy read them aloud due to technical difficulties with multimedia equipment. SEE ATTACHMENT

Change #1. Up to date Membership will be calculated by anniversary year, NOT calendar year. This means the treasurer or membership chair will keep track of when dues have been paid by each member. For example, if they paid in April they renew their membership in April.

Change #2. Under new bylaws members can now nominate AND elect Board of Directors. Previously they could only nominate board members. This was done so members can be more engaged and it adheres to state statutes?

## DISCUSSION

Frank was concerned about the time spent on bylaws, we've had 3 sets of bylaws  
2009 Lake Association bylaws  
2016 501 3c incorporation bylaws  
Sept 2017 legal binding laws,

Scott pointed out that these follow state statutes reading from Attorney General report,  
He stated the need for small incremental changes  
MAIN CHANGES? Membership requirements and Annual meetings  
Scott was concerned about weaponizing bylaws to vote out officers

**FRANK: MOTION: FOBL Bylaws will be revised in small increments as necessary.**

Discussion - Frank "let's not get bogged down in the weeds" Don there are 3 incremental tweaks, but there are other things Nancy, just adopt them

**VOTE ON MOTION: 4 AYES 2 NAYS 3 ABSTENTIONS**

**JOHN: MOTION: The Bylaws committee will reconvene to make the 3 main changes to the bylaws into motion form.**

Passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: NANCY

- Those who have paid have never had a follow up call or contact of any kind
- Multiple messages needed; networking, face to face, not just emailing
- More communication needed

DISCUSSION: Joelyn: Communications chair needed Frank: use kiosk Chris: use Community Education publications

Chris: "Get Your Bass in Gear" slogan for messaging for nex event

**5. There was a motion for renewal of website: Motion passed  
Scott is Facebook and Website administrator**

Scott passed out draft budget for 2020, for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 (?)

Susan Sackrison, Secretary

See Attachments: Motions and Summary of Changes to By-Laws

## FRIENDS OF BASS LAKE

### Proposed changes to Bylaws

February 10, 2020

1. Article III. Organization and Governance

Members have full voting rights as in IV A.

2. Article IVA. Membership

Section 1. no change

Section 2. Dues cover any 12 month period..

Section 3. Members' voting rights

3. Article IV B. Member meetings - all.

4. Article V. Board

Section 1. A. 5 - 12 members

Section 2 B. Annual Board Meeting

5. Remote communications

MN Statutes 317A.450 & 317A.231

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## **Motions Passed by the FOBL Board of Directors 2017 to Present**

- **Woodchip trail in the Bass Lake woods. May/2017**
- **Planting of 180 white spruce trees as screening along the mini-storage fence and the walking trail. Dec/2017**

- **The president is the sole spokesperson between FOBL and SLP Parks to communicate the will of the board. Nov/2018**
- **Planting of an area approximately 6000 sf contained within an 8 ft. deer exclosure fence including the buffer area between the deer fence and the woodchip path, mini-storage fence, and the White's property line. Planting to Shanstrom plan. Nov/2018**
- **Buckthorn removal between the paved trail and the lake front extending from the FOBL kiosk to the kayak access. Nov/2018**
- **Planting of an area approximately 300 sf. Located adjacent to the new bench at the outlet structure. Nov/2018**
- **Maintenance of the woodchip trail, previously installed signage, previously cleared areas, and planted materials. Nov/2018**
- **Removal of cattails for a 3000-sf kayak launch as permitted by the DNR with access provided from the park trail. Nov/2018**
- **FOBL board to investigate liability insurance policies with the intent to purchase March/2019**
- **Planting and blue tube protection of 150 native pollinator shrubs along the trail and in the Bass Lake woods. April/2019**
- **Planting of 1000 sf of native woodland seed on woods side of trail. April/2019**
- **Purchase and plant lakeshore seed mix including forbs, sedge, and grass from MN Native Landscapes to cover 5000 sf to be planted after buckthorn removal. April/2019**

- **Adopt FOBL logo design by Edwin B. May/2019**
- **By-laws Amendment: “Memberships that have not been renewed will expire after a 6-month grace period.” May/2019**
- **FOBL will hold a recruiting event (Treats by the Trail). June/2019**
- **Buckthorn pulling (4 pulls) organized by Susan. Oct/2019**
- **FOBL will partner with master water steward Emily Balough to improve pond by south woodchip trail entry. Oct/2019**
- **To prepare a 2020 operating budget for board approval. Nov/2019**
- **The current bylaws adopted in September 2017 will be amended incrementally.**