

Minutes of BPBCA BOG May 14th, 2024, Special Hybrid Meeting - 05/14/24

Date and time: 05/14/24 6:00 PM to: 05/14/24 7:00 PM

Present: Brooke Stevens, Rec Secretary (* Ms. Stevens was not in attendance), Members Present:, John Cellino, BOG Chair, Tom Meggers, BOG Member , Tom Cherry, BOG Member, Peter Meggers, BOG Member, Arlene Garrow, BOG Member, Absent:, Peter Baril, BOG Member, Colleen Chapin, BOG Member

CC: Jim Moffett, Association Manager, Absent:, Colleen Hayes, Club Liaison & New Tax Collector, Al Capozza, Treasurer

Location: BP Clubhouse, 6 Sunset Ave, Niantic & Via Zoom- See below for live Zoom Link.

Link: <https://app.meetingking.com/meetings/413909>

Topics

1. Zoom Info & Link

Note BOG Special Meeting - 5/14/2024

May 14, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83855991003?pwd=aDVGRWxhVk1yMkFOcnhYRzJDVjZoZz09>

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2. Call to Order

Note Chairman Cellino called the called the May 14th, 2024, Special Meeting of the BPBCA BOG to order at 6:10 p.m., did roll call, and noted a quorum was present.

Note Due to technical difficulties with the ZOOM, the meeting started around 6:20 p.m. The Board and attendees waited for the system to be rebooted but the Zoom component of the meeting was not operational.

3. Communications

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4. Public Comments

4-1. Sally Cini of 28 Sea Breeze

Note Ms. Cini discussed how the Chair stresses safety and respect yet at times, he is also disrespectful. She appreciates how hard the Board works but the lack of respect to members and other Board Members is not right.

4-2. Susan Daly of 7 Brightwater Road

Note see submitted attachment.

 [Susan_Daly_Special_Meetings_email.pdf](#)

Note Ms. Daly discussed the large number of special meetings noting that nothing on this evening's agenda seems to be pressing. She pointed out that people cannot just change their schedule on such short notice, be it audience members or Board Members.

Note Mr. Cellino replied that he's been assured by the Association Attorney, Town Officials, and the Recording Secretary that adding additional meetings is both permitted and commonplace. Black Point cannot be run on only 8 meetings a year, there is simply too much to do.

Note Peter Meggers clarified that this meeting was called due to the extreme safety of our children surrounding the water bottles. That is the urgency, and to make things clear, the water bottles will not be stored at the Clubhouse; Water bottles will be distributed on opening day of the Rec Program and the kids will take them home.

Tom Meggers added that Black Point will not be sanitizing the water bottles or storing them.

4-3. Stephanie Brandon of 15 Billow Road

Note Ms. Brandon read a letter penned by Cheryl Colangelo into the record.

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4-4. Tom Kelly of 21 Billow Road

Note Mr. Kelly's tone was confrontational and hostile in nature. He shouted, "kids get a water bottle as a gift?!!!" and referenced the Board's actions as well as the fighting that has been occurring between the Board Members. He added that when he was on the Board, they didn't fight with one another, and they got things done.

4-5. Forbes Candlish of 5 Cottage Lane

Note Mr. Candlish displayed aggressive behavior and raised his voice when speaking about the water bottles, asking why our money should be used for this, and why these kids feel they're entitled?

Note Tom Meggers reiterated that the water bottles are being donated by the Board.

4-6. Sean Brousseau

Note Mr. Brousseau inquired about the kayak storage racks and the discord associated with potential rental fees. He asked if there will be a vote on this item at the Annual Meeting.

Note Mr. Cellino replied that only the budget and Board vacancies will be voted on.

Note Tom Meggers added that the previous discussions regarding this matter indicate that further consideration is needed.

Note Mr. Brousseau said whatever is decided needs to be applied to all vessels- dinghies, canoes, sailboats, kayaks and the like. He emphasized the importance of being equitable in terms of all vessels and inquired about enforcement.

Note Mr. Cellino said more work needs to be done on this issue.

4-7. Jim Schepker of 46 Indianola Road

Note Mr. Schepker asked why Peter Baril is not on the committee overseeing the waterfront, and if Mr. Baril wants to be on the Committee? He feels Mr. Baril was excluded from this work.

Note Tom Meggers replied that Mr. Baril was asked last year, they value Mr. Baril's expertise, and that Bill Bayne took this on after Mr. Baril declined.

Note The Board discussed how the advisory group is a small fact-finding group and not a formalized committee.

4-8. Susan Daly of 7 Brightwater Road

Note Ms. Daly said when she met with Mr. Baril on South Beach a year ago, he seemed interested.

4-9. Joan Hayes of 51 Whitecap

Note Ms. Hayes said she has been in Black Point since age 4, has sat on the Board, her husband Tom ran the Rec Program, and she is very sad that there has been name calling and that people are being disrespectful to one another. She added that it's time we get along.

4-10. Lil Diachenko of 25 Sunrise Avenue

Note Ms. Diachenko said Mr. Baril has the expertise and asked that he be included. She suggested that the Baynes' call Mr. Baril and ask for his assistance.

Note She directed her comments towards Mr. Candlish and told him that things have changed since they were kids, however the kids of today are not entitled.

Note Mr. Candlish told the Board that they need to direct people to turn their cell phones off at the next meeting.

4-11. Sharon Bruce of 53 Sea Spray

Note Ms. Bruce said some of the following:
You should not hold a meeting without ZOOM.
You have a Board Member who had to drop off the meeting because it's not working.
You have another member who could not be here.
She's doesn't believe it's correct to proceed with this meeting given FOIA requirements.
What was so urgent about water bottles and disruptive behavior, that had not already been discussed at the last meeting?

4-12. Marci Brody of 10 Billow Road

Note Ms. Brody said it wasn't a matter of Mr. Baril choosing not to attend, he had a medical appointment.

Note Mr. Cellino noted that Mr. Baril said he was unable to devote any additional time this month for meetings not already on the set calendar.

4-13. Glorena Consedine of 17 Indianola Road

Note Ms. Consedine asked if we could utilize the Black Point email list to notify members about all meetings.

5. Disruptive Behavior

Note Mr. Cellino said he received Cherly Colangelo's email but noted that Ms. Brandon already read that letter into the record. At the meeting she referenced, he felt that she was out of line in her remarks, he banged the gavel, and she would not stop speaking. As he was walking out after the meeting a member made a slanderous remark, which he will not repeat here, Ms. Colangelo approached him immediately after that, and he told her he did not wish to speak at that time.

Mr. Cellino further explained that at the time, he was very upset at what had just transpired and going forward, both Board Members and the Membership need to work together and treat each other with respect.

Note Mr. Cellino read a letter from the Association Attorney into the record.

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Note Ms. Brody said can't they just move on from this and Cynthia Etienne of 48 Nehantic asked if the altercation was after the meeting?

Note Mr. Cellino detailed how it started in the meeting and carried over afterwards as he went to his car.

Note Ms. Etienne asked why this is a part of Black Point business and said it should be handled between the two of them.

Note Ms. Daly said Mr. Baril apologized, and that Mr. Cellino should let it go. She said they're not going to all like the same things.

Note Mr. Cellino acknowledged that both the Board is striving to get better at this.

Note Dan Deknis of 32 Whitecap said the meeting minutes need to be corrected as it states the water bottles will stay at the club, and this is probably where the confusion is.

Note Ms. Bruce concurred. She said on Facebook Collen Hayes stated that the water bottles were stored for the last three years, at the Clubhouse.

Note Carol Ward of 23 Blue Heron said if our actions were in a classroom, the authorities would be called. She added that this is childish behavior.

Note Mr. Cellino said they will do their best to be more respectful.

6. Adjournment

Decision MOTION (1)

Ms. Garrow moved to adjourn the May 14th, 2024, BPBCA BOG Special Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Cherry seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Note Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary