

Minutes of BPBCA BOG Special Hybrid Organizational Meeting - 06/05/24

Date and time: 06/05/24 7:00 PM to: 06/05/24 7:30 PM

Present: Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary, Bill Bayne, BOG Member, Peter Baril, BOG Member, Colleen Chapin, BOG Member, John Cellino, BOG Member, Arlene Garrow, BOG Member, Peter Meggers, BOG Member, Jim Schepker, BOG Member

Location: BP Clubhouse, 6 Sunset Avenue, Niantic, CT & Via Zoom

Topics

1. Call to Order

Note Ms. Stevens did roll call and noted a quorum was present.

2. Nominations for Chair

Note Ms. Stevens called for nominations.

Decision MOTION (1)

Mr. Bayne moved to open a discussion regarding Chair criteria prior to electing the Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Mr. Cellino seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0-0.

Note Mr. Baril said he thinks getting elected is criteria enough.

Note Mr. Bayne discussed the importance of continuity, feedback from the community, as well as legal protocols.

Note Mr. Cellino noted that continuity is huge and key. Speaking from experience, he said that being Chair is totally different from being a regular member, and he thinks it's beneficial for new board members to first have experience being on the Board.

Note Mr. Cellino detailed the countless hours spent on personnel issues, and the various daily issues that come up and must be addressed in between Board meetings, along with the additional work done for, as well as at Board meetings. He said he made the decision in January not to run for Chair again and explained how he, Tom Meggers, and Tom Cherry were elected at the same time, and he had time to acclimate to the Board for a year, before becoming Chair.

Mr. Cellino added that the previous Board sets the agenda and budget and by the time the new version of the Board learns anything, the season is over.

Note Mr. Cellino also stressed the importance of availability, how he didn't miss one single meeting as Chair, and was able to attend every meeting in person. He noted that Zoom is an important and useful tool but is unreliable, despite their best efforts. He respectfully thinks that people new to the Board should wait a year, and sit on the Board as a regular board member, before taking on the role of Chair.

Note Peter Meggers said in terms of the criteria aspect, he's been on several different boards and can't think of a scenario where a rookie, someone just elected, serves as Chair. He would like to put his name in for consideration and detailed how he has young kids, is an avid boater, and is here all year long, and for every meeting.

Mr. Cellino commented that he and Mr. Meggers spoke every single day when he was Chair, and Mr. Meggers said this is not an exaggeration, it's imperative that someone who understands the workings of the Board and Robert's Rules is here during the summer season.

Note Mr. Baril said he takes exception to the term "rookie" and said people are well aware of what's occurred over the last year, and he thinks we need a breath of fresh air.

Note Mr. Bayne observed that there have been some tough disagreements, but he thinks we have a great Board, can keep things constructive, raise money, and set the budget responsibly. He's happy to have continuity and thinks that if they tune up the style and legal issues, they'll have a good path forward.

Note Ms. Chapin discussed how the Chair should be respectful to everyone, and that the process should be collaborative despite disagreements. She believes that they all want the same outcome, they just have approaches on how to get there. Ms. Chapin said that being calm and respectful is absolutely critical.

Note MOTION (2)

Mr. Bayne nominated Mr. Meggers as BOG Chair.

Mr. Cellino seconded the nomination.

Note MOTION (3)

Ms. Garrow nominated Mr. Schepker as BOG Chair.

Ms. Chapin seconded the nomination.

Note Mr. Meggers said he doesn't need to add to his earlier comments. He's fully invested, has his experience as an attorney to draw from, is not going anywhere, his interests are all associated with Black Point, he's around, and always accessible.

Note Mr. Schepker referenced the comments that Joan Hayes kindly made about him when she nominated him to the Board, and discussed how he spent three decades in communications, and being in a collegial culture, where board members are happy to be board members.

Note Mr. Cellino detailed his concerns about how Mr. Schepker would respond to some of the disruptive behavior by members. Mr. Cellino discussed his concern about Mr. Schepker's desire to combine the two different reserve accounts, as well as his belief that much past disruption originated from Mr. Schepker's own correspondence to the past Board.

Note After further discussion, Mr. Schepker stated that he's not going to respond to these old allegations, he doesn't want to go down that ugly road, and noted that new voices have been voted in. He stressed that this process is a democracy and will happily accept whatever the outcome is.

Note Mr. Meggers asked if Mr. Schepker believes in bullet voting and Mr. Schepker said he's unclear about what he means and thinks it's irrelevant to today's charge.

Decision MOTION (4)

Ms. Chapin moved to close the discussion and to vote, in order to move the community forward in a positive direction.

Mr. Baril seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 7-0-0.

Decision Ms. Stevens repeated MOTION (2), which is still on the floor and called for the vote:
MOTION (2)
Mr. Bayne nominated Mr. Meggers as BOG Chair.
Mr. Cellino seconded the nomination.
Motion failed, 3-4-0.
Yay- Mr. Bayne, Mr. Cellino, and Mr. Meggers.
Nay- Mr. Baril, Mr. Schepker, Ms. Chapin, and Ms. Garrow.

Decision Ms. Stevens repeated MOTION (3), which is still on the floor and called for the vote:
MOTION (3)
Ms. Garrow nominated Mr. Schepker as BOG Chair.
Ms. Chapin seconded the nomination.
Motion carried, 4-3-0.
Yay- Mr. Baril, Mr. Schepker, Ms. Chapin and Ms. Garrow.
Nay- Mr. Bayne, Mr. Cellino, and Mr. Meggers.
Mr. Schepker is BOG Chair for FY 2024/2025.

3. Nominations for Vice Chair

Note Ms. Stevens called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Decision MOTION (5)
Mr. Schepker nominated Ms. Garrow as BOG Vice Chair.
Ms. Chapin seconded the nomination.
There were no further nominations.
Motion carried, 7-0-0.
Ms. Garrow is BOG Vice Chair for FY 2024/2025.

4. Adjournment

Decision MOTION (6)
Mr. Meggers moved to adjourn the June 5th, 2024, BOG Special Hybrid Organizational Meeting at 7:27 p.m.
Ms. Chapin seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 7-0-0.

Note Respectfully Submitted,
Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary