Big Fish Lake Property Owners Association (BFLPOA)

Board Meeting Minutes

July 4, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 23, 2026 meeting were approved.

Motion: Wayne
Second: Ken
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Carol presented the Treasurer's Report.

Expenses since the previous meeting included:

- Insurance – $1,281
- Welcome Back Party – $500
- Expenses:
    - Picnic signs
    - Rocketware for the picnic
    - Website fees
    - Security camera expenses
    - Microphone purchase

Current Balance: $13,062.07

Carol also reported that all association members are now covered under the Association's $1 million liability insurance policy.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Wayne
Second: Ken
Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Advertising

Ray reported:

- 49 total advertisers (46 paid, 3 complimentary)
- Approximately $7,900 in advertising revenue
- Average advertisement value: $172
- Poker Run sponsorships: 19 sponsors at $75 each for a total of $1,425

Overall, the advertising campaign has been very successful.

Lake Clothing

Ken reported there was nothing new to report.

Approximately $270 has been spent on clothing that will be available during the annual picnic.

Community Affairs

Art reported that a local golf outing will be held on August 18. The Association has the opportunity to sponsor the event for $100. Since the amount is under $250, a formal motion was not required.

Motion: Ray
Second: Ron

Lake Weeds

Ray reported that shoreline weed treatment was completed on June 26.

All developed shoreline areas were treated, and initial feedback indicates the treatment has been very effective.

The next treatment is anticipated for late July or early August. Members were encouraged to monitor **www.bigfishlake.org** for updates.

Lake Directory

Mary reported that all directory updates have been forwarded to Eric for posting.

Website

Eric reported:

- An informational page regarding the donated property has been added.
- A link containing Short-Term Rental information has been posted.
- A QR code for the Association website will be displayed at future events and posted at The Rock.
- A QR code will also be created for the Poker Run map.

Lake Events

Welcome Back Party

The Welcome Back Party was held on June 13, 2026, at the home of Frank and Becky Militello.

Approximately 35 people attended. Members reported the event was well attended, with several guests remaining after the scheduled conclusion to socialize.

The Board thanked Frank and Becky for hosting the event.

Annual Picnic – July 18, 2026

Updates included:

- Port-a-potty ordered ($260)
- Inflatable children's slide reserved ($280)
- Ice cream vendor being explored
- Food drive planning underway
- Entertainment by **Whiskey Retreat**
- Tip boards, 50/50 raffle, and grand prize drawings will be held
- Current grand prize donations include two $100 gift cards from The Rock and a cooler filled with meat donated by Terrell's Market
- Volunteers are needed for setup on Friday, July 17 at 5:00 p.m. and cleanup on Sunday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- Additional volunteers are needed throughout the event for beverage stations, trash removal, food tables, and tip boards.

Poker Run – August 8, 2026

Ron and Jon provided an update.

Highlights included:

- DNR permit remains in process.
- 19 event sponsors have committed.
- Shirt costs have been reduced by approximately $1 per shirt.
- The after-party will be held at The Rock with a cash bar.

Volunteer schedule:

- 9:00–11:00 a.m. – Registration
- Noon–2:00 p.m. – Poker Run
- 3:00 p.m. – Card counting
- 3:30 p.m. – Meal

Business Updates

Welcome Basket Program

New property owners continue to receive a complimentary one-year BFLPOA membership.

Short-Term Rentals

Ken reported that work continues; a proposed ordinance amendment requiring boating safety rules to be provided to and acknowledged by all Short-Term Rental (STR) guests.

Chad Underly led a discussion regarding boating safety concerns. Members noted that boating rule violations are not limited to STR guests, as property owners have also been observed violating lake rules. It was further noted that the campground maintains approximately 23 docks with capacity for multiple boats at each dock.

Discussion included the following questions and considerations:

- What measures are currently in place to ensure campground patrons are informed of and acknowledge the lake's boating safety rules?
- With the STR ordinance now adopted and approximately eight known STR properties on the lake, should the Association broaden its boating safety efforts to include all property owners, campground users, and coordination with the Finch Lake Association?

It was noted that there are currently eight known Short-Term Rental properties on Big Fish Lake.

New Business

Boating Safety

Chad requested that the Board consider recommending that all Big Fish Lake property owners, not just Short-Term Rental owners and guests, voluntarily acknowledge and promote compliance with the established boating safety rules.

The Board discussed the importance of promoting safe boating practices among all lake users, recognizing that responsibility for lake safety extends beyond Short-Term Rental properties.

Property Maintenance

During discussion regarding factors affecting property values, it was noted that while concerns have been expressed about the potential impact of Short-Term Rentals, members also raised concerns regarding a long-abandoned, blighted property located on Fish Lake Drive. The property has reportedly been vacant for more than 20 years and was discussed as another issue that may negatively affect neighboring property values.

Ken stated that he would represent the Association by contacting the township blight officer to discuss the property's status and potential enforcement options.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Ken
Second: Ron
Motion carried.

General Membership Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Current balance reported: **$13,067.07**

Poker Run

An overview of sponsorships and event details was presented.

Lake Weed Treatment

Members were advised that weed treatment was completed on June 26, with another treatment anticipated in late July or early August.

Website

Members were reminded:

- QR codes will be displayed at future events.
- The Association email address is **bigfishpoa@gmail.com**.
- Membership dues may be paid online.

Events Review

- Welcome Back Party (June 13): Approximately 35 attendees.
- Annual Picnic (July 18): Food drive, menu, and activities reviewed.
- Poker Run (August 8): Six participating docks confirmed. Wayne volunteered to provide a floating dock on the south end of the lake. Entry fee increased from $25 to $30.
- Fall Party: Scheduled for October.

Community Announcement

Members were reminded that the campground's Fourth of July Golf Cart Parade will depart from the campground at **12:00 p.m.**