

**Minutes:
BBLA Annual Meeting**

(as approved by Membership on 6-21-23)

June 21, 2022

7:00 pm

Virtual via Zoom Webinar

The BBLA Membership met on Tuesday, June, 21, 2022

In attendance were Board Members: Bob Baldini, Lee Bunting, Ron Dobes, Mary Louise Embrey, Diane Fogash, Susan Fried, Jerry Hardiman, Lucille Kurtz, Claire Loftus, Pat McGuire, Kathy Shorter, Kathy Sierra, and Chip Smith

New Board Members in attendance: Jennifer Carter and Rich McHugh

The meeting had 62 members registered to attend - 36 members attended

Meeting Opened by BBLA Board Vice President Ron Dobes and he announced the meeting would be recorded.

- Board President Kathy Sierra welcomed the participants, explained the virtual process, and outlined the meeting agenda
- Minutes, presented by Mary Louise Embrey (acting as Recording Secretary), from the June, 26, 2021 Annual Meeting - **APPROVED**
- Treasurer's Annual Report from 2021 (on website) was presented by Susan Fried - **APPROVED**
 - Two PowerPoint slides were used - providing a snapshot of the financial picture:
 - Healthy reserves - balance as of 6/21/22: approx. \$60 k
 - Income from 2022 Membership Drive: \$35,261
 - Projected Expenses: \$36,991
 - \$1,730 deficit from dues collected:
 - Rising costs of Basic Expenses
 - BBLA's new focus on Communications & Advocacy

- Moving Forward - consequences without additional support:
 - Would not be sustainable to utilize reserves on regular basis
 - Limits civic & charitable support
 - Limits could occur on amount of communications & advocacy efforts
- Kathy Sierra presented the President's Annual Report via a PowerPoint presentation
- Nominating Committee Report presented by Diane Fogash & Kathy Shorter:
 - Board Members up for 2-year terms beginning today (Lee Bunting, Jennifer Carter, Rich McHugh, Kathy Shorter, Chip Smith) were announced - Jennifer Carter and Rich McHugh will be joining the Board of Directors for their first term
 - Board Members serving the 2nd year of their 2-year terms were announced (Bob Baldini, Ron Dobes, Diane Fogash, Susan Fried, Jerry Hardiman, Lucille Kurtz, Claire Loftus, Pat McGuire, Kathy Sierra)
 - Nominated today to serve a new two-year term as Board of Director Officers are:
 - For President, Ron Dobes
 - For Vice President, Kathy Sierra
 - For Secretary, Pat McGuire
 - For Treasurer, Susan Fried
 - For Membership Secretary, Rich McHugh
 - **APPROVED**
 - Interested members in serving on the Board should contact the Nominating Committee
- Pat McGuire Introduced speaker - Jeff Stone from SARG (Sussex Alliance for Responsible Growth)
 - See PowerPoint presentation
 - Q&A conducted through webinar "chat" function
- Ron Dobes facilitated the Q&A portions and provided Closing Remarks
 - Encouraged active participation of members to work with Board Members in making advocacy progress
 - Assured members BBLA wants to hear from them through BBLA website "Contact Us"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.