

**DRAFT Minutes:  
BBLA Annual Meeting**

**June 26, 2024**

**5:30 pm**

**Virtual via Zoom Webinar**

**APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS — 8-8-2024**

The BBLA Membership met on Wednesday, June, 26, 2024

In attendance were Board Members: Bob Baldini, Jennifer Carter, Mary Louise Embrey, Diane Fogash, Susan Fried, Jerry Hardiman, Lucille Kurtz, Claire Loftus, Chris Lorence, Pat McGuire, Kathy Shorter, Kathy Sierra, and Chip Smith

Lee Bunting was unable to attend

The meeting had 85 members registered to attend - 42 members attended

**Meeting Opened by BBLA Executive Director Mary Louise Embrey; and Chris Lorence facilitated the webinar - there was an announcement that the meeting would be recorded**

- Mary Louise Embrey welcomed the participants, explained the virtual process, and outlined the meeting agenda
- All Board Members were recognized
- Minutes from the June, 21, 2023 Annual Meeting were **APPROVED**
- Nominating Committee Report presented by Diane Fogash & Kathy Shorter
  - Board Members up for 2-year terms beginning today (Lee Bunting, Jennifer Carter, Chris Lorence, Kathy Shorter, Chip Smith)
  - Board Members serving the 2nd year of their 2-year terms were announced (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, Kathy Sierra

- For Vice President, Lucille Kurtz
  - For Treasurer, Susan Fried
- **APPROVED**
- Interested members in serving on the Board should contact the Nominating Committee
- Guest Speaker - Town Manager Cliff Gravier presented on the current status re Flooding in Bethany Beach (recording available on BBLA website)
- Treasurer's Annual Report from 2023 was presented by Susan Fried - **APPROVED**
- Kathy Sierra presented the President's Annual Report via a PowerPoint presentation - reflecting on 55 years of service to BBLA Members
  - Thanked former BBLA President Ron Dobes & former BBLA VP Rich McHugh for their service and contributions
  - Communications and Advocacy Reports included in presentation
  - Donations Report included in presentation
  - Announced BBLA's 55th Anniversary Celebration in October 2024
- Videotape of Jack Burbage's reflections on being a long-time BBLA member
- Kathy Sierra provided Closing Remarks
  - Encouraged active participation of members to work with Board Members
  - Looking forward to celebrating with members in October

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.**