

RBLPOA Biannual Meeting -- 2021 Election of Board and Officers

August 14, 2021

Bios of the candidates for the 2022 - 2023 RBLPOA Board (in alphabetical order):

Dennis Berdecia and his wife Amalia moved to RBL in October 2015. They have three children, Dennis (a lifeguard at our beaches), Rachel, and David. Dennis volunteers with the Children's Ministry Security Team at their local church. He is currently working on a RBLPOA project to clean up derelict boats around the lake and is looking forward to working on next year's Regatta. He hopes to continue his personal and family commitment to service on the RBLPOA Board.

Meg Brown has lived in this neighborhood with her husband Drew and three children for seventeen years. She has been active with the POA as well as with local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She is committed to preserving the RBL District's residential and rural character. She works as a Registered Nurse at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

Ina Cholst has lived at RBL for 11 years and has enjoyed being president of the RBLPOA for the last 5 years. She thanks RBL for their confidence and for the opportunity to learn a lot about lakes, dams, ecosystems, and community. She is stepping down from the RBLPOA presidency but will continue to be active on the board as the chair of the Lake Committee. With Sam Lee, she is a volunteer lake sampler for the RBL CSLAP program and, with Tom Gazzola, she is co-chair of the RBL Preservation Committee (town appointed). She was recently appointed to the Board of NYSFOLA (NYS Federation of Lake Associations). She loves the lake and feels an obligation to do all we can to keep it clean and healthy, and to leave it even better for our kids and grandkids.

Bobby Coles has spent almost every weekend plus vacations on Roaring Brook Lake since the year 1980. She has served on the board of the RBLPOA since 1990 as member, chair of the Lake Committee, and three term President. She serves on the Lake Preservation Committee, appointed by the town of Putnam Valley. Bobby continues to give wise council and a sense of the history of the ongoing issues that need to be addressed to keep this lake community as wonderful as it is. She will serve as the chair of the Constitution Committee.

Tom Gazzola has been a resident of RBL since his childhood (50+ years!) and is a long-time board member with deep connections to the community. Tom served a term as President of the RBLPOA and he was Vice President 4 times. While on the Board, he spear-headed many of the most important projects around the lake, including the creation of the park at the bottom of Children's Beach, installing a shed on Children's Beach, and projects involving dredging and reclamation of sand from all three Beaches. Tom has served on various Putnam Valley Town Boards. He has organized RBL community softball games and hikes. He is the organizing force, the voice, and the spirit behind our wonderful, old-fashioned annual RBL Regatta (and is looking forward to having it back next year).

John Groetch and his wife Marion are now full-time residents of the Roaring Brook Lake community, enjoying their fifth year as property owners here at the lake. John is fascinated with the environmental beauty and resiliency of our lake and is committed to making efforts that will sustain it for generations to come. John's passions include fishing, music and renovations of any kind, whether an old musical instrument, a neglected fly rod or just about anything needing vision and a committed pair of hands. John has been a member of the board at The Lagond Music School and was active at his local Mamaroneck church (UMC) for many years. John brings his energy, as well as his collaborative style and organizational experience to the table. He is running to serve as Vice President for the 2022 – 2023 term.

Ed Melnick and his husband Barry purchased their home on Roaring Brook 22 years ago and have been enjoying our beautiful paradise ever since. Ed is the retired Superintendent of the North Shore School District where he had the responsibility of overseeing the education of 2000 students and supervising over 800 employees, annually. Ed has

previously served as president of the Condominium board of Condado Del Mar, a 400 family condominium In San Juan, Puerto Rico. Gardening and enjoying the lake take up much of his time here in Roaring Brook. He is committed to working on the control of invasive plants and the planting of native species around the lake. Ed will chair the Membership Committee.

Mike Moculski is a 30+ year resident of the Roaring Brook Lake community. He has been on the RBLPOA Board of Directors since 2014, where he has chaired the Roads Committee and used his great working relationship with the town's highway superintendent to keep our roads in good repair and clear, especially during the winter. He has a long professional history in public safety. He is a retired police officer, paramedic, firefighter and currently the E.M.S. & emergency management director for a large healthcare system. He is a Life Member and the Health & Safety Officer for our volunteer Fire Department and Life Member of the Ambulance Corps. He is a member of the town's Board of Assessment Review and the Roaring Brook Lake Preservation Committee. He believes that the enjoyment we receive from living here and our property values are both incumbent on keeping our greatest resource, the lake, clean and usable. Mike was everyone's choice to take over as President of the RBLPOA for the 2022 – 2023 term. His main goal is to ensure the RBLPOA works for the benefit of all lake residents by having all have a say in decisions on how the lake is managed.

Abby O'Brien has been a resident of Roaring Brook Lake her whole life. She was a kid here and a teenager. Now, she and her husband Brendan have four beautiful children of their own and love being able to raise them in this special place. Abby took on the challenging job of Lake Supervisor this summer and has been doing a superb job. She got the beaches set up, the ropes in place and checked all the boxes for the Department of Health – and, despite having never done it before, it was one of our smoothest openings. Good work, Abby! She's working hard to distribute all those stickers and tags that you need, and she's on top of whatever needs to be done on the beaches. Abby is full of energy, a great people person, and a terrific communicator. She has been nominated to the RBLPOA Board as chair of the Beach Committee and to bring her voice and thoughts to the meetings.

Amy Rothman has been a member of the RBLPOA Board for the past four years. She initially was Membership Chair and now serves as Board Treasurer. Amy and her husband, Rob, have been homeowners on Roaring Brook Lake for 8 years and absolutely love it! Amy, a former hospital administrator, now works at Mamaroneck High School as the coordinator of their senior internship program. Amy is looking forward to continuing to serve as Treasurer of the RBLPOA Board.

Al Salanitro has lived at Roaring Brook Lake for 27 years. Over that time, he has volunteered on many projects around the lake such as dock building, boat rack building, weed collection, beach trash collection, carp fence clean up, and Regatta cooking and set up. Roaring Brook Lake is a wonderful place to live with an exceptional family community. It is rewarding to Al to work with the RBLPOA and to give back to a community that he feels gives him so much.

Josh Stoff and his wife Jill have been part of the Roaring Brook Lake community for 11 years. They love the lake. So much so, that when they moved 5 years ago, they just moved from one side of the lake to another!

Josh has been the curator of the Cradle of Aviation Museum, a world-class air & space museum on Long Island for the past 39 years. He developed it almost from its inception. He's written 20 published books on aviation & spaceflight history, and he is regarded as an expert in his field. He's a good communicator; he's been featured in TV shows on the History, Discovery and National Geographic channels.

Aside from his love for aerospace and history, Josh is an avid gardener, spending time planting and pruning, alongside his devoted English bulldog Tinkerbelle and French bulldog, Henri. Josh and Jill have two grown sons, Matthew and Tyler, who reside in Pittsburgh and Washington DC, respectively.

If elected to the Board, Josh would like to work to get sound barriers installed alongside the Parkway (which would benefit the whole neighborhood) and improve drainage between the Parkway and the south end (which would benefit the lake). Josh has been nominated to serve as Recording Secretary, keeping minutes and records of RBLPOA meetings and activities.