



BCLA Board of Directors Meeting

April 15, 2023

Present: Sam Blattenbauer, Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Steve Busch (via Teams), Merle Zimmerman, Susan Willard, Rich Maras, Mike Kelly (via phone), Tonya Matson, Brit Skolness, John Stephens

Absent: Tom Riedman, Brad Thom

Sam Blattenbauer called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Ramona Borke sent the minutes of the January 2023 meeting to all Board members for review prior to the meeting. Jeff Strand moved to accept the minutes; Susan Willard seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Strand sent out the Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting for review. He reported that there is a balance on hand of \$67,870.12 (\$22,802.60 Unrestricted Checkbook Balance and \$45,067.52 CD). Membership dues are starting to come in. Lyle Hansen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jenni Barr seconded. Approved.

Directory: Ramona reported that there are 45 new ads, 11 new advertisers. We are almost ready to send the project to J&M Print. All but two businesses have paid for their ads. Ramona asked to be able to have J&M Print create the "list" pages so they are all consistent (Board of Directors, Beach Captains, Becker County Departments). All agreed we wanted these pages to have the same appearance. Rich will be meeting with John next week with the printing details. All has gone well and working with Rich and Ashley at J&M Print has made the process easy for us and the advertisers.

Committee Reports

Website: Rich Maras reported that the Website is up-to-date.

COLA: No Report, Tom Riedman absent.

Spring Fling: Jenni has confirmed the date, June 17, with YMCA staff. Jenni and Tonya will get the donuts and beverages for 200 people. Jenni and Ramona will bring coffeemakers, Jeff will bring his own table for Registration. Sam will contact the various agencies to speak at the meeting. We should be there by 7:30 to set up. Registration starts at 8 a.m., meeting at 9 a.m. It was moved by Susan Willard, seconded by Merle Zimmerman to have new membership stickers made for 2023. Approved. Susan Willard moved to donate \$1000 each to LP Alert, YMCA Camp, Becker County Sherriff Canine Unit and Becker County Sherriff Dive and Rescue. Second by Rich Maras. Discussion: YMCA Camp is already underway by the time of our meeting and would appreciate the funds prior to Spring Fling. Jeff will send them their check this spring. Approved. Rich has the large checks to present to the recipients and for photos. Sam will contact the recipients so they will have a representative there to receive their check. Ramona moved; Brit Skolness seconded to allow \$400 for door prizes. Discussion: Merle suggested we ask Emy Stenerson again. He asked her and she agreed. Motion passed.

Boat Parade: John Stephens plans to start the Boat Parade on July 4 at 10 a.m. from the North Access. John will be meeting with Aaron Stenerson about the details of the Parade. Sam will check with Donna/Randy Christianson about a new banner for John's pontoon. Ramona asked if it really made a difference if we started on the calm side of the lake. We are going to be on the windy side sooner or later. People seem to drop out and by the time we get to the end there are only 5-6 boats. It was decided to alternate years which way we start so this year we will go counterclockwise (west shore first). More information will be posted on the website and on Face book, including the possibility of a theme this year.

Beach Captains: Tonya Matson reported that the dinner for the Beach Captains will be Friday, June 16 at 6:30 at the Pub (evening before Spring Fling). Tonya will select 3 menu items to choose from. Cash bar will be available. All board members are invited.

Planning and Zoning: Brad contacted the county and there are no new regulations or changes. The Watershed should be approving anything within 50 ft of the shoreline but that isn't happening.

Watershed: Sam said that the dredging for Blue Water Bay and Bullfrog Bay were approved. They will be dredged this spring and then Watershed will keep tabs on whether or not it has to be dredged again and make that decision. The outlet will also be dredged this spring as it is full of branches and sand.

Water Testing: Merle Zimmerman reported that testing will start in May. He will work with Rich in getting the information on the website.

Adopt-A-Highway: Merle Zimmerman worked with Ramona to put the dates for the next three years in the new Directory. May 13 is the first picking date this year. Jenni has put the information in the newsletter also.

Clothing: Susan Willard will have clothing for purchase at Spring Fling and not do online ordering based on member feedback. She is looking into a special graphic for t-shirts this year and have something different each year as our logo is expensive to embroider and will not be used on all clothing items. She is adding "Minnesota" to Big Cormorant Lake to better identify us. Rich moved to allow Susan to spend \$4000 on clothing. Seconded by Merle. Approved. Jeff mentioned that we have not yet been billed for last year's clothing.

Foundation: Shirley Montgomery, BCLAF President, wrote a letter for the newsletter requesting to include BCLAF in your charitable contributions plan. Jenni will go to the next meeting to request and receive the \$5000 donation to BCLA for boat inspections.

Buoys: Brit Skolness reported that all buoys have lights and will be put in the water within two weeks after the ice is off.

Fisheries: Steve Busch reminded everyone that the DNR will be stocking double the amount of walleye fry this year. Last year 409,000 were stocked and 818,000 will be introduced in three locations. Electro fishing was done last fall. There is no feedback yet on the results. Steve will talk or find someone to talk to the members at Spring Fling.

Newsletter: Board members were sent a draft for review. Jenni will make some changes and send to Jeff Strand in the next few days to be sent out by email to all members. It will be sent by mail to all members by May 15. Update: Newsletter was emailed April 16.

Old Business

New Member Packets: There are some items that need to be updated in the packets. Jenni and Ramona will work on this. Update: Jenni has updated sheets that needed it and sent to the printer.

Board Member Terms: Terms expiring in June are Jeff Strand, Steve Busch, Tom Riedman, Brit Skolness, and Mike Kelly. Jeff, Steve, Brit and Mike all agreed to continue on the Board. Ramona will contact Tom. Update: Tom will not renew his position on the Board.

Fireworks: Discussed our support for the fireworks show on the 4th of July weekend. Susan Willard moved that we give the Butch Anton's Fireworks Fund a donation of \$1500. Rich Maras seconded. Discussion: The check will be given after the display is over. Butch will be notified that it is coming. Approved.

Adjourn: Merle Zimmerman moved to adjourn. Susan Willard seconded. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Borke, Secretary

Next Meeting: June 17, 2023 (Spring Fling)

Future Meetings:

September 16, 2023

January 20, 2024

April 20, 2024