



**Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Present: Sam Blattenbauer, Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Merle Zimmerman, Rich Maras, Mike Kelly, Brit Skolness, John Stephens, Tim Krieg
Via Phone: Steve Busch, Susan Willard, Brad Thom

Absent: Tonya Matson

The meeting was called to order by President, Sam Blattenbauer at 9:04 a.m.

Ramona Borke, Secretary, sent the minutes out for review prior to the meeting. Jeff Strand moved to approve the minutes; Merle Zimmerman seconded. Approved.

Jeff Strand, Treasurer, reported that we had \$56,344.38 on hand (\$10,089.80 in checking and \$46,254.58 Certificate of Deposit). Jeff had also received a request from Project 412 to join the Association along with the \$25 for dues. Rich Maras moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, John Stevens seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Website – Rich Maras added the ice out date. No other updates at this time. Jenni Barr has received and invoice for our security renewal for two years. She will forward that to Jeff. Jenni also reported that she is still working on finding a list of certified contracted businesses for shoreline repair.

COLA – Tim Krieg informed us that there are no meetings over the winter and the first meeting of 2024 will be May 16.

BCLA Foundationn – Tim Krieg discussed that they need another Board member from the BCLA Board to fill Lyle Hansen's position. One of the new nominees for the BCLA Board will take on this duty. Tim also reported that BCLAF is partnering with Becker Soil and Water for shoreline restoration for property owners where if a property owner is approved, they could get 75% of their project reimbursed. The program starts July 1st.

Boat Parade – John Stephens will lead the boat parade starting at the North Access at 10 a.m. and going clockwise (to the east) this year. If inclement weather in the morning, the parade will be postponed until 2 p.m. Details will be on Facebook. John has the banners and will put up posters.

Beach Captains – Mike Kelly and Tonya Matson are planning to have the "Meet and Greet" for the Beach Captains on Friday, June 14, before Spring Fling at the Pub. Tonya will finalize the menu. It worked well with appetizers last year. It was suggested that we go around and Beach Captains introduce themselves and their beach. Also, the duties of Beach Captain be reviewed sometime early in the gathering. This is also a time for sharing of ideas on what they do. The new Board member will take over the Beach Captain Assistant when Tonya steps down after Spring Fling.

Planning & Zoning – Brad Thom reported that he went to a couple of Becker County focus group meetings in regards to land use, rentals, etc. Swanies is petitioning Becker County to add about 15 more

sites to their campground area. With Hooligans, shutting down questions now arise as to what that location will be used for as McLaughlin's have purchased it.

Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman does water testing May to September. The gauges are not out yet.

Adopt-A-Highway – Merle announced the first date for this year's ditch cleaning will be May 11, with donuts and water served when done. Other dates for this summer are July 13 and September 14. Merle will talk about this program at Spring Fling and encourage members to come and help on these dates.

Clothing – Susan Willard will bring all the remaining clothing and promotional items to sell at Spring Fling. No new clothing will be purchased this year.

Buoys – Brit Skolness has ordered stainless steel chains to replace existing chains. He hopes to get out the weekend of April 27 to set the buoys in place, if not then, the following weekend. He would like to get them out before fishing opener. He has a crew that helps him do it and he goes out and checks them frequently during the season to make sure the lights are working, they are in place, etc.

Fisheries – Steve Busch reported that the lake will be stocked again this spring. This is the last year in the cycle of restocking. He is not sure about next year. He has asked Mike Abbot to talk at Spring Fling.

Watershed – Sam Blattenbauer reviewed some of the projects the Watershed is reviewing. The road needs to be built up at Blue Water Bay and they have received approval from the land owner to cross his property. Two hundred feet on each side will be done each year for 3 years. It is out on bids now. It probably won't get started until next spring. Jenni will go to the next meeting to request the \$5000 for boat inspectors at the accesses. The opening to Bull Frog Bay is closed now as the lake is too low to open it. That affects the boat slips that Swanies wants to put in. A study is being done on how dredging will affect the waters upstream.

Newsletter – Jenni has the Newsletter ready to go. Jeff will send it electronically on April 22. The hard copy will go out in the mail about a month later to all members who did not respond with payment of dues to the electronic form.

Old Business

Spring Fling June 15 – Speakers will include the Becker County Sherrif, Becker County Soil and Water Conservation, Merle-Adopt a Highway, YMCA Camp, Fisheries report. Board Members are to be at the Y Camp by 7:30 to help set up. Brad will bring a sound system; Jenni will bring the donuts and pop/water and get the coffee started. Jenni has the large checks for donations.

Donations – Rich Maras made a motion to donate \$1000 each to the YMCA Camp Cormorant, Lake Park Audubon ALERT, Becker County Sherriff Canine Program, and Becker County Search and Rescue. Merle seconded. Approved. Checks will be written and given to the program representative at the meeting with a photo op.

New Business

New Board Members – Diane Irwin and Rick Duval will be presented to the BCLA members as the candidates to fill Board positions. Rick will fill the one year remaining on Lyle Hansen's term who is retiring from the board. Diane will replace Tonya Matson for a 3-year term.

Hooligans – Hooligans is closing due to structural defects and all equipment and fixtures are being sold. McLaughlins Marine has purchased the property and plans to set up a mini marina to rent and demonstrate watercraft.

Ice Cream Truck – Ramona suggested we try to get the Ice Cream Truck from Detroit Lakes to come and set up for a half hour after the meeting. She will check in to all the details and email everyone with the information on Monday for approval.

Adjournment

John Stephens moved to adjourn. Brit Skolness seconded. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ramona Borke, Secretary

Future Meetings

June 15, 2024 Spring Fling
September 21, 2024
January 18, 2025
April 19, 2024

Post Meeting Discussions

Ice Cream Truck -- Ramona sent out an email with the details of the Ice Cream Truck. They are available June 15, 10:30-11:00 a.m. for a fee of \$50 for a half hour. Treats can be purchased for \$3, \$4, or \$5. He will stay longer if there are people in line to purchase treats beyond 11:00 if needed at no extra charge. Ramona moved that we have the Ice Cream Truck come to Spring Fling at the end of the meeting for \$50. Tim Krieg seconded. Approved. Ramona will confirm the schedule.

Spring Fling Doorprizes – Susan Willard moved that we spend \$400 for doorprizes for Spring Fling. Sam Blattenbauer seconded. Approved. Merle Zimmerman contacted Emy Stenerson to purchase the prizes again and she agreed.