

January 21, 2023

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

Absent: none

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

Secretary's Report: Ramona Borke sent the minutes of the September 2022 meeting to all Board members for review prior to the meeting for review. Brad Thom moved to accept the minutes, Lyle Hansen seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Strand presented the Treasurer's Report. We have not yet received a bill for clothing. Susan Willard is working on getting that. We have 346 members. \$4,770 of advertising receipts were received in 2022 and is show as Deferred Directory Revenue on the 12/31/22 report and added in as Directory advertising receipts on the 1/16/23 report. We have a balance on hand of \$60,162.11 (\$15,094.59 Unrestricted Checkbook Balance and \$45,067.52 Certificate of Deposit). Rich Maras moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ramona Borke seconded. Approved.

Directory: Ramona sent out a Progress Report for the renewing and selling of ads for the 2023-2026 BCLA Directory. Board members are to make a final contact this coming week with the business they signed up to contact if indicated by the Report. Ramona has several she will follow up with this week to get their camera-ready artwork. Eleven businesses have been invoiced and we are awaiting their payment to arrive. Ramona will be sending everything to John Kruse to set up the database into our Directory format and place the ads throughout the Directory. Rich Maras will research the cost of J&M Printing to print and bind the Directory. We will decide on a printer once John a final copy ready to go. So far we have 30 renewals and 11 new businesses.

Committee Reports

Website: Rich Maras has updated the website for Spring Fling and the Boat Parade. He will get the Adopt-a-Highway dates added and an updated Beach Captain list when available.

COLA: Tom Riedman had no report as there are no COLA meetings over the winter

Spring Fling: Spring Fling will be June 17 a the YMCA camp. Jenni just confirmed this with Kim this morning. Jenni will get the rolls and beverages.

Boat Parade: John Stephens reported that the Boat Parade will be July 4. He will let us know the start time from the North Access so we can announce it at Spring Fling and get the info on Facebook. Sam will check in to getting a new sign made for the pontoon. John will contact Aaron Stenerson regarding the condition of the old sign and any info he needs to have to lead the parade. Jenni suggested for the future we may want to make the parade more exciting and have a theme.

Beach Captains: Mike is getting a current list together of Beach Captains for the Directory and the website. Tonya will contact the Pub about having a supper for Beach Captains the night before Spring Fling (June 16). Beach Captains will learn more about the duties they have and be able to pick up some Directories for their beach at that time. Point des Isle is looking for a beach captain. Tonya will ask someone she knows on this beach. (Update: Chrissy & Beau Jacobson are willing to do this.)

Planning & Zoning: Brad Thom is still working with the county on short-term rental rules. The Vrbo property next to him has been sold to a private party.

Water Testing: Merle Zimmerman had nothing to report as there is no water testing over the winter

Adopt-A-Highway: Merle reported the dates for the ditch cleanup in 2023. These are scheduled for May 13, July 8, and September 9.

Clothing: Susan Willard is trying to get an invoice for the clothing. Hopefully she will get this soon. Susan solicited feedback regarding ordering clothing vs having it available at Spring Fling. Although many like to be able to order and pick it up, she has decided to order in clothing and have available at Spring Fling like was done in the past. It also brings people to the meeting. She is looking for ideas for items to order.

Foundation: Lyle Hansen reported they have received 74 donations averaging \$100 each.

Buoys: Brit Skolness reported that everything is ready to go for this spring and weather permitting will have all the buoys out by fishing opener. We now will have lights on all buoys.

Dredging: Sam Blattenbauer reported that the DNR wants the Watershed to get a permit everytime we dredge instead of having a standing permit. This will be much more costly. WE have a permit for Blue Water Bay. Bullfrog Bay by Swanies is the other permit we would need.

Fisheries: Steve Busch reported that he is waiting to hear back from the DNR on the results of the electrofishing done last fall. This year and next they will be doubling the stocking of fry to 818,00 each year.

Newsletter: Jenni Barr asked for ideas for the newsletter. She will be in contact with Steve regarding the stocking of fry and other items of interest from Fisheries. Jeff would like to email the newsletter out one month before we mail it. She will have the Newsletter ready for the April meeting for it to be mailed mid April. It will then be mailed out in May.

Old Business: none

New Business: There is about 22" of ice on the lake. Lots of ice houses are appearing this year. Some lakes are seeing a lot of garbage being left behind from these houses. Hopefully the ice fishermen on our lake are taking their waste with them when they leave.

Lyle has a photo of loons at sunset by the island that would be a nice picture for the cover of the new Directory. He should send this to Ramona.

Rich Maras moved to adjourn the meeting. Brit Skolness seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Future Meetings

April 15 June 17 Spring Fling September 16 January 20, 2024