



**BCLA Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2022**

Present: Sam Blattenbauer, Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Lyle Hansen, Steve Busch, Merle Zimmerman, Tonya Matson, Ramona Borke (via phone).

Absent: Tom Riedman, Susan Willard, Rich Maras, Mike Kelly, Brit Skolness, Brad Thom, John Stephens

Sam Blattenbauer called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Ramona Borke sent the minutes of the June 2022 meeting to all Board members prior to the meeting for review. Merle Zimmerman moved to approve the minutes, Steve Busch seconded. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Strand sent the Treasurer's Report to all Board members prior to the meeting. Brad Thom noticed the clothing revenue but no expenses and asked if this reflected a profit after expenses. Jeff indicated that we have not been invoiced from the clothing company yet. We have a balance on hand of \$55,591.92 (\$10,569.30 Unrestricted Checkbook Balance and \$45,022.62 Certificate of Deposit-matures 11/22/22). We have 345 paid members. Lyle Hansen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Merle Zimmerman seconded. Passed.

Website – Rich Maras was not present, no report.

COLA – No Report, Tom Riedman absent.

Spring Fling – All seemed to go OK. Next year's meeting will be June 17 at the YMCA. Jenni will confirm the date and time.

Boat Parade - No Report, John absent.

Beach Captains – No Report, Mike Kelly absent. Discussion: This is a very important year being a Directory year. Beach Captains need to contact each resident on their beach to verify any changes for the Directory (name, address, phone number, email). Years ago Beach Captains met socially once a year to discuss how they worked with their neighbors, problems they encountered and help how to deal with problems. We might need to have two people assigned to this as we are so large. Possibly have a Meet and Greet for Beach Captains the weekend before Spring Fling. Gale Haug is the new Beach Captain for Eagle View Camp Ground.

Planning and Zoning – Brad Thom absent, no report.

Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman will conduct the last water test on Monday, September 19. The Watershed District may have someone available to help with the testing next year. Water levels are down. 20 ft clarity.

Ditch Cleanup – Merle Zimmerman reported that there were 12 people to help with the last pick up September 10.

Clothing – Susan Willard absent, no report.

BCLA Foundation – Lyle Hansen introduced Tim Kreig as the new BCLA Foundation president. The mission is to improve the lake and keep it environmentally clean. The Foundation is looking for ideas. Boat inspectors are doing an amazing job! There are only so many hours available for boat inspections. We could move more money into inspections for more time.

Buoys – Brit Skolness was absent, no report. It was mentioned what a good job Brit does with placing the buoys.

Dredging– A permit is required each time dredging is done rather than an ongoing permit that has been in place for a number of years in the past. Cost is \$2500. The permit has been obtained for Bullfrog Bay. It is planned to be done in the Spring. Blue Water Bay has not been done. A permit will need to be purchased.

Directory – Ramona sent out background information on the Directory advertising process prior to the meeting. There were 41 ads in the last Directory. Bids for printing were obtained from Ottertail Power Company Printing and the Fargo Forum Printing. Paper costs have increased dramatically, therefore printing costs have nearly doubled. It was decided to increase the cost of the cover, interior color and full page ads by \$100, half page ads by \$50, and quarter size and business card size by \$25. The advertising cost for Cormorant Sportsman’s Club, Cormorant Community Center, BCLA Foundation, The Pub, and YMCA will again be waived. Included in the packet were drafts of the letter and form to give/send to advertisers to renew their ad from the past. Ramona will update these and send out to the Board next week. Board members were asked to sign up for advertisers to contact. Merle will get those sign-ups to Ramona next week. She will confirm these along with sending updated information so Board members can begin making the contacts. A deadline of January 10 is set to get ads and payment submitted. A final deadline of early March for all ads to be submitted and paid so the Directory can be set up and prepared for printing. John Kruse will discuss with Ramona what he needs to set up the Directory again. The printer will be determined later as the estimates provided are not final prices because of the fluctuations in paper costs. Rich will look into offering JM Print services to any business wanting to have their ad updated or created for the Directory.

Old Business

None

New Business

Tim Kreig asked for clarification on placement of buoys near the Sandy Beach and the rules for how to use them. Boaters must stay outside/go around buoys placed in the water to indicate a hazard according to Minnesota law. He also asked if Brit needed help in putting the buoys out. Sam will let him know Brit’s contact information.

Jenni Barr moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Strand seconded. Passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Future Meetings

January 21, 2023

April 15, 2023

June 17, 2023 (Spring Fling)

September 16, 2023

Post meeting:

John Kruse asked for \$3000 to set up the directory with ads. Board members were notified of his fee and requested to vote yea or nay. Because John is busy in the spring with other projects, he is asking we have everything to him by the early March. Any ads received after this deadline or not paid will not appear in the Directory. He would like to receive the ads as they come in. He can then put them into the pages as he sets up the listings. Therefore, we want to get as many of the ads renewed as soon as possible so they can be sent to him at the same time as the data base in January.