



Saturday, June 13, 2026

President, Sam Blattenbauer, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Sam welcomed everyone to the YMCA Camp for the 2026 Spring Fling annual meeting of the Big Cormorant Lake Association.

Secretary, Ramona Borke, presented the minutes from the Spring Fling 2025 meeting. Copies of the minutes were distributed before the meeting and are also on the website. Ramona called for a motion to accept the minutes. Tom Riedman moved to accept the minutes; Susan Stephens seconded. Approved.

Jeff Strand presented the Treasurer's Report for 2025 and as of June 10, 2026. We have a current balance on hand of \$55,491.57 (\$4,797.88 Unrestricted Checkbook Balance and \$50,743.69 Certificate of Deposit). Jeff called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Blattenbauer moved to accept; Mike Kelly seconded. Approved.

Directory - Ramona Borke was recognized for her work in creating the new Directory. She urged members to patronize the businesses in the Directory and thank them for their support.

Election of Board Members – Sam presented the slate of candidates for Board Members. Brit Skolness, Mike Kelly and Tim Krieg are returning to the Board. Jeff Strand is retiring from the Board and Dave Glennon was presented as his replacement. Ed Schafer moved to accept the slate of candidates. Evonne Lund seconded. Approved. Sam also recognized Steve Busch retiring board member after 22 years of service and work with the DNR and Fisheries. We do not have a replacement for him yet. If anyone is interested, let Sam know.

Speakers

Audubon Rescue Squad - This is the counterpart of the Lake Park ALERT group providing emergency first responder services to the east side of Big Cormorant and the surrounding area. They rely on volunteers and donations. Jake accepted a donation of \$1000 for their services from BCLA.

YMCA Camp Cormorant – Kelly talked about some of the special camps they offer during the summer and how they have benefited from the emergency first responder program, needing their services a few times over the summers. She accepted a \$1000 donation from BCLA.

Becker County Soil & Water - Karl Koenig explained the Rainfall Simulator demonstration trailer they brought to the meeting today. It simulates how different types of lakeshore landscaping can affect the runoff into the lake from a half inch of rainfall. They have a Shoreline Restoration program to help improve the quality of our water and offer lakeshore owners financial assistance of 75% the total cost in implementing a buffer zone. He also discussed aquatic invasive species and how early detection can help manage our waters. Eurasian Water Milfoil and Starry Stonewort are two plants that are being monitored. Karl accepted a \$1000 donation from BCLA.

Big Cormorant Lake Area Foundation – Tim Krieg reminded members that the Foundation has a grant program that works with the Soil and Water Shoreline Restoration program to reimburse property owners that participate an additional amount for their project such that they would have no out of pocket expenses. They currently have two grant applications. More information can be found in the Directory.

Water Testing – Tim Krieg explained that our waters are checked for clarity in Pikes Bay and the big lake monthly along with a depth reading. The Big Lake was at 40' clarity and Pikes Bay 38' in May. The testing for June is coming up next week. In April, Big Cormorant was 8.04" below the Ordinary High-Water mark. It was 8.4" below in May. History and comparisons to other lakes can be found on the RMB Laboratories website.

Watershed – Sam Blattenbauer reminded members that permits are needed for any work within the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District. These can be found on the website and are free. They have hired an inspector that goes around the lake and takes pictures of the projects underway. He also reports any infractions that he sees. The CL Watershed is looking for another board member. Contact Sam.

Ditch Clean Up - The dates are in the Directory. We pick up ditches twice a year in May and September.

Clothing – A number of new items are available to order including t-shirts, hoodies, and caps. Also, a limited number of items from the last couple of years are on sale.

Boat Parade – The Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 4th starting from the North Access and moving clockwise (east shore). In the event of inclement weather, the parade will start at 2 p.m. Watch Facebook for updates. Also, wake board boats are asked to be courteous and hang back to the rear of the parade because the wake from their boats cause waves that make it difficult for the pontoons to navigate safely. It is the country's 250th Birthday, so come and show your patriotism either in the parade or on your dock!

Buoys – The buoys are out. Two got loose but they were found and put back. Please report if any get loose and where they can be picked up.

Beach Captains – Tonya Matson directed members to the back section of the Directory to find the Beach Captain list and contact your Beach Captain if you have or know of any changes to property ownership or corrections that need to be made to the Directory. The Beach Captains will be getting a list of paid and non-paid members on the beach. Members in attendance can help get their neighbors to join BCLA and promote the maintenance and improvement of our lake.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Kelly Bertelson introduced herself as a member of the Nelson family from Nelson Beach and shared a story of the YMCA camp as a Boy Scout Camp in its early beginnings.

A number of door prizes were handed out throughout the meeting. Emy Steenerson was recognized for her work in securing and putting together the door prizes.

Adjournment – Tim Krieg moved to adjourn the Spring Fling meeting. Seconded by Susan Stephens. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10.00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Borke, Secretary