



Minutes
BCLA Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 15, 2019

President Jim Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Jim welcomed all in attendance and introduced the current board members.

Secretary Ramona Borke requested that the reading of the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting be waived as there were copies of the minutes on the tables and the minutes were available on the website. It was moved by Keith DeVillers and seconded by Dwain Meyer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Copies of the Treasurers Report were distributed to each table. In the absence of Treasurer Jeff Strand, President Colbert reviewed major items on the Report. There is a balance on hand of \$37,168.36 in the Unrestricted Checkbook and \$21,535.29 in a Certificate of Deposit for a total of \$58,703.65. Ellis Peterson moved and Tom Schaffer seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Presentations:

Jim introduced Deputy Adam Douglas from the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department will be out on Big Cormorant frequently this summer. They are looking for:

- 1) PFDs – children 10 and under must have them on. It is a state law.
- 2) Jet Skis – Jet skis must be off the lake one hour before sunset.
- 3) If you will be gone for an extended period of time, let your neighbors know. It is also recommended that you install motion lights or security cameras to deter unwanted visitors.
- 4) K9 Program – Thank you for the donation. The county now has two K9 units.

Mike Habrat, DNR Fisheries Specialist then presented the Walleye Fishery Trends. As a result of gillnet surveys, genetic analysis, and Fall electrofishing in 2019 some walleye fry will be stocked in 2020. Mike announced there is a new research project underway studying the effect of zebra mussels on walleyes. Steve Busch, BCLA Board Member, is a member of the DNR Focus Group and addressed the group.

Karl Koenig, Becker County Soil and Water Conservation, reported on watercraft inspections. There is an inspector at both public accesses on the lake on weekends. A decontamination unit is at the West Access from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Big Cormorant and Detroit Lakes are at risk for invasion by Starry Stonewort. An area off the public access will be monitored this summer. Report to the DNR any suspicious growth of plants that you see. Shoreland Restoration plants native plants on shorelines. Lake shore owners can get 75% of the cost covered by entering into a contract with the state to maintain it for a period of time. An AIS invasive species identification guide is available from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center www.maisrc.umn.edu

Ellis Peterson, Cormorant Lakes Watershed Board, informed the group that permits are needed for any changes made within the first 50 feet of the shoreline. Permits are free. They also provide the Tree Program. Requests made this spring should see their trees coming the end of June. Water clarity this spring is 32' in Pikes Bay, and 34' in the big lake.

Election of Board Members

President Colbert announced that Reuben Tschritter, a board member for many years is retiring. Board members up for re-election are Merle Zimmerman, Jenni Barr, Lyle Hansen, and Sam Blattenbauer. Mike

Kelly is the candidate to replace Reuben. Colleen Erickson moved to accept the slate of board members. Second by Sandy Eide. Motion carried.

Old Business

BCLA Foundation – Lyle Hansen reported that there were 114 donations in 2018.

4th of July Boat Parade – Aaron Stenerson announced that the parade will begin at 10 a.m. starting from the North Access. The direction around the lake will be determined by the wind direction at the start of the parade. It was decided several years ago when the parade was started again to do it “just for fun”, therefore there are no prizes.

Jim asked for suggestions for speakers for next year. If anyone has ideas of what they would like to hear about, let Jim know.

We are looking for a Beach Captain for MapleLodge Beach. Let a board member know if interested.

Tom Schaffer moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Meg Balvitsch. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ramona Borke, Secretary