



**BCLA Board of Directors
Meeting
April 18, 2020**

Present: Jim Colbert, Sam Blattenbauer, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Tom Riedman, Steve Busch, Merle Zimmerman, Jenni Barr, Aaron Stenerson, Jay Peterson, Bruce Zeller, Susan Willard, Rich Maras, Mike Kelly

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Colbert at 9:07 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

The minutes of the February meeting were sent to all board members prior to the meeting for review. Minutes approved by consensus.

The Treasurer's Report was sent to all board members prior to the meeting for review. Approved by consensus.

Committee Reports

Website – Rich Maras: Rich will be working to get the website updated. A new lake map, updated information about the Cormorant Daze 5K Run, Sailing Club were among the items discussed. Let Rich know if you notice anything that needs to be updated. Jenni will send him Newsletter articles. Rich is checking on PayPal for paying dues, clothing, etc.

Facebook – Ramona Borke: 1081 likes, up 11 from the February meeting. Seven items had been posted, most recently the information about the Cormorant Watershed Plant Trees program. A lot of response and shares have been generated from that post.

COLA – Tom Riedman: meetings have been cancelled until further notice because of the COVID-19 shelter in place and social distancing directives.

Fisheries – Steve Busch: There are conflicting reports about whether the stocking of walleye in Minnesota lakes will take place in 2020. Steve will check on it and let Jenni know for the newsletter.

Spring Fling – Sam Blattenbauer: We plan to still hold the meeting on June 20. Registration and refreshments begin at 8 a.m. Meeting starts at 9 a.m. Once we decide if we can have the meeting Sam will order the refreshments. Board members need to be at the Community Center by 7 a.m. to set up. If the COVID-19 situation does not allow the meeting to be held, we will announce it as soon as we can via the website, facebook, and email blast.

Boat Parade – Aaron Stenerson: Still planned for July 4 at 10 a.m. from the North Access.

Beach Captains – Mike Kelly: Reuben and Verda Tschritter have resigned as Beach Captains from Eagle View Campground. Mike has made a few contacts with no response yet.

Planning and Zoning – Bruce Zeller: The county is working on language that would allow short term rentals of lake homes like VRBO or Airbnb without a conditional use permit if the duration is less than 30

days and the density is 3 people or less/bedroom. Otherwise in Becker County you need a rental certificate if you rent for longer terms. We will continue to watch how this unfolds.

Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman: Testing starts the third week in May. Testing ends in September. Jay Peterson will be taking over this task.

Clothing Sales – Susan Willard: Depending on if we have Spring Fling, we will possibly order a few more t-shirts and maybe one new item. We will try to sell out of what we have left from last year and previous years. We can advertise the clothing on the website and facebook and have a date and location for pick up.

BCLAF – Lyle Hansen: A letter will go out the end of May soliciting donations. The president of the Foundation, Dave DeMars, passed away last fall. 147 donations were received in 2019.

Old Business

BCL Directory – Ramona: Thank you to all who made contacts with businesses to renew their ad or become a new sponsor. We have 39 ads, 6 are new businesses. John Kruse has completed the first draft and it has been reviewed. After making a few changes, it will be reviewed again and the page numbers for the Table of Contents and Advertising Directory will be added. It will go to Ottertail Power Printing in Fergus Falls by May 11 and we expect to have it by June 10. Bruce Zeller moved to distribute the Directory and pay BCLA Membership dues on June 20 (Spring Fling Day) from 9-11 a.m. in Cormorant if the Spring Fling meeting is canceled due to COVID-19. Seconded by Steve Busch. Approved. Ramona recommended that we compensate Donna Christianson for her work in preparing the ads for the Directory. She created or updated ads for six businesses. Three of those are gratis ads. Susan Willard moved that we purchase \$200 in gift cards for Donna, \$75 each to the Roadhouse, The Pub, and the Pit 611. Sam Blattenbauer seconded. Approved. Jim will take care of this when he returns.

Adopt a Highway – Merle Zimmerman: We will be picking up trash on County Rd 5 from the West Public Access north to the intersection of County roads 5 and 6 and east on County Rd 6 to Tradewinds Road. Dates are May 16, July 18, and September 12. We will meet at the recycling center at the corner of County Rd 5 & 6 at 9 a.m. Vests and garbage bags will be provided. Eight people are needed each time. Jenni will put the information in the newsletter and Ramona will put the information on Facebook.

Other Old Business:

Buoys: Lyle Hansen contacted Superior Lakeside and they will place our buoys for \$300-\$350 per location. Lyle moved to have Superior Lakeside take over this task. Second by Aaron Stenerson. Approved. Butch Anton, past installer, will talk with them about any specifics they need to know.

New Business

Newsletter – Jenni Barr: Jenni checked with Rich about the cost of going from a 2-page to a 4-page newsletter. There is no significant difference and we will be able to provide more information to our lakeshore owners. The newsletter will go out between May 1 and May 15 depending on information we receive regarding the COVID-19 situation. The latest information will influence how the articles about Spring Fling, Directory distribution, and clothing sales will be written. People will be encouraged to check the website, Facebook and their emails for updates.

Watercraft Inspections – Lyle Hansen: A contamination unit will be at the West Access again this summer. Lyle will make a request of \$5000 from the Watershed. Tom Riedman moved that the BCLA match the \$5000. Second by Merle Zimmerman. Approved.

Board Member Terms: Jeff Strand, Steve Busch, Tom Riedman, Jay Peterson, and Mike Kelly are up for re-election. All agreed to continue their positions on the Board. Terms will expire in 2023.

Next meeting: June 20, 2020 after Spring Fling or after distribution of Directories in Cormorant. COVID-19 situation will dictate if we meet in person or on Zoom.

No further business.

Susan Willard moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Merle Zimmerman. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ramona Borke, Secretary

Future meetings (3rd Saturday of the month):
June 20, 2020 Spring Fling/Directory distribution
September 19, 2020
January 16, 2021
April 16, 2021