



**BCLA Board of Directors  
Meeting  
April 17, 2021**

**Present:** Sam Blattenbauer, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Tom Riedman, Merle Zimmerman, Jenni Barr, Rich Maras, Susan Willard, Mike Kelly, Brit Skolness

**Absent:** Jim Colbert, Steve Busch, Bruce Zeller, Aaron Stenerson

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sam Blattenbauer at 9:01 a.m.

**Secretary Report** – Ramona Borke sent the minutes of the January meeting out to all Board members prior to the meeting for review and called for a motion to accept. Susan Willard moved to accept the minutes as sent, Mike Kelly seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jeff Strand sent the financial report out to Board members prior to the meeting for review and highlighted the balances. The Unrestricted Checkbook balance is \$38,274.75 and the Certificate of Deposit is \$21,851.44 for a total balance on hand of \$60,126.19. Rich Maras moved to accept the report, Tom Riedman seconded. Approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Website** – Rich Maras reported that he is working with Susan to promote the new spring clothing on the website. People will be able to order and pay for the new clothing and pick it up at the annual meeting. He is working on updates and making sure all the links are working correctly.

**Facebook** – Ramona reported that Facebook no longer keeps track of “likes” but rather tracks “followers”. We currently have 1382 followers, up 45 since January. The most popular post was “Ice Out” information reaching 3996 people. Information about the new clothing will be posted to Facebook, directing people to the website to order.

**COLA** – Tom reported that COLA did find someone to help continue the organization. Ramona share information she received from the person that set up our Directory who works with the area COLAs. Becker County COLA is looking for a person to do the e-newsletter. No one on our Board was interested in the position but Ramona will ask John to put together a flyer about the position and we can distribute it at our annual meeting.

**Fisheries** – No Report. Steve Busch absent. Jenni indicated that the lake will be stocked this summer. An article will appear in the Newsletter.

**Spring Fling** – Sam and Rich have been working with the YMCA Camp where we will hold the meeting this year. They have 100 chairs available for use. We will need to bring our own PA system. Jim has one. Sam will pick up the rolls and coffee. Their facility will accommodate us for this. Any left over coffee and paper products we will donate to the Y-Camp. People will park along the road. A couple of Board members will help direct traffic to where people can park. Aaron Stenerson (or his mom) will pick up prizes. Ramona moved that we allow \$350 for prizes. Jenni Barr seconded. Approved. Board members should be at the Y-Camp by 7 a.m. to set up and get ready for the meeting.

**Boat Parade** – Aaron will lead the parade again this year starting at the north access at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 4. Property owners are encouraged to join us or watch from their shore.

**Membership DataBase** – Jeff Strand reported that we have 691 members in the database, no change from the January meeting. We have email addresses for approximately 50% of these. Beach captains need to work hard to get more email addresses. One membership for this year is paid at this time.

**Newsletter** – Jenni Barr sent a draft of the Newsletter to Board members. A few edits were made, Beach Captain List was updated and she will be placing an article promoting the Foundation. The newsletter will be mailed by the end of next week (April 23) and also sent via email.

**Planning and Zoning** – No Report. Bruce Zeller absent. Questions arose about the large houses going up on Tradewinds and Deer Point.

**Water Testing** – Merle Zimmerman reported that water testing will begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April. There are two testing sites, one in the middle between the point at Deer Point and the west shore of the lake and one on Pikes Bay. Merle sends the numbers to RMB Laboratories and they send the results to Jeff. Jeff will let Rich know the results to be posted to the website.

**Clothing** – Susan Willard reported that she has changed vendors and has selected a few shirt and jacket styles for men, women and children. A beach towel and tote will also be available. She will be getting pictures to Rich for the website. People will be able to order and pay through PayPal and pick up at Spring Fling. Village Bungalow purchased our remaining inventory. She anticipates offering a few other styles in the fall for holiday purchases.

**BCLAF**- Lyle Hansen indicated letters will be going out soon. Donations were down last year. They have \$100,00 in the bank. Lyle will be attending a Watershed meeting and ask for \$5000 again for watercraft inspections at the accesses.

### **Old Business**

**Officers/Board Members** – Jim Colbert is retiring from the Board. Sam indicated he will take on the President duties. Jenni Barr indicated she would be Vice President and continue with the newsletter. We will vote on these at our Board meeting after the Annual Meeting in June. Board members whose terms are up are Jim Colbert, Ramona Borke, Bruce Zeller, Susan Willard, and Rich Maras. Ramona, Susan and Rich will continue for another term. Bruce will finish his current term but not seek re-election. We will need to find two more members to submit a slate of Board members to be voted on by BCLA members at the Annual Meeting in June.

### **New Business**

**Buoys** – Brit Skolness will put the buoys in as soon as it is 50 degrees and low wind. He is hoping in the next two weeks. It is a 2-person job. He would like to purchase a new or used tube, the kind that has an “indent” to sit in, to use to pull the buoys around to their location. He does not need additional buoys at this time. The Board instructed him to go ahead and get what he needs. Brit requested \$1000/year for placement of the buoys. Susan Willard moved to pay Brit \$1000 a year for taking care of the buoys and compensating his partner to put them in and take them out. Jenni Barr seconded. Approved.

**Other** – Discussed the possibility of putting the Directory on-line the next time we do a Directory. It would be available to paid members through the website. We may want to consider having a hard copy

also and moving to on-line only in six years. Now is the time to begin thinking about it and doing the research for this.

Discussed a “thank you” gift for Jim Colbert for his years of service on the BCLA Board and as President. Merle Zimmerman moved we purchase a \$100 Cormorant Pub Gift Card for Jim as a thank you. Susan Willard seconded. Approved.

**Next Meeting** – Spring Fling, June 19, 2021, 9 a.m. CDT at the Y-Camp

Lyle Hansen moved to adjourn. Second by Rich Maras. Approved.

Meeting adjourned 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Borke, Secretary

**Future Meetings:**

June 19, 2021 9 a.m. (CDT) Spring Fling at YMCA Camp

September 18, 2021 9 a.m. (CDT)

January 15, 2022 9 a.m. (CST)

April 15, 2022 9 a.m. (CDT) (Subject to change as this is Easter weekend)

June 18, 2022 9 a.m. (CDT) Spring Fling