



**Board of Directors Meeting  
April 18, 2026**

**Present:** Sam Blattenbauer, Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Mike Kelly, Brit Skolness, Susan Willard, Brad Thom, Rich Maras, Tim Krieg, Rick Duval, Tonya Matson, Carmen Link

**Absent:** Steve Busch, Dianne Irwin

Vice President, Jenni Barr called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Secretary, Ramona Borke sent the minutes of the January meeting to the group prior to the meeting for review. Susan Willard moved to approve, seconded by Jeff Strand. Approved.

Treasurer, Jeff Strand sent the Treasurer's report to the Board prior to the meeting. We have a balance on hand of \$67,474.79 (\$17,601.40 checkbook balance and \$49,673.30 CD). Ramona moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mike Kelly. Approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Newsletter** – Jenni sent a draft of the newsletter out to the Board earlier in the week for review. It will go out the first week of May.

**Spring Fling** – Speakers will include Karl Koeing and Owen Reding from Becker Soil and Water, the Sherriff's Department, and the recipients of our annual donations. Discussed organizations to receive donations. Recipients are those that are a direct benefit to our property owners and the lake. Susan Willard moved to donate \$1000 each to the First Responder Programs for Cormorant and Lake Eunice townships (ALERT, Lake Park and its counterpart in Audubon), Sherriff Canine program, Sherriff Dive and Rescue program, and the YMCA Camp Cormorant. Rick Duval seconded. Approved. Becker Soil and Water will bring a trailer with a rainfall simulator demonstration. Jenni will talk to the Y Camp about set up for this. Attendees will be able to see how run off from rainfall is affected by different land types.

Board Member terms expiring in June are Jeff Strand, Steve Busch, Brit Skolness, Mike Kelly and Tim Krieg. Jeff will be stepping down. Dave Glennon was his guest at the meeting and is interested in taking on the job of Treasurer. Brit Skolness Mike Kelly and Tim Krieg will renew their commitment. Sam will contact Steve about renewing for another three-year term. Tonya Matson and Jenni will be responsible to pick up the rolls and beverages again and get the coffee started. Board members are to be at the Y Camp by 7:30 a.m. to help set up. Mike Kelly will ask Emmy Steenerson to again pick up the door prizes. Susan moved to spend \$500 on doorprizes. Seconded by Brad Thom. Approved. Rich Maras presented a bid of \$553.84 for 500 stickers from J&M Printing to give to paying members at Spring Fling. Brad Thom moved to accept the bid. Rick Duval seconded. Approved.

**COLA** – Susan Willard had nothing to report as the meetings do not start until the end of May.

**Directory** – Ramona reported that we have 52 ads this time compared to 45 last time. Thirty-six previous advertisers renewed and there are 16 new. We are waiting for a second proof to be completed to review and then set up the Table of Contents and the Advertisers Index. Rich will pick up the Directories and deliver to the Y Camp for distribution at the Spring Fling. Ramona pointed out that the cost for mailing directories is now about \$10. Beach Captains will be key to distributing directories to those paid members not attending Spring Fling.

**Foundation** – Tim Krieg reported that the Foundation is doing well financially. They are still trying to get their grant program for shoreline restoration off the ground. They have partnered with Becker Soil and Water and

Tim feels after a conversation with Owen Reding, things will go better this year. It was suggested to put information into the Directory. Ramona will work with Tim to do this.

**Water Testing** – Tim Krieg reported that we are enrolled in the Water Testing program and testing will begin in May. We test at two locations on Big Cormorant.

**Boat Parade** – Susan Willard will lead the Parade this year and it will go clockwise around the lake starting at the North Access at 10 a.m. If inclement weather in the morning, it will begin at 2 p.m. She will have information at Spring Fling about celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our nation with our Boat Parade.

**Ditch Clean up** – Carmen Link reported that the first picking will be May 16. The second one will be September 12.

**Beach Captains** – Tonya Matson has the Beach Captain Meet-n-Greet scheduled at the Pub at 6 p.m. June 12. Mike Kelly reported that all Beach Captain positions have been filled except for Tradewinds South. Sam has someone in mind and will contact them.

**Planning and Zoning** – Brad Thom reported that he had nothing new to report.

**Fisheries** – No report as Steve Busch was absent. Sam will contact him about talking at Spring Fling.

**Watershed** – Sam Blattenbauer asked Jenni to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to request the \$5000 for the boat inspection program.

**Website** – Rich Maras has all dates updated. Jenni is currently getting the information for renewal. Discussed changing it to the address for BCLA which goes to Jeff. With Jeff leaving the board, it was suggested to have Dianne Irwin set up [info@bcla.org](mailto:info@bcla.org) that will go to the BCLA President, Vice President, and Treasurer who will then respond to inquiries. Rich will talk to Dianne Irwin about following through with this.

**Old Business** – none

### **New Business**

A request was received to be a sponsor for Cormorant Days on their advertising. Susan moved to give \$250 for their ads. Carmen Link seconded. Approved.

It was noted that businesses are tagging our Facebook page in order to advertise their business. Jenni has been deleting those posts and will look into how to change our setting to not let people tag us.

Tonya will make copies of a QR code that will be put on the tables at Spring Fling, which when scanned with your phone camera it will bring you directly to our BCLA website to pay the dues for the year.

### **Adjournment**

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenni seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ramona Borke, Secretary

### **Future Meetings**

Spring Fling      June 13, 2026    9 a.m.  
June 13, 2026 Board Meeting following Spring Fling  
September 19, 2026  
January 16, 2027  
April 17, 2027