

Board Meeting Minutes - Feb 13, 2016

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Big Cormorant Lake Association Board Meeting Saturday, Feb 13, 2016

Members Present:

Jim Colbert, Jenni Barr, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Tom Riedman, Steve Busch, Jeff Strand, Aaron Stenerson

President, Jim Colbert, called the meeting of the BCLA to order at 9:12 a.m.

Ellis Peterson from the Cormorant Lakes Watershed Board attended the meeting to discuss the zebra muscle situation and continued monitoring. Big Cormorant is in a "gray area" as no additional zebra muscles have been found on subsequent searches. Ellis urged the property owners to check cement blocks, especially inside the blocks and surrounding rocks for evidence of zebra muscles this spring. The designation remains on our lake until we go five years with no new findings. It was suggested to send a letter of concern to major providers of dock and lift services stating our concern that no additional zebra muscles have been found and to be conscious of using equipment from infested waters in Big Cormorant. We will again request funding from the Watershed Board for inspectors at both accesses to prevent introduction of any aquatic invasive species to our lake. Ellis also reported that the Tree Planting program will be held again this spring and the MN Pollution Control Agency is starting a new Training Program to address ponding water areas and are in search of participants in the program.

The minutes of the September meeting were emailed to all members after that meeting. There were no questions or concerns. Jeff Strand moved to approve the minutes. Tom Riedman seconded. Approved

Treasurer, Randy Christianson, was unable to attend the meeting. The Treasurers Report was emailed to all board members prior to this meeting. There were no questions or concerns. We have a balance on hand of \$37,914.21. Lyle Hansen moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Tom Riedman seconded. Approved

Committee Reports

Website - no report. Jenni Barr tested the "contact us" section on the website to see if contacting the BCLA President message would be received by Jim Colbert. Facebook - Ramona Borke reported that we now have 415 likes to our page, 36 more since the last meeting. COLA - COLA does not meet during the winter. Meetings will resume in May. Board members will rotate attending the meetings again this summer. Fisheries - no report Spring Fling - will be held Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. Boat Parade - Aaron Stenerson will lead the parade starting at 10 a.m. this year. He will get some kind of a noisemaker to indicate we are starting. Board members that are participating in the parade are asked to join in behind him to get it started. Membership Database - Jenni Barr will work with Donna Christianson again to get the updated mailing list ready for the newsletter. She is planning to have the newsletter ready for mailing by April 1. Beach Captains - Jenni Barr sent out an email to all Beach Captains asking for their commitment again and updated information. Most have responded. Planning and Zoning - Lyle Hansen had nothing new

to report. Water Testing - no report Clothing Sales - no report. A request was made to sell mugs this year in addition to the remaining clothing we have in stock. Jim showed an example of a good sized mug that is tapered on the bottom to fit cup holders and suggested we look into this type. BCLAF - Lyle Hansen reported that member donations are down from 169 to 109 this year.

Old Business

None

New Business

DNR Inspection Grant Application - Jim Colbert will apply again. Weed Control Business - the vendor will be invited to make a presentation at the annual meeting Natural Gas Installation - Greater MN Gas Inc. will be invited to make a presentation at the annual meeting also. Becker County Sheriff's Canine Program - BCLA donated \$1000 to the program last year. Deputy Cody Bouchie will be invited to give an update on the program at the annual meeting.

Next meeting April 9, 2016 at 9 a.m. at the Pub.

Jeff Strand moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Riedman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Borke, Board Member
(substitute for Carol Anhorn)