



**Board of Directors Meeting  
January 18, 2025**

**Present:** Sam Blattenbauer, Ramona Borke, Mike Kelly, Brad Thom, Susan Willard, Rich Maras, Rich Duval

**Present via phone call-in:** Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Steve Busch, Brit Skolness, Tim Krieg, Dianne Irwin, Tonya Matson

**Absent:** none

President Sam Blattenbauer called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Secretary Ramona Borke sent the minutes for the September meeting out prior to the meeting for review. Brad Thom moved to accept the minutes, Rich Maras seconded. Approved.

Treasurer Jeff Strand sent the Treasurer's Report out prior to the meeting. Indicated that we need to pay the COLA and Sportsmans Club dues for the year. Brad Thom moved to pay these two bills, Rich Maras seconded. Approved. We have a balance on hand of \$55,076.50 (\$6958.40 Unrestricted Checkbook balance and \$48,118.10 CD). Susan Willard moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded Ramona Borke. Approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Website** – Rich Maras has all upcoming events updated but still was awaiting confirmation on the YMCA Camp as the location for the Spring Fling. Jenni was contacting Kim at the camp. The Boat Parade will be July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike Kelly noted that an update will be needed for the Beach Captain on Showshoe Beach. Rich will get all these on the website.

**COLA** – Susan Willard has attended a meeting yet as she is still waiting to get information from them. Sam will forward any information he receives to Susan until that is updated with COLA.

**BCLA Foundation** – Tim Krieg reported that the Foundation fund has done well over the last year and is growing in increased donations every year. Shoreline restoration projects a still planned for this summer with 11 on the schedule.

**Boat Parade** – A new board member will be taking over this project. We will discuss the Boat Parade at the next meeting with the new leader. Some items suggested were start time, start location, participation.

**Beach Captains** – Mike Kelly is in the process of getting a new beach captain for Snowshoe Beach. He has a couple of leads and will follow up on them and get the information to Rich for the Website. It was suggested that we have the Beach Captain gathering again before Spring Fling. Tonya Matson will work on this.

**Planning and Zoning** – Brad Thom reported that there have been no recent meetings with the county. Sam did send the letter composed by Rick Duval regarding the landscaping around the sheds popping up

around the county. It is expected that the Commissioners will forward this letter to Planning and Zoning. Brad will follow this when they meet again.

**Watershed** – Sam Blattenbauer reported that they are in the process of hiring a new inspector to replace one that has retired. Drone mapping of the shorelines will now be done. Reminded everyone that anything done within 50 feet of the shoreline needs a permit and the permit is free. Sam asked Jenni to come to the next Watershed meeting to request the money for boat inspections. The Tree Program is being changed to be offered to one lake at a time. Jenni will let people know this information in the newsletter.

**Water Testing** – Tim Krieg stated that this starts in late April or in May depending on the weather.

**Ditch Clean Up** – The next date for Ditch Clean Up is May 10. It was suggested that we do this only twice a year. It will be discussed with Carmen Link, who will be taking over this project, at the next meeting.

**Clothing** – Susan Willard will be meeting with two vendors next week. Some suggestions have been a fleece vest, tank tops, and caps. Will keep the selection small. Rich Maras moved to allow Susan to spend \$4000 on promotional clothing. Seconded by Mike Kelly. Approved.

**Newsletter** – Jenni Barr confirmed the Y Camp will host Spring Fling on June 21, 2025. She encouraged people to send her information and ideas to be included in the next Newsletter.

**Buoys** – Brit Skolness had nothing to report at this time.

**Fisheries** – Steve Busch has not heard anything on electrofishing results. Stocking on Big Cormorant has been done the last four years and is now done. It remains to be seen the benefits.

### **Old Business**

Spring Fling will be held June 21, 2025 at the YMCA Camp starting at 9 a.m. Sam will work on a list of speakers and securing them for the meeting.

### **New Business**

New Board Member – John Stephens has resigned from the BCLA Board due to health reasons. Carmen Link was nominated to take his place. She has agreed to take over the Ditch Clean Up program and is interested in taking the lead on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade. Susan Willard nominated Carmen Link to the Board to fill the position of John Stephens for the next year. The position expires in 2025. Brad Thom seconded. Approved.

The next scheduled BCLA Board meeting is April 19 which is Easter weekend. It was decided to move this meeting to the week before, April 12 in case people will be traveling over Easter.

### **Adjournment**

Rich Maras moved to adjourn. Rick Duval seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

**Next meeting: April 12, 2025**

**Future Meetings:** June 21, 2025 (Spring Fling)

September 20, 2025

January 17, 2026