



**Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**Present:** Sam Blattenbauer, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Susan Willard, Brad Thom, Rich Maras  
Via Phone: Jeff Strand, Steve Busch, Merle Zimmerman, Brit Skolness, Mike Kelly, Tim Krieg

**Absent:** Jenni Barr, Tonya Matson, John Stephens

The meeting was called to order by President, Sam Blattenbauer at 9:07 a.m.

Ramona Borke, Secretary sent the Minutes for the last meeting out to all prior to the meeting for review. Lyle Hansen moved to accept, Susan Willard seconded. Approved.

Jeff Strand, Treasurer, sent the Treasurer's Report out to board members prior to the meeting. We have a balance on hand of \$56,422.36 (\$10,167.78 Checkbook Balance and \$46,254.58 Certificate of Deposit) Rich Maras moved to accept the Report. Brad Thom seconded. Approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Website – Rich Maras** Updated with the ice on as January 2, 2024, Spring Fling info, and July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade info. Rich will check with Jenni about getting the certified shoreline restoration contractors linked to our website.

**COLA – Tim Krieg** Tim talked to Logan Riedel from Becker Soil and Water about speaking at Spring Fling. He will be allowed a 10 minute presentation.

**Boat Parade – John Stephens** John was absent, no report. Planned for July 4, 10 a.m. from the North Access. Alternate time if inclement weather will be discussed at the April meeting.

**Beach Captains – Mike Kelly, Tonya Matson** Mike reported that Spring Creek Bay still has no Captain but is a small beach so not a great concern. Only about 75% of the Directories have been picked up by the Beach Captains. Plan to have a gathering of Beach Captains again before Spring Fling. We will discuss details at the April meeting.

**Planning and Zoning – Brad Thom** Brad reported that nothing has been done yet by the County to form a committee to set guidelines for Airbnb on lakes. There is no update on Swanes marina plans. Hooligans is for sale so no more information about camping spots and boat slips.

**Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman** Water Testing will begin in May.

**Adopt-a-Highway – Merle Zimmerman** Ditch clean up dates are in the Directory. May 11, July 13 and September 14 are the dates designated for 2024.

**Clothing – Susan Willard** Susan asked the Board about considering having new clothing every other year. We would still sell the items in stock at the Spring Fling. We will try it this year and monitor feedback. She is also considering getting no more 2XL and larger as these don't sell.

**Foundation – Lyle Hansen** Lyle is stepping down and a new member is needed for the Foundation Board that is on the Big Cormorant Lake Association Board to replace him. Tim Krieg is the president of the Foundation. He said donations were down last year. Donations for 2023 totaled \$4833.13, 74 gifts from 65 donors. He would like to get a grant program going on our lake for shoreline restoration.

**Buoys – Brit Skolness** Brit reported that some chains are getting rusty and will need to be replaced.

**Dredging – Sam Blattenbauer** Sam reported that the Blue Water Bay property owners needed to raise/contribute 10% of the cost for the rip rap on the Cormorant side of the road and this campaign was just completed. The Watershed will cover the rest of the cost of the the riprap on the Cormorant side of Blue Water Bay. Property owners needed to contribute 10% to the cost and that campaign was just completed. No permits from the DNR have been issued to Swanies for the Marina project.

**Fisheries – Steve Busch** Reported fishing was good last summer as a result of stocking the lake. There is one more year of stocking.

### **Old Business**

Spring Fling is June 15 at the Y Camp. Rich did not get the large board checks back after last year's meeting and asked whoever has them to let him know. Update: Jenni has the checks.

Jeff will check into adding Venmo as a method of payment for dues and for clothing sales.

### **New Business**

Rich will get the new 2024 stickers for members prepared and send a proof to Board Members for approval.

Board terms expiring in June 2024 are Ramona Borke, Susan Willard, Rich Maras, Tonya Matson, and Brad Thom. All but Tonya agreed to continue for another three-year term. Lyle Hansen is also stepping down with one year left of his term. The person replacing him also needs to be on the Foundation Board. Suggestions should be brought to the next meeting to fill these two positions.

### **Adjournment**

Susan Willard moved to adjourn. Lyle Hansen seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ramona Borke, Secretary

### **Future Meetings**

April 20, 2024

June 15, 2024 Spring Fling

September 21, 2024

January 18, 2025