



Minutes for BCLA Board of Directors Meeting Saturday, September 16th, 2017 @ Cormorant Pub 9AM

Jim Colbert called the meeting to order.

Present: Jim Colbert, Carol Anhorn, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Tom Riedman, Rhonda Wilson, Merle Zimmerman, Jeff Strand, Jay Peterson, Steve Busch and Reuben Tschritter.

Absent: Aaron Stenerson, Jenni Barr and Sam Blattenbauer.

Jim called the meeting to order at 9AM.

Motion and second to waive the reading of the previous minutes since they were sent and posted. Passed.

Randy was absent so no treasurer report but Jim provided copy of the financials. Clothing sales did well again.

- Guest: Greg Nelson came to present some COLA information since he attended for Tom who was unable to attend. Greg mentioned a new AIS which is now present, Chinese Mystery Snail. It's a threat to native snails and is extremely prolific. Jeff Strand mentioned it's been around for a few years and one snail left in a bucket will produce 20+ more in a very short time.
- Rhonda had nothing new to report on the website – she sent water levels but they are not yet posted. The lake is currently more than 14 inches under average high water.
- Ramona reported more than 820 current Facebook followers, so it's still growing.
- Jeff reminded the board that we need to spread the word that one of the best ways to preserve the quality of the lake is with shoreline restoration. Watershed and DNR will reimburse 75% of the cost along with the permit. Also a reminder that trees over 4" in diameter within 65' of the shore need a permit to remove whether they are dead or alive.
- Steve presented the numbers from the gill netting which for walleye was up to 15.4 from 11 last year but under the target of 24. Perch numbers were down and northern numbers were up. They will also be doing an electro shocking count later this month, which doesn't kill the fish like gill netting.
- Sam not present for Spring Fling update, but date is set for Saturday, June 16th 2018.
- Aaron absent, but boat parade will be from the North access again at 10AM on the 4th.
- Donna has been maintaining the membership data base because Randy as the treasurer receives the payments. Randy's term is up at the annual meeting in June and Jeff will be taking over as treasurer. We asked Jeff to see if Reneece would be willing to help him with maintaining the data base which is needed to inform beach captains who is paid each year. Then beach captains through Jenni would supply member information updates as they occur on those beaches. Randy and Donna will be turning the information and spread sheet over to Jeff and Reneece. Rhonda mentioned that we could have the option of password protected data base on the website where each beach captain would update their own information. Carol suggested a shared google spreadsheet would do the same thing free of charge, but not sure if all beach captains would have the capabilities to utilize the computer spreadsheet to update independently. Some possibly could and some would need to continue to send

in the information for someone else to enter. We suggested further investigation with Donna, Jenni and Reneece to move forward prior to the next directory in 2020.

- Jenni not present for Beach Captain update
- Lyle had no update for planning and zoning. It was mentioned that there are lots of properties that are covering more than the 25% of their lot and wondering why. Becker County doesn't seem to enforce their own laws in this circumstance although they have been extremely tough in others. Are people paying for variances? Doesn't seem to be consistent or enforced.
- Merle tested the water the week of the meeting since he's going to be out of town on Monday and it's at 22' clarity in Pikes Bay and 18' in the Big Lake. This is opposite of which was clearer in the spring. It was 69 degrees, up slightly from 65 degrees earlier in the month.
- Clothing sales report from the meeting was good although Rhonda has quite a bit of inventory she's storing for next year. The mug sales were not as good as expected and we're hoping they are thought of as Christmas gifts. Merle suggested we look into window / car / boat stickers with Big C and Big Cormorant Lake Association information for 2018 Spring Fling. It might be a nice gift for those paying their dues in non-directory years. That way there's not any sales tax either. Carol and Rhonda will check into pricing for the next meeting.
- Lyle reported that there are 80 donations to BCLAF this year so far. Money is spent to preserve the quality of the lake environment.
- Other business: It was mentioned that the perception by some including Randy Iwerks is that BCLA is sponsoring the Rock the Dock event because we tried to help promote on our website and Facebook. BCLA is not sponsoring or involved in the event in any way, so we will no longer be posting on website or Facebook. This is strictly a privately sponsored event.
- New business: It was noted that the decontamination station was seldom stationed on Big Cormorant but more often was at Detroit, Sallie and Melissa. Since the West Access on Big Cormorant is the #1 used public access in Becker County, we need to request more coverage. Jim will get the statistics from Lyle on the counts and draft a letter to request the decontamination equipment be available on Big Cormorant specifically heavy traffic dates like 4th weekend and Rock the Dock dates.
- Lyle asked about needing more buoys especially with the water level being so low and some rocks not typically a problem being close to the surface now. Lyle will check with Sam and Randy for next meeting.
- Next Meeting: Saturday, January 13th, 2018 9AM at the Cormorant Pub.

Tom made motion to adjourn, seconded by Rhonda. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned!