



**BCLA Board of Directors
Meeting
September 19, 2020**

Present: Jim Colbert, Sam Blattenbauer, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Steve Busch, Merle Zimmerman, Jenni Barr, Susan Willard, Brit Skolness

Absent: Tom Riedman, Aaron Stenerson, Bruce Zeller, Rich Maras, Mike Kelly

President Jim Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
Welcome to new board member, Brit Skolness!

Secretary Report – Ramona Borke sent the minutes out for review prior to the meeting. Approved by consensus.

Treasurer Report – Jeff Strand reported a balance on hand of \$61,734.84 (checkbook balance of \$39,974.61 and Certificate of Deposit balance of \$21,760.23). Approved by consensus.

Committee Reports

Website – Rich Maras. Rich was absent but sent out his report. The website has been updated. Merle puts the water levels up on the website. Rich is looking for current lake photos to put on the website. He will have more information for us at the next meeting from the Y Camp regarding using their site for Spring Fling. Sam indicated that he would like to be involved in a meeting with the Y Camp to see if it will meet our needs. Rich will schedule that meeting and include Sam.

Facebook – Ramona reported that “likes” increased by 30 since June to 1181. We are now followed by 1270 people and businesses.

COLA – Tom Riedman was absent so no report. Jim brought up that there is a study on wakeboard/surf boats impact on lake shorelines and whether we should consider donating to COLA for this study. No action was taken.

Fisheries – Steve Busch reported that the FM Walleyes Tournament is going on this weekend and they are now using photo-release. Gillnetting was done this summer. No young fish, northern are ok but walleye count is down. No restocking was done this year because of Covid-19 but will resume next summer.

Spring Fling – Sam Blattenbauer announced next year’s meeting will be June 19. Location will be determined after we receive information about using the Y Camp. Sam will reserve the Community Center and we can cancel if things look favorable at the Y Camp.

Boat Parade – No report, Aaron Stenerson was absent. Lyle Hansen counted 54 boats at the time it went by his residence.

Membership Data Base – Jeff Strand reported 382 paid members. It is down a little for a “new directory” year. A drive-by pick up was held in place of Spring Fling because of Covid-19 and beach captains were encouraged to make contact with every beach owner and promote BCLA.

Beach Captains – No report, Mike Kelly absent. Ramona has been giving directories to the Beach Captains this summer upon arrangement. Beach captains from 11 beaches have not yet picked up directories for their beaches. Ramona will contact Mike again to pick up the remaining boxes of Directories for him to store and distribute to the beach captains. It is not known if there is a Beach Captain for Eagle View yet. Some captains asked about the welcome packets and where to get them. Mike will notify beach captains about them and make them available. Jenni Barr indicated she has offered her help and will answer any questions he might have. Mike also will check to be sure that the beach captains themselves are members and will continually work with them to make visits to each and every beach owner and promote BCLA. More needs to be done by the beach captains to solicit members and get up-to-date address and email address information.

Planning and Zoning – No report, Bruce Zeller absent.

Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman continues to do this and reported that Monday will be the last reading taken for this year. It is done five times from May through September and posted on the website. We were at 19' clarity in August.

Clothing Sales – Susan Willard worked with the Village Bungalow in Cormorant to sell our inventory. They set up a tent over the July 4th weekend. Our inventory is way down now and they purchased most of our remaining clothing. \$1700 was sold. Items that we have left can be used as door prizes at Spring Fling next year. She is planning on doing pre sales for clothing, possibly for Christmas. Pre sales in the spring can be picked up at Spring Fling. Facebook and the Website will advertise. Items can be purchased on the website using the PayPal setup.

BCLAF – Lyle Hansen reported that donations are down compared to this time last year.

Newsletter – Jenni asked when the best target date is for sending out the newsletter. Mid April seemed to work good to have fewer returns. Jenni is looking for ideas. It is possible to send out an email version of the newsletter this fall as we have a number of email addresses. Ramona will forward some information she received from another lake on how they promoted joining their lake association this fall.

Old Business

Adopt-A-Highway – Merle Zimmerman organized three times for picking up trash along County Road 5 on the west side of the lake and County Road 6 on the north side. Donuts were served to those who helped. We need to encourage residents to help with this project, not just board members. Info could be put in a fall newsletter. Merle is still waiting for the signs to be put up designating that BCLA keeps the section of the road clean.

Directory – Ramona confirmed that everyone that took a Directory to distribute to our advertisers completed that task. All were done. Thanks to everyone that helped with the Directory!

New Business

Donations – In the past, we have made a donation of \$1500 to services that benefit all lake residents. This was given to the Sherriff's Department Canine and Rescue Units. Steve Busch moved to make a donation of \$750 to the Audubon Lake Park ALERT program. Susan Willard second. Jim will contact them to let them know a donation is coming and get clarification on their name. They are a rescue

organization that responds to emergency situations on and around our lake and in the area. Motion approved.

Sam moved that a \$750 donation be made to the Sherriff's Department Canine program. Ramona seconded. Approved.

Buoys – Brit Skolness reported that two buoys are still missing from Pikes Bay and the Y Camp. Butch has trained him and he will be taking out the buoys this weekend or next. It was suggested that he wait until the FM Walleyes Tournament is over. The board encouraged him to let us know if there is anything that he needs.

Letter of Support – Bruce Qvamman has requested a letter of support from BCLA for a conditional use permit to make his lots buildable. He helped the lake out by donating the land for us to build the outlet but now the DNR has made that outlet a tributary so lots are not buildable within 100 ft of the center. The conditional use permit will allow building on his lots. Discussion questioned if Bruce is a member of BCLA. Research showed he is not. Consensus by the group was that we not provide a letter of support unless he is a member. Sam will talk with him regarding membership. Further action will be taken through email updates.

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 16, 2021 via Zoom as many board members will not be in the area. Susan will set up the Zoom sessions.

Sam Blattenbauer moved to adjourn, Susan Willard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10: 25 a.m.

Future meetings:

January 16, 2021 9 a.m. (CST) Zoom

April 17, 2021 9 a.m. (CDT)

June 19, 2021 9 a.m. (CDT) Spring Fling