



**Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, September 16, 2023**

Present: Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Steve Busch, Merle Zimmerman, Susan Willard, Brit Skolness, Brad Thom, Tonya Matson, John Stephens, Tim Krieg

Absent: Sam Blattenbauer, Mike Kelly, Rich Maras

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Jenni Barr at 9:02 a.m.

Ramona Borke, Secretary sent the Minutes for the last meeting out to all prior to the meeting for review. Susan Willard moved to approve. Lyle Hansen 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 \$57,223.75 (\$11,706.79 Checkbook Balance and \$45,516.96 Certificate of Deposit) Brad Thom moved to accept the Report. Susan Willard seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Website – Rich Maras was absent. Jenni Bar suggested that we have a list of qualified contractors for shoreline restoration as we have had in the past. Jenni will get that list to the website.

COLA – Tim Krieg reported on a Stewardship Program that we could be a part of and he thinks we should offer this to our property owners on Big Cormorant. Seventy-five percent of a project could be paid by the state. The remaining cost could be paid through grants available through the Big Cormorant Area Lakes Foundation. No action was taken.

Boat Parade – John Stevens reported that he has both the old and the new banners in his garage. This year's boat parade on July 4th was cancelled due to weather. We discussed having an alternative time for the parade in the future should the morning weather not cooperate. 2 p.m. was suggested as a possible time. We will discuss this more next spring.

Beach Captains – Tonya Matson reported that 13 beaches still have not picked up the directories for their beach. It was suggested that she drop them off at the Beach Captains residence.

Planning and Zoning – Brad Thom brought up the information that has been posted by Hooligans Lakeside having campsites and marina slips available for rent on Big Cormorant next summer. Planning and Zoning has not been informed yet. Watershed has not been informed yet either. It seems the information that has been posted is for the owner to get feedback if there is interest.

Swanies Resort & Campground has a permit for 31 slips equal to the number of campsites.

Planning & Zoning had indicated the there was to be a committee formed regarding VRBO but to date nothing has been done with this.

Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman did the last test on September 18th. We are 13.20" below the OHW.

Ditch Clean-Up – Merle reported that 9 people helped out with the clean up September 9. He would like to have more participation and new participants but is grateful for those who do come.

Clothing – Susan Willard set up a booth at Cormorant Daze at LakePlace.com to sell leftover clothing. She suggested that if we do this next year to pay to have a booth with the other vendors as there was very little traffic where they were. She is considering to not get 2XL and over in clothing as these sizes don't sell. She plans to continue the on-site sales at Spring Fling and not do on-line pre-sales. She requested that we check into Venmo for payment.

Foundation – Lyle Hansen reported that he is no longer the Treasurer so he does not have the current # of donations that have been received.

Buoys – Brit Skolness plans to take out the buoys September 16.

Dredging – Lyle Hansen reported that the Blue Water Bay opening has been dredged. There is a need to add rip-rap to the peninsula but more money is needed from the Blue Water Bay members to have this done. The channel may not be dredged if this money cannot be raised.

Bull Frog Bay was dredged in the 1980's and again in 2018. Currently a boat cannot go through. The sandbar there acts as a natural filter. Currently, this is not being dredged.

Fisheries – Steve Bush reported that FM Walleyes is having their 1-day tournament September 23. Gil netting was done 3 weeks ago with successful results to the stocking of fry.

Old Business

The Board discussed when to pay Butch for the fireworks display. Each year we have paid him \$1500 after July 4 as this is a private party producing the display. This year we were asked to pay prior to the show. Discussion indicated that we continue paying after the show and make this clear to Butch. It was also noted that he is not a member of BCLA. Future contributions will require him to be a member to receive a donation from BCLA.

New Business

Discussed the possibility of members attending the Spring Fling get some kind of a Big Cormorant novelty item, like a floating key ring or other Big C promotional merchandise in addition to the sticker. No action was taken.

Discussed having a day of fun activities for our members like a golf tournament. We will discuss possibilities at a future meeting.

Tim suggested Logan with Becker County Soil and Water District be invited to speak at Spring Fling next year.

Future meetings were discussed and Jenni will confirm June 15, 2024 for Spring Fling. (UPDATE: Jenni confirmed this date with the YMCA Camp)

Adjournment

Lyle Hansen moved to adjourn. Brad Thom seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Future Meetings

January 20, 2024

April 20, 2024

June 15, 2024 (Spring Fling)

September 21, 2024