



**Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2024**

Present: Sam Blattenbauer, Jenni Barr, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Steve Busch, Mike Kelly, Brit Skolness, Brad Thom, Susan Willard, Rich Maras, Tim Krieg, Rick Duval, Dianne Irwin.

Absent: John Stephens

Vice President Jenni Barr called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. (President Sam Blattenbauer is running late)

Secretary Ramona Borke sent the minutes for the April 2024 and June 2024 meetings out prior to the meeting for review. Rich Maras moved to approve the April minutes. Seconded by Mike Kelly. Approved. Susan Willard moved to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Steve Busch. Approved.

Treasurer Jeff Strand sent a copy of the Treasurer's Report out to all Board members prior to the meeting. There were no questions or concerns. We have a balance on hand of \$56,071.30 (\$8804.16 Checkbook balance and \$47,177.14 CD). Tim Krieg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Brad Thom seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Website – Rich Maras reported that he will be adding the Spring Fling 2025 to the calendar on the website (President, Sam Blattenbauer arrived to take over the meeting)

Spring Fling – Jenni Barr contacted Kim at the Y Camp to be sure the date will work. There is a problem with the date, but Kim will get back with Jenni to confirm if we can meet at the Y Camp June 21, 2025. If not, we will go back to the Community Center. Jenni will let us know when she hears back from Kim to update the website with the information and arrangements can be made with the Community Center if needed.

COLA – Tim Krieg had no report. He has not received information about meeting dates so attended no meetings. He would like to resign from this position. He has other duties for the Board and doesn't feel he can devote the time needed for this position. Susan Willard volunteered to be the main contact from the BCLA Board. Anyone on the Board can attend the meetings. Sam or Jenni will forward the COLA information to her until she gets on their mailing list.

Beach Captains -- Mike Kelly is updating the list and has some new additions and is following up on others. He would like to plan another gathering of the Beach Captains prior to Spring Fling again next year.

Planning & Zoning – Brad Thom has attended Planning & Zoning meeting with the county commission. Along with a consultant from St. Cloud that was there, they discussed zoning for agricultural areas, and the county does now have a short-term rental policy in place for rentals, and is looking at tightening up some, more rules.

Water Testing – Merle Zimmerman showed Tim Krieg how to do the tasks for this position and what to do with the information. He did the last testing for the year on September 14. Water clarity for Pikes Bay was 26' and 21' for Big Cormorant. We are 9.27 inches below OHW.

Adopt-a-Highway – Carmen Link has taken over the ditch clean up from Merle Zimmerman. They had five people to help in September. We discussed having a Board member as the main contact person. Jenni Barr volunteered.

Clothing – Susan Willard will get new clothing for next year. She will do just a few pieces and plans to order with LakeShirts in Detroit Lakes.

BCLA Foundation – Tim Krieg reported that there were big increases in giving this year. A letter campaign was done in June. Tim also reported that as a result of Becker Soil and Water’s talk at Spring Fling announcing a grant partnership between BCLAF and Soil and Water, they have done eight sight visits and have three more planned for shoreline restoration projects.

Buoys – Brit Skolness and his crew have taken the buoys out for the year. They continue to work on improving the chains. We have 10 buoys. One is in need of a new beacon. He will take care of that so it is ready next spring.

Dredging – Sam Blattenbauer reported that the watershed’s engineer is studying the effects on the lakes upstream before they make a decision on dredging.

Boat Parade – No report. John Stephens absent. Some concerns were raised. We will discuss this at the meeting in January.

Fisheries – Steve Busch reported that netting has been done. He does not have the results yet. There is a fishing tournament this weekend. Only 30 teams are entered.

Newsletter – Jenni Bar will be in contact with us when she begins putting the next newsletter together. She would like more input from the Board on topics for articles.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Members – Merle Zimmerman moved off the lake in August. We need to fill his term for one year. Tonya Matson has moved back to the lake. Susan Willard made a motion to nominate Tonya Matson to fill Merle’s position. Seconded by Jenni Barr. Approved. Tonya will assist with Beach Captains.

Storage Shed Resolution – Ed Schafer made a motion at Spring Fling to authorize the BCLA Board of Directors to consider a resolution to make storage units improve the looks around the units by planting trees and shrubs and let the county know we would like to see improvements made. It was seconded by Fred Sternhagan and passed. We discussed this and most agreed these are taking away from the beauty of our lakes area. It was also observed that the lights are very bright and annoying at night. We are unsure if it warrants a resolution as we have no authority to follow through with this. Rick Duval volunteered to draft a letter from BCLA to the county identifying the concerns from our members. Rick will share this with the Board prior to sending.

Update: Rick drafted a letter and shared with Board members. Susan Willard moved to approve the letter and have President, Sam Battenbauer, sign the letter, and send it. Rick Duval seconded. Passed.

Sherrif’s Department on the Lake – There have been complaints from residents that the Sherrif’s deputies on the lake are doing unwarranted searches and breathalyzer tests of boaters to the extent that they are feeling harassed. No action was taken.

Adjournment – Steve Busch moved to adjourn. Tim Krieg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Borke, Secretary

Future Meetings

January 18, 2025

April 19, 2025

June 21, 2025 (Spring Fling)

September 20, 2025