



**BCLA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
January 19, 2019**

Present: Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Jenni Barr, Tom Riedman, Jay Peterson and Rich Maras.

Absent: Jim Colbert, Sam Blattenbauer, Merle Zimmerman, Steve Busch, Reuben Tschritter, Aaron Stenerson, Bruce Zeller and Susan Willard.

Guest: Reneece Strand

Jeff Strand called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Noting that there is no quorum, no decisions will be voted on today.

The minutes for the last meeting were emailed to members for review. Tom Riedman moved to approve, second by Rich. Approved.

Jeff Strand, Treasurer, distributed the Treasurer's Report. We have a balance on hand of \$25,857.64 Unrestricted Checkbook Balance and \$21,401.60 CD balance for a total of \$47,259.24. We have 399 paid members. Clothing sales and member dues continued to come in through the end of the year.

Committee Reports

Website: Rich Maras reported that the website is under revision and being updated. He needs the minutes for the September Board meeting. Ramona will send him that. He asked for the "ice in" date for 2018 to update the lake information. This happened November 19.

Facebook: Ramona Borke reported that the page likes increased from 957 to 964 since September. 1012 people follow our page.

COLA: Tom Riedman provided information from a speaker at a meeting regarding the size of walleyes. Studies of lakes that have Zebra mussel infestations are showing that walleyes are not growing as large compared to lakes that are not infested. This is due to the competition for small plant food between the Zebra mussel and the very small walleye. The small walleyes are finding it harder to find food, so their growth is stunted and will be more prone to be eaten before they reach maturity. He also reported that the increased weed growth we saw last summer is in part due to the zebra mussel infestation also.

Fisheries: Steve Busch sent a report on his discussion with the DNR. The recent fish counts from netting and electroshock showed numbers and size of walleyes to be down significantly. They are now saying it is time to look at stocking our lake. Steve is in the process of arranging for two more Big Cormorant residents to meet with him and the DNR to discuss stocking time, walleye stocking size, the amount the DNR would fund, and other details. We have funds if needed to add to what the DNR is proposing when we know more information.

Spring Fling: Sam has set June 15, 2019 at the Cormorant Town Hall.

Boat Parade: Aaron Stenerson was absent. Discussed that the parade will most likely be on July 4th as it has been in the past.

Membership Data Base: Jeff and Reneece are updating it as they get information.

Beach Captains: Jenni sent an email to Beach Captains to confirm if they will continue helping out and asked them to report any property changes on their beach. Maplelodge Beach is in need of a new Captain. If anyone knows someone on that beach that would be willing, let Jenni know. Jenni also asked for interesting information to be put in the newsletter.

Planning and Zoning: No report as Bruce Zeller was absent.

Water Testing: Jay Peterson will work with Merle Zimmerman starting this spring to learn how and when to do this.

Clothing: Susan Willard sent information that there will be new items available for sale at the Spring Fling. She wants to have a full inventory available for sale. Pictures will be put on the website and on Facebook. It was discussed that these could be placed on social media before Spring Fling.

BCLA Foundation: Lyle Hansen reported that 114 members have donated to the Foundation.

Old Business

Dredging between Big Cormorant and Bullfrog Bay. This was completed in late fall 2018.

New Business

Newsletter: This was discussed earlier with Jenni's Beach Captain Report. She plans to have it ready early February. The earlier it can go out, the better so it reaches snowbirds at their winter address to avoid returns and having to mail again. New envelopes will need to be printed with the new PO Box for inclusion with the newsletter.

Watercraft Inspections: Lyle provided the 2018 Becker County Watercraft Inspection Program Report. 2549 inspection hours were allocated to Big Cormorant. This allocation included unused hours from the year before. 2311.75 were used in 2018. This includes 578.5 decontamination hours. 4082 inspections were completed. 2512 were entering and 1569 were exiting. 1987 hours are allocated for 2019. This includes 500 for decontamination and 237 carry over hours. Lyle also provided information about invasive species found in area lakes around Big Cormorant. Jenni will possibly use this in the newsletter.

Snowbirds unable to attend meetings: Several board members are unable to attend the winter meeting. Board members present discussed options to include these members in the discussions. Skype and FaceTime are possibilities for these members to be able to be "present" in these meetings, similar to a conference call. It was suggested that we try one of these at the September meeting. Jeff will set this up.

Next Meeting: April 13, 9:00 a.m. at the Pub as previously set.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m. Moved by Tom Riedman, second by Jay Peterson. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ramona Borke, Secretary