



**BCLA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 15, 2018**

Present: Jim Colbert, Sam Blattenbauer, Jeff Strand, Ramona Borke, Lyle Hansen, Merle Zimmerman, Steve Busch, Jay Peterson, Reuben Tschritter, Bruce Zeller, Susan Willard and Rich Maras.

Absent: Tom Riedman, Aaron Stenerson, Jenni Barr.

President Jim Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes: The Minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. Reuben Tschritter moved to approve the Minutes, seconded by Merle Zimmerman. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Strand reported a balance on hand of \$48,316.24 . It was moved by Bruce Zeller and seconded by Steve Busch to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Website: Rich Maras has taken over this duty and everything has been transferred for him to manage.

Facebook: Ramona Borke reported the Likes on the Facebook page are at 957 up from 841 in April.

COLA: Board members attend these meetings as they are able. The next meeting is September 20. Jim Colbert will attend the September meeting.

Fisheries: Steve Bush has been doing some research regarding stocking the lake again. Discussion resulted in having Steve do further research and bring a report to the next meeting.

Spring Fling: Sam Blattenbauer indicated the date for 2019 will again be the 3rd Saturday of June.

Boat Parade: No report, Aaron Stenerson was absent.

Membership Data Base: Jeff Strand reported 398 paid members. He will send out a notice to all Board members next spring if he needs help with compiling names and addresses, working at the registration table at the Spring Fling, and other tasks or information as needed.

Beach Captains: No report as Jenni Barr was absent.

Planning and Zoning: Lyle Hansen had nothing new to report. It is frustrating as rules don't seem to be followed. He is interested in turning over the duties of this committee to another Board member. Bruce Zeller will now take over this task.

Water Testing: Merle Zimmerman reported the water clarity was 30 ft in June and 21-22 ft in August. The lake is 15.46" below OHW.

Clothing sales: Susan Willard reported brisk clothing sales since the Spring Fling. She brought a few samples of future possibilities. It was suggested that adult t-shirts and basic sweatshirts with a basic "Big Cormorant Lake" imprint be available also.

BCLAF: Lyle Hansen indicated that there are over 100 contributors this year. The recruitment letter goes out once a year, in the spring.

Old Business

In the past, BCLA has made a donation to the Becker County Canine Fund. A motion for a donation to Becker County Sheriff's Department was made at the June meeting and tabled in order to find out more specifically what their needs are. Tom Riedman was going to check on it. Jim will follow up with him and request a report at the next meeting.

New Business

In addition to Bruce Zeller being named the new Committee Representative for Planning and Zoning, Jay Peterson will take over the tasks for the Water Testing Committee. Merle will train him on what needs to be done and how to do it.

Jeff has secured a Post Office Box in Lake Park (PO Box 223). He also obtained the needed signatures from Board members to update the business of our organization.

Sam talked with Butch Anton and two new bouys were purchased this spring to replace existing bouys.

Jim visited with Moira Rufer, Ecologist with RMB Environmental Labs. The weed infestation that we see around the lake is a result of the zebra muscles. The water clarity and still water contributes to more weed growth. These are NOT invasive species. Usually it lasts about three years but because our lake is different in size and depth from other zebra muscle infested lakes, it is unknown how this will play out. Thick ice and deep snow cover this winter may help for next summer.

The Board discussed how last minute changes to Board meetings can be avoided. After some discussion, it was suggested that meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of September, January, April and June. The 3rd Saturday in April 2019 is Easter weekend so the meeting was set for the week before. Jim will send out a reminder at least two weeks before meetings to remind everyone and be sure a quorum can attend.

Discussed snowbird issues with BCLA Board meetings. Jim will be gone this winter and will prepare the agenda for Sam who will conduct the meeting. It appeared that we should still have a quorum. It might be possible to set up a conference call with the snowbirds in the future. We will see how things go this January before deciding if we should do something different.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. Moved by Sam Blattenbauer, second by Bruce Zeller. Carried.

Next meeting: January 19, 2019. 9 a.m. at the Cormorant Pub.

Future meetings:

January 19, 2019

April 13, 2019

June 15, 2019 Spring Fling Annual Meeting