

Buffalo, Rice, and Rock Lakes Association Meeting  
Minutes  
August 9, 2014

Roger Levos, President called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were read as remembered as there was no secretary at that time. These minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was read and the Association has \$2,615.89 in the checking account. The report was approved as read.

Lake Association History

The lake association has been in existence since 1992. There are approximately 137 property owners and in the past, we have had over 160 property owners yet, only approximately 20 property owners are at this meeting. Roger explained that he has done some research and the following lakes have 80% or more participation in their lake association:

Pelican

Sugar bush

Ida

Big Detroit

The primary goal of the lake association is to provide education to protect our lakes from aquatic species which could decrease our property values by 30%. Aquatic species such as the Buffalo Lake "mystery" snail or the Rock Lake curly leaf. The lake association partners with COLA and other government agencies to get funding if needed. It is also a voice to owners when property is being developed on the lakes.

The lake association cannot policies and are not police officers. Our lake association does not have good participation so the motion on the floor was to either continue the lake association or disband.

Robin and Jennifer Turnwall, original members of the lake association moved to be up to the challenge and keep the lake association intact. The motion carried.

Beach Captains

Roger explained that the beach captain positions are very important. These individuals are the voice for the various beaches from the board of directors and keep the property owners informed on association activities, changes on the beach, etc.

Newsletter

The newsletter position is a thankless and burnout position as it is difficult to get the information needed to go in the newsletter. After much discussion, the decision was made to have a Communication position that would be in charge of the newsletter. This will be a paid position at \$500/annually.

Structure of the Board of Directors

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

The current structure of the voting according to the bylaws allows one voting member per property owners. A motion was made to amend the bylaws to give each property owner the right to vote on motions presented at meetings. Motion carried.

It was discussed and the current officers agreed to continue for another year with the following exceptions:

Judi Anderson, Secretary has moved and is replaced with Deb Krogsgaard  
Communications Officer: Jessica Franke  
COLA Representative: Andy Wieland

It was also decided that we would have beach captains. The roles of these beach captains will be defined and Roger agreed to train them.

#### Dues

A motion was made to give free membership in the association for the first year. The motion carried.

#### E-Mail addresses

A motion was made to give the officers a chance to get e-mail addresses and allow property owners to become members of the lake association via e-mail. The motion carried.

#### Miscellaneous Discussion Items

There was discussion regarding removing the two trees in the boat launch area of the public access as they can be difficult to drive around. Roger Levos stated that he would research this.

There was discussion about potentially hiring inspectors to work at the public access on holiday weekends or other busy weekends to inspect boats and provide education. Roger Levos stated that this could be considered; however, based on information from COLA meetings, it appears as if Becker County doesn't have enough trained inspectors at this time.

There was discussion about having the association meetings at the Richwood Winery. Roger Levos stated that this is something that we would like to pursue in the future. He looked into having this meeting at the Winery, but the earliest meeting time possible was 11:00 am.

#### Door Prizes

Richwood Store/Liquor Store – Rod & Carol Stutzman  
Richwood Store/Liquor Store – Bryan Olschlager  
Richwood Winery – Tom & Patty Holweger

#### Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Roger Levos adjourned the meeting.