

**BUFFALO, RICE, AND ROCK LAKES ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 18, 2016**

President, Kevin Wolf called the meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the Richwood Winery. There were 56 members in attendance. All Board of Directors were introduced stating which shoreline they represented.

**Secretary's Report:** Robin Turnwall made a motion, seconded by Phil Johnson to approve the minutes of last year's minutes as printed. Motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Turnwall stated the June 27, 2015 balance was \$1,495.17. Income for the year was \$1,060.00 and expenses were \$1,054.27 leaving a balance of \$1,500.90 on June 18, 2016. Copy of the Treasurers Report is attached. Robin Turnwall made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Rick Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COLA Report:** Unable to attend the meeting, Andy Wieland provided a written report (copy attached) which was read by Secretary Krogsgaard. Highlights included the role of Becker County COLA, AIS Activities, Septic Tank Inspections, and the search by COLA for an Environmental Concerns Representative. Buffalo and Rock Lakes will go through the septic tank inspections process within the next 3 years. When the time is right, the association will provide a list of qualified inspectors and look for possible discounts for scheduling multiple inspections.

**Webmaster/Communications report:** Jessica Franke stated two newsletters (4 pages each), November and June, were published during the last year. Anyone can submit an article and we look to the Board of Directors to provide input. The newsletter is emailed to all. Use of the Face book page has increased and is a good communication tool. Members are encouraged to "like" the page and at the time of the meeting there were 56 "likes."

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Membership:** Membership applications of \$20 for land owners, \$10 for renters are now due and can be paid today. The mailing list is sent to all land owners and mailed to a number of non-members. Tom Bresnahan made a motion to send non-members a bill for the newsletter, while Robin Turnwall seconded the motion. Motion was carried. No dollar amount was suggested for this bill.

**Beach Captains:** Beach captain have been busy distributing packets. These packets will be available and its contents will be consistently evaluated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**By-Law Changes:** A review of the BRRLA by-laws determined a need to make some changes to Article V, Officers and Board Members. Each proposal was reviewed and the change voted on. The changes are as follows:

Article V, Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Communications Director and COLA representative. Rick Morris made a motion to approve the change, Phil Johnson seconded, motion carried.

Article V, Section 2: Nine Board Members, also known as Beach Captains (BC), shall represent the separate areas of the lakeshore. There will be six (6) from Buffalo Lake, two (2) from Rock and one (1) from Rice. At least one shall be a seasonal property owner. Robin Turnwall made a motion to approve the change, Brenda Wolf seconded, motion carried.

Article V, Section 4: The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of all annual, board and special meetings of the Association and shall manage all routine correspondence, including the newsletter, of the Association. The Secretary will maintain the mailing lists of all lake owners and association members. Motion made by Veronika Wilson to approve, seconded by Jessica Franke, motion carried.

Article V, Section D. The Treasurer shall maintain all revenues of the Association and shall disperse expenditures as designated by the Board, Association President or the general membership. Motion made by Tom Bresnahan to approve, seconded by Robin Turnwall, motion carried.

Article, V. Section D. Item 2: The Treasurer shall present a yearly itemized report of all income and expenses at the annual and board meetings of the Association. Motion made by Roger Lee to approve, seconded by Joel Moore, motion carried.

Article V. Section D. Item 3: An annual audit of the Treasury shall be conducted. Members of the audit committee will be designated by the President with the report being presented at the Annual meeting. It was felt this addition was mainly to ensure all expenses were as clear as possible. Kevin Kopperud made a motion, seconded by Phil Johnson, motion carried.

Added Item: Communications Director: The Communications Director shall maintain the website and Face book Page and be the Editor of the Association Newsletter. Motion was made by Tom Bresnahan, seconded by Don Blanding and motion was carried.

Section 5: Term of Office: Officers, including Beach Captains, shall serve a term of three years and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority. Dennis Steffel made a motion to approve, Nancy Matter seconded, motion carried.

**T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Design:** Deb Krogsgaard stated Lacey Koby was hired to design a t-shirt/sweatshirt for the association. She was paid \$100 for her work. Members were presented with the committee's recommendations. George Read made a motion the association pay the design fee which would then lower the cost of the product. Motion was seconded by Roger Levos. Motion carried. Don Blanding encouraged the committee to look for a local vendor to provide the product.

**Passageway between Buffalo/Rice/Rock:** Tom Bresnahan talked about working with the DNR to open up a small passage way through the lakes to allow for canoeing and kayaking. Spraying would be done to take care of the foliage. It is uncertain if the DNR would pay for the spraying or not to open up the passageway under County 26. Discussion also included opening between Rice and Rock. Don Blanding stated that this passageway is on private property and there may be some issues in getting this accomplished. Tom stated an environmental impact may need to be done but the County would need to determine if this needs to be completed. Work on this goal will continue.

**Lake Monitoring:** The monitor for Rice Lake is Rick Morris and Buffalo Lake is Roger Levos. Joel Moore volunteered to monitor Rock Lake. Roger stated monitoring is done five times per year. The purpose of the monitoring is to monitor rain fall and look for clarity. If an issue is identified, it is hope the cause can be identified and then a resolution determined. The monitoring helps us enjoy our beautiful National Resource.

**Loon Monitoring:** Veronika Wilson reported she has been doing monitoring on Buffalo for about 10 years. This year's count is scheduled for June 24 - July 7. Once completed it is reported to the DNR. A decline has been found on Buffalo Lake and is now down to 4 loons. Veronika encouraged boaters to be cautious around the loons. Jessica Franke stated she would provide a link to the website and the DNR's loon count. Rick Morris monitors Rice. Joel Moore volunteered to monitor the loon count on Rock.

**Boat Parade:** The annual parade will be held on Monday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m. starting at Tom Bresnahan (near the Lake Access) and proceed around the lake. Roger Levos will serve as our Grand Marshall. All were invited to participate!

#### **Election of Officers:**

Secretary: Brian Olschlager nominated Deb Krogsgaard to continue as secretary for a 3 year term. Nomination seconded by Sharyl Gnad. Motion carried.

Beach Captains: Chippewa Shore: Nominations received from the floor were Roger Levos (nominated by Tom Bresnahan) and Tom Foltz (nominated by Roger Levos.) Tom Foltz was elected.

Buffalo Access Road (Northeast Corner): Tom Bresnahan was nominated by DeWayne Gnad, seconded by Michael Bishop, motion was carried.

**Other New Business:** Robin Turnwall reminded people to be aware of your surroundings when out on the lake. Try to keep the wake down to ensure loon and wild life are not injured. He also reminded those seasonal residents to shut off their water.

**DOOR PRIZES:**

Six door prizes were awarded. Donations were received from Richwood Winery, Sunlite Bar, Richwood General Store and the Association. Winners were Mary McWerthy (Richwood Winery;) DuWayne Gnad, Jay Schurman and Dave Oakes (Richwood General Store;) Roger Levos (Sunlite;) and Rick Morris – T-shirt donated from the Association.

Kevin Wolf adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m. where a pot luck luncheon followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Krogsgaard  
Secretary