

**Buffalo, Rice, and Rock Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2015**  
**Richwood Winery**

**Attendees:** President Roger Levos, Secretary Deb Krogsgaard (intermittently), Board Members Joel Moore and Jessica Franke

**Unable to Attend:** Vice President Robin Turnwall, Treasurer Jennifer Turnwall, Board Members Andy Weiland, Brock Franke, Mark Borsius, and Rick Noreen

The following topics were discussed:

Upcoming Election

- During the annual meeting, we will be electing a President, Vice President and Treasurer as these two year terms are up. The upcoming newsletter will discuss the
- President Levos indicated that he does not plan on serving another term, but per the bylaws, he will continue on the Board of Directors to aid in the transition.
- Both Robin Turnwall (Vice President) and Jennifer Turnwall (Treasurer) have indicated they will continue in their positions if nominated.
- Secretary Deb Krogsgaard has one year left of her two year term.

By law changes to Board composition

- During the annual meeting, we will propose to amend the Association's by laws to change the composition of the Board to include four officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and 9 Beach Captains (Buffalo - 6, Rock - 2, Rice - 1).
- Roger has created a document that outlines the duties of Beach Captains.
- The upcoming newsletter will include information regarding the proposed change to the Board and the role of Beach Captains.

COLA

- Andy Weiland provided a COLA Report and will discuss the COLA Report at the annual meeting.
- Andy has one more year left of his two year appointment as the COLA Rep.
- Roger mentioned that we should discuss paying Andy mileage for attending the COLA meetings at the annual meeting.

Newsletter/Website/Communication

- We really would like to push sending the newsletter electronically. Beach Captains should be able to help get additional email addresses.
- Discussed adding additional "fun" topics to the newsletter such as recipes, local events and stories, Tamarac info, etc.
- Nancy Olson from the winery indicated that they would be interested in providing an article for the newsletter.
- Upcoming newsletter topics: Annual meeting agenda topics, membership form, Roger will provide approximately 4 articles, and Andy will provide a COLA report.
- Jessica was thinking about making a Facebook page for the Association so we can share info in that manner and people can share lake pictures, etc. This will be brought up at the meeting to see if people would like this and find it useful.
- Roger would like the bylaws to be added to the website. They were on the old website, but Jessica did not put them on the new website as she didn't feel that people would be interested in reading them. Roger thought it would be a good place to store them so anyone can access them. Jessica will add them to the website.

- Jessica will ask for any suggestions and recommendations regarding the newsletter, website, email communications, etc. during the annual meeting.
- Jessica stated that she won't accept the \$500 payment that was approved at the 2014 annual meeting for the communication position. She wasn't sure what the specific expectations or duties were for the communication position, but appreciated that Deb maintained the email and address lists and sent out the newsletters via email or mail. Jessica also stated that other Board members have put in a lot of time and effort into the association without payment.

#### Membership/Dues

- Roger stated we are not currently including renters from the Buffalo Lake Campground in our mailings/communication. Buffalo Lake has approximately 95 property owners and the campground has approximately 45 spots; therefore, we are currently not communicating our message to a large number of people. The owners of the campground (Tom and Patty) have email addresses for their renters and are willing to be Beach Captains for the campground and will provide Roger with their email listing so we can add them to our mailing list.
- Roger also recommended that we add Pete Johnson to our mailing list as the Richwood Store is a great resource to help share our message as the store workers communicate with a large number of people who use the lakes.
- The Richwood Winery is already on our mailing list as they are on Buffalo Lake.
- Last year we decided to not charge the annual dues since the association wasn't very active. Discussion regarding the dues included potentially giving members a discount for providing an email address to obtain electronic communications. It was decided that the 2015 dues will be collected as outlined in the bylaws. Dues will be \$20 for general members and \$10 for associate members (renters and campground tenants).
- There was also discussion regarding sending our communication to all property owners and renters rather than only sending it to members that have paid their dues. Roger feels that we should be communicating and educating as many people as we can.

#### Boat Parade

- Roger mentioned that he has talked to people who would like to have a boat parade on the 4th of July on Buffalo Lake. He will work on organizing it.

#### Annual Meeting

- The annual meeting will be held Saturday June 27 at 11:00 am at the Richwood Winery.
- Topics will include the following:
  - Discuss Board composition/Beach Captains
  - Appoint President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Beach Captains (if approved)
  - COLA Update
  - Communications - recommendations for newsletters and website, Facebook page
  - 4th of July Boat Parade(s)
  - Discuss compensation for COLA rep's mileage for attending meetings