

BUFFALO, RICE, AND ROCK LAKES ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2015

President, Roger Levos, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:19 a.m., on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Richwood Winery. There were approximately 54 members in attendance.

Roger introduced and thanked Penny Aguirre, owner of the Richwood Winery, for allowing us to utilize the winery facility.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Turnwall stated as of August 9, 2014 the Association had a balance of \$2,615.89. Expenses during the year were \$1,120.72 leaving a balance of \$1,495.17. Roger stated membership dues were waived in 2014-2015 while the association reorganized. The majority of the expenses were for printing and mailing of the two newsletters done during the year. Darrel Beehler made a motion to approve the report, Brian Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COLA Report: Andy Wieland provided the COLA report. COLA is comprised of 32 lake associations, with between 15-20 participating. The annual dues are \$100. The COLA annual budget is about \$10,000. A new website is currently being developed. AIS is one of the major issues being addressed. Karl Koenig has been named the coordinator for the program. A lake access inspection program is being developed and anyone can be trained to be an inspector, but unless you are working for the County you cannot do the inspections but could be an information provider. He mentioned Sea legs on pontoons are a concern because of the possibility of transferring AIS. Decontamination units have been placed on Melissa and Detroit Lakes which can be used at no cost. The best treatment the county feels is prevention. The state continues to research how to get rid of AIS. The 2013 reports indicate more focus has been on Zebra mussels and milfoil, while there are other AIS in the lakes. There are Chinese Mystery Snails in Buffalo Lake while Rock has the Curly Leaf Pond.

Work is currently being done to develop a standard for Shore land regulations and mitigation. More associations are going to the beach captain structure.

Webmaster report: Jessica Franke stated she has resurrected the website and two newsletters have been issued since August 2014. E-mails are essential in order to cut down the cost of the publication. She asked for feedback. Members liked the e-mail but with the caveat they could request a hard copy. The newsletter is placed on the website. Members feel shorter is better. A suggestion was made to charge a print fee of \$5.00 for those individuals who do not have an email address. Another suggestion was to make a shorter version of the newsletters which are mailed out.

Jessica will develop a FACEBOOK page for the Association to help share and get information to our lake owners. She will also develop a section on our website for pictures which members can submit. Jessica will also look at setting up a page where people can put their addresses and information on – like a "members" only page. A benefit would allow us to contact a lake owner if necessary.

Jessica also stated she would not accept the \$500 which she was to be paid for resurrecting the website. She felt the amount of work involved did not warrant \$500.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beach Captains: Much discussion was held regarding the development and implementation of beach captains to the association structure. The Beach captains would then modify the board of directors. The duties were highlighted in the Spring/Summer newsletter. One of the duties would include getting literature to land owners. Encourage the beach captains to visit with each land owner and talk about the benefits of being a member of the lake association.

Structure of Board of Directors:

Darryl Beehler made a motion to amend the by-laws changing the board of director structure to include the outgoing Association President (to allow for continuity,) 9 beach captains (6 Buffalo, 2 Rock, 1 Rice,) the COLA representative and the Communications Director. Motion was seconded by Brian Cole. Discussion included a concern about getting people to

serve as beach captains. The motion was called to vote by show of hands with 23 in favor, and 2 not in favor. Motion was then carried.

Membership Applications: Members were reminded to include their email addresses on the application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

President: Kevin Wolf was nominated. Tom Foltz made a motion nominations cease, Brian Cole seconded, motion carried.

Vice President: Robin Turnwall agreed to stay on in this position. Unanimous vote to accept.

Treasurer: Jennifer Turnwall also agreed to stay on – Unanimous vote to accept.

Secretary: Deb Krogsgaard still has one year left while Jessica Franke and Andy Wieland still have two years left on their term. Recommendation was to assign beach captains to a rotating term (3 – 1 year; 3 – 2 years; and 3-3 years.)

Individuals to serve as beach captains (terms not decided) were determined by volunteering:

Buffalo Access Road (Northeast Corner): Tom Bresnahan

Buffalo Run: Bryan Olschlager

Chippewa Shores: Roger Levos

Campground: Tom Holweger

South Buffalo Lake: Chris Krogsgaard

North Buffalo Lake: (Robin Turnwall will talk to Veronika Wilson about server as Beach Captain)

Rice Lake: Rick Morris

SW Rock: Joel Moore

NW Rock: (Joel will try to find someone to serve)

Boat Parade: Members agreed to hold a boat parade on July 4th beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the NE corner of the lake (Tom Bresnahan's.)

Mileage for COLA Representative: George Read made a motion to approve all expenses as approved by the Association President for attendance at all COLA activities. Mileage will be reimbursed at the IRS approved rate. Motion was seconded by Kevin Kopperud. Motion carried.

Karl Koenig, Becker County Leader for Outreach and Education introduced himself and presented information about AIS Water Quality. He shared information on his position and had printed materials available for members on AIS. Things lake users should look for when removing boats, including jet skis, from the water are weeds and plant fragments attached to the water vehicles and then be removed. All live wells should be emptied. Car washes do not clean well enough to remove AIS – only approved professional decontamination centers. Karl emphasizes that the best way to eliminate is prevention and inform the public of best practices.

DOOR PRIZES:

\$20 gift card to Richwood Store: Brian Cole

\$20 gift card to Richwood Liquor Store: Dennis Steffl

Bottle of Rosie's Red: Elizabeth Hund and George Read.

Tom Foltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brenda Wolf. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30. A pot luck lunch followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Krogsgaard

Secretary