

BUFFALO, RICE, AND ROCK LAKES ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2017

President, Kevin Wolf called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the Richwood Winery. There were 41 members in attendance. The Officers and Board of Directors, stating their respective shorelines, were introduced.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Turnwall stated the June 18, 2016 balance was \$1,500.90. Income for the year was \$1,090.00 and expenses were \$919.88, leaving a balance of \$1,671.02 on June 3, 2017. 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 who Becker County COLA is, why it exists and some of the projects COLA is involved in. Programs include the Water Quality Improvement Program and Becker County Septic Tank Inspection. Buffalo and Rock Lakes continue to be on the list for the Septic Inspection Program. It is anticipated our Lakes will go through this process within the next three years. When the time is right, a list of qualified inspectors will be provided with the hopes of possible discounts for scheduling multiple inspections.

Webmaster/Communications report: Jessica Franke stated we continue to publish two newsletters (4 pages each), November and June, per year. We continue to send to all lake owners and campsite renters. As of today, there are Facebook 90 followers (an increase of 56 from last year. Followers are encouraged to post items on the page. The Website continues to be updated. A suggestion from members was to add a list of possible vendors and/or services, i.e., internet providers, contractors. The listing would be very beneficial when new owners purchase property and are and unfamiliar with local provides.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: Membership applications of \$20 for land owners, \$10 for renters are now due and can be paid today. Kevin encouraged those in attendance to urge their neighbors to join. Membership benefits our availability to network and improve the strength of the association

Beach Captains: Beach captains will continue to distribute packets to new owners.

T-shirt/Sweatshirt Reorder: Deb Krogsgaard provided an update on the sale of BRRLA clothing. Lakeshirts provided some samples (which were shown to members) of possible clothing selections. Members agreed to have the original committee work with Lakeshirts to select clothing options for purchase.

Passageway between Buffalo/Rice Lakes Update: Tom Bresnahan stated Houston Engineering, working with King Harvester, has been hired to clear a 15-foot path. Approximate completion date is sometime after July 4. This may need to be done annually and then perhaps every two years to keep the path knocked down. The project will allow kayaks to travel through the culvert between the two lakes.

NEW BUSINESS:

By-Law Change: A motion was made by Nancy Matter, seconded by Brenda Wolf, to approve the proposed By-Law change to Article VI Meetings. Motion carried.

Current: Section 2: The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, with the spring meeting prior to the annual meeting to set the agenda.

Proposed: Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet semi-annually, with the spring meeting prior to the annual meeting to set the agenda.

Lake Monitoring: Monitors are Roger Levos (Buffalo,) Rick Morris (Rice,) and Joel Moore (Rock.) Rick stated the clarity of Rice has improved to 6 to 7 feet. Both Rick and Joel stated they would appreciate more training. We will look to Roger to assist in this endeavor. However, Roger was unable to be at this year's meeting but provided the report Buffalo's clarity is 11 feet.

Loon Monitoring: Veronika Wilson (Buffalo,) Rick Morris (Rice) and Joel Moore (Rock) continue to monitor loon counts on their respective lakes. During the last week in June and first week in July loons are counted and the counts forwarded to the DNR, who in turn publish on their website.

Boat Parade: The annual parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m. starting near the lake access and proceed around the lake. All are invited to participate!

Election of Officers:

President: Tom Bresnahan nominated Kevin Wolf and seconded by Chris Krogsgaard. Becky Burns made a motion nominations seize, seconded by Joan Kopperud. Motion carried. Kevin will serve a 3-year term.

Vice President: Brenda Wolf nominated Bryan Olschlager. Rick Morris made a motion nominations seize and was seconded by Joel Moore. Motion Carried.

Treasurer: Nancy Matter nominated Becky Burns. Jeff Boehm made a motion nominations seize, Jessica Franke seconded. Motion carried.

COLA Representative: President Wolf looked to volunteers for this position. George Read, a former representative, gave a quick overview of his experience in the position. Rich Cieslak of Rice Lake volunteered to serve on the Board in this capacity. Tom Bresnahan made a motion to elect Rich in the position, motion was seconded by Chris Krogsgaard. Motion was carried.

Communications Director: Joel Moore nominated Jessica Franke, motion was made nominations seize by Chris Krogsgaard and seconded by Rick Morris. Motion carried.

Beach Captains:

South Buffalo Lake Road: Kevin Kopperud nominated Chris Krogsgaard and seconded by Joan Kopperud, motion carried.

North Buffalo Lake Road: Chris Krogsgaard nominated Veronika Wilson, seconded by Lisa Olschlager. Motion carried.

Lake Access (vacated due to Tom Bresnahan sale of property) Elected individual will fulfill Tom Bresnahan's term. Tom Bresnahan nominated Dennis Steffl, seconded by Robin Turnwall, motion carried.

Rock Lake: Joel Moore and Jeff Boehm stated they would both continue to serve as beach captains. Tom Bresnahan made a motion we accept their volunteerism, seconded by Chris Krogsgaard. Motion carried.

Rice Lake: Rick Morris was nominated by Deb Krogsgaard, seconded by Brock Franke, Motion carried.

Buffalo Run: With the election of Bryan Olschlager to Vice President this opened up his beach captain position. Brenda Wolf nominated Betty Hund. Becky Burns seconded the motion. With no other nominations, motion carried.

Other New Business: Kevin Wolf invited all members of the lake association to attend their annual Buff Stock celebration on August 12, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be live music, a food truck and the event will raise money for the Dorothy Day house. Bring your coolers, food, and chairs.

DOOR PRIZES: Donations were received from Sunlite Bar (T-shirt & Gift card), Richwood General Store (2 LED flashlights), Country Fields (hanging basket) and BRRLA (3 bottles of wine.)

Winners were: Shirley Read, Joel Moore, Tom Bresnahan, Sharyl Gnadt, Sandy Nelson, Carla Solem, Joe Burns and Everett Vogel

With no other business Robin Turnwall made a motion, seconded by Sandy Nelson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried. A pot luck luncheon followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Krogsgaard
Secretary

BRRLA Annual Meeting - COLA Update

June 3, 2017

Andy Wieland

- Who is Becker County COLA
 - County lake associations organized to protect and enhance the quality of Becker County lakes and shore areas, and reduce the risk posed by aquatic invasive species
 - About 32 lake associations
 - Monthly meetings April through October
 - 2017 COLA budget ~ \$7,000
 - Majority of expenses for community education and outreach
 - BRRLA dues for 2017: \$100
- COLA provides an opportunity for lake residents to hear from and talk to local leaders on a variety of topics. All BRRLA members are welcome to attend meetings.
 - Meeting presenters for 2017 include representatives from
 - Minnesota Lakes & Rivers organization
 - Becker County Soil Conservation District
 - Becker County Planning and Zoning
 - Pelican Watershed District.
- Becker County lakeshore water quality improvement program
 - Cost share assistance is still available for landowners interested in pursuing a water quality project along their lakeshore. Projects such as shoreline buffers, rain gardens and other storm water management practices have the ability to be cost shared 50-75% of the total project. Contact the Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District to learn more.
- Becker County Septic Tank Inspections
 - Becker County continues to implement the shore land on-site sewage treatment compliance program.
 - Buffalo and Rock lakes are on the list for this program and it is anticipated that our Lakes will go through this process within the next three years.
 - Property owners with septic systems that have not been inspected in the past 10 years may be required to have those systems inspected.
 - Our association will continue to follow progress of this program and when the time is right will provide a list of qualified inspectors. We will also look into possible discounts for scheduling multiple inspections.