

**BUFFALO, RICE, AND ROCK LAKES ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 16, 2018**

President, Kevin Wolf called the meeting to order at approximately 9:37 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at the Richwood Winery. There were 35 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 George Read to approve the minutes of last year's minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Becky Burns stated the cash on hand as of May 31, 2018 was \$2,171.81. The income for the year was \$970.00 while expenses were \$563.96. In addition, \$1,107.00 worth of apparel was sold with total expenses of \$1,012.25. A net increase of \$94.75 was received, which was the difference when additional discounts were given by Lakeshirts for the number of pieces ordered. Robin Turnwall made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Rick Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Copy of the report is attached.

**Webmaster/Communications report:** Jessica encouraged people to use "Next Door." In order to participate, you would need to go to the Website, and then get an approval. At the present time there are 53 members on Next Door. Some of the capabilities of Next Door are advertising garage sales, for sale items, activities or neighborhood events, to name a few. The great thing is Next Door only applies to your neighborhood. The Association is attempting to publish two newsletters (limited to four pages) per year – but not always successful. Jessica will continue to update the website connecting various links valuable to lake owners/users. As of today, there are Facebook 115 followers (an increase of 56 from last year. Followers are encouraged to post items on the page. 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 unfamiliar with local providers.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Membership:** Membership applications of \$20 for land owners, \$10 for renters are now due and can be paid today

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

**T-shirt/Sweatshirt Reorder:** Jessica stated she and a team have been working with Lakeshirts on a possible reorder. People agreed we should continue to try to put an order together. And, people were interested in hats and youth apparel. George Read asked if we could order and maintain two years' worth of apparel. However, it was agreed that with no storage nor funds to purchase that many ahead of time it would not be feasible. Jessica stated when the order form was available, she would link to both Facebook and Next Door.

**Passageway between Buffalo/Rice Lakes Update:** Tom Bresnahan stated the permit has been renewed and Houston Engineering and King Harvester were coming some time before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. However, it was stated that a grate has been placed on the Rice Lake side of the road, which would make it impossible for people to get through. Roger Levos stated he would contact the Water Shed to find out who placed the grate and if it can be removed. Members commented on how fun it was to go through the waterway last summer. The project will allow kayaks to travel through the culvert between the two lakes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lake Monitoring:** Monitors are Roger Levos (Buffalo,) Rick Morris (Rice,) and Joel Moore (Rock.) Rick stated he still needs a secchi dish, but the winter water clarity was clearest it has been in a long time. After the ice went out it was very cloudy and then turned clear. It is starting to get cloudy again. Roger stated the clarity of Buffalo Lake goes down typically when the lake lowers. In the spring when the lake is higher it typically is 10 – 10.5 feet. When the ice went out it was about 13 feet. When the beaver dam between Rice and Buffalo was removed, the lake level went from about 6.5 to 11 feet. When the ice went out, the lake churned and after about two weeks the clarity went to about 12 – 13 feet. Moving water seems to be the key for clarity. Roger stated he would get secchi dishes for both Rice and Rock. Robin Turnwall stated chemicals on the lawns can have a huge impact on runoff to the lake.

**Loon Monitoring:** The Loon Count will be June 29 to July 9. Rick stated Rice had 1 new hatch and although Veronika Wilson was unable to be at the meeting sent work that she had seen two new babies on Buffalo. There was no report from Rock.

**Boat Parade:** The annual boat parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4 beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will start near the access. It was suggested Bryan Olschlager, Vice President of the Association, lead the parade. It was recommended to ensure the parade goes closer to the campground and then everyone go back to the access area, rather than dropping off. This will ensure everyone on shore would see the entire parade. A suggestion was made for us to make and handout treat bags to the kids.

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

This year's election dealt solely with Beach Captains:

Beach Captains:

North Buffalo Lake Road: Veronika Wilson submitted her resignation. Marlin Pflugsten volunteered to serve as this beach captain. Jessica nominated Marlin, it was seconded by Becky Burns. Motion carried.

Buffalo Run: Becky Burns nominated Betty Hund to serve as the beach captain. Seconded by Don Blanding. Motion carried.

Campground: Jessica nominated Tom Holweger, seconded by Bryan Olschlager. Motion carried.

#### **Upcoming Neighborhood Events;**

Deb stated the Winery is sponsoring a blood drive on June 30 from noon to 4 pm. They will also begin to have Yoga in the Vineyard. All are invited to participate. Check the Winery's Facebook page on upcoming events.

Kevin Wolf invited all members of the lake association to attend their annual Buff Stock celebration on August 11, 2018 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.

George Read highly recommended for all members to visit Tamarac. They have a Fall Festival which is free, kids' events, in addition, the Friends of Tamarac sponsor several events throughout the year.

**Other business:** Helpful hint – in the case of power outages, when the ice melts which is in your freezer, all food should be thrown away.

Don Mengedoth asked about surfacing of the Buffalo Run road. It was suggested they work with the township to see if magnesium chloride could be spread on the road to cut down the dust.

It was asked why there are no signs for Buffalo Lake on the roads. Kevin stated he would work with signage.

**COLA:** In addition, to providing the COLA update, Rich Cieslak was our guest speaker sharing information about COLA and the current work and projects underway. He attends the monthly meetings and serves on the Executive Board and is the Vice President. He will eventually move to President position. They meet the third Thursday of the month during the summer and all are welcome to attend. Rich attended the AIS summit event in the cities. He stated Zebra mussels can live up to 21 days when out of the water. COLA is looking for AIS inspectors which requires a training class of 16 hours – 8 hours on line and 8 hours classroom. Interested individuals are required to take a test before and then after the training. All those trained would then be required to complete 25 hours of public service every year. More volunteers are needed because of the budget cuts. COLA is working on a new website and Facebook page. COLA funds are used to help educate lake owners. After speaking, George Read encouraged anyone to attend the meetings as they are very educational.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Unfortunately, there was no record of who won the door prizes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Krogsgaard  
Secretary