

**BURNETT COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS
ASSOCIATION** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
DECEMBER 28,

2018 **MINUTES** Attendance: B. Baker, R. Noe, T. Adair, D. Ferris, and P. Kipping,

Absent: B. Gooding, S. Johnson, R. McFarlane, B. Enslin, A. Enslin, S. Wallin, and L. Baltrusis, M. Schollmeyer.

R. Noe called meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and thanked Board Members for making to the meeting in spite the wintery weather.

Minutes of the 10/12/18 meeting were approved unanimously (Kipping/Adair) with no changes.

Treasurer's report: B. Baker reported that since our October 12 meeting we have received an additional \$400 in 2019 dues, leaving only Big Doctor, Elbow, Minerva-Cranberry, Pike, Prinel, and Yellow not renewed for 2019. Baker will send second notices to these associations in early January. Baker also explained the difficulty he has had over the past two years finding someone from Elbow Lake who will answer his emails and letters, having tried four different people. D. Ferris said he would see if he has contact information on a person from Elbow Lake who might be more responsive and will send it to Baker. Baker mentioned that the Round-Trade Improvement Association had recently paid their 2019 dues and that he would be depositing their check later today. The only sponsor that has not yet paid for 2018 *LakeLines* advertising is the Fish Bowl Bar and Grill. Baker explained that Fish Bowl had been sent first and second invoices and had been called by Susan Wallin sometime after our 10/12/18 meeting. He asked for advice as to whether or not we should just write off Fish Bowl as a "bad investment", much like we did with Voyager Village in 2017, or should he send them a third invoice. R. Noe said that if Baker could send him the Fish Bowl contact information, he would try to give them a nudge to pay for their ads in the two 2018 issues of *LakeLines*. So, to date we have received \$1,300 from advertising sponsors, \$1,900 from lake association dues, \$250 in donations, and \$1.63 in CD interest for a total fiscal year income of \$3,451.63. Our only expense since our 10/12/18 meeting was \$100 for River Alliance of Wisconsin membership, bringing our total expenses to \$1,893.73 and a current checking account balance of \$5,106.43. With our CD value of \$3,262.43, our total balance on 12/28/18 is \$8,368.86. Note: Baker mentioned that he recently received a billing for *LakeLines* printing cost sharing that will be reflected in the treasurers report for our next meeting. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously (Adair/Kipping).

LIAISON UPDATES

UW-Extension: Lori Baltrusis was not in attendance but D. Ferris explained that there are tentative plans to take Beth Greiff's UW-Extension position, make it a 3/4 time, and move it into Zoning. If that were to occur, Beth would need to apply for this position, but could have an inside track due to her current position with UW-Extension. Ferris said he would attempt to have Lori put the next BCLRA Board meeting on her calendar, but having to cover five counties stretches her pretty thinly.

Zebra Mussel Update: Baker mentioned that Lisa Burns had convened the Zebra Mussel Management Team on November 28 at the DNR Office in Spooner and that he and M. Schollmeyer had attended. Baker reminded everyone that he had sent out the report from the meeting, including a number of attached documents. Ferris pointed out that eDNA testing seems to be a much better indicator of the presence of zebra mussels than veliger tows, so the team may scale down the time consuming and not very effective

use of veliger tows in 2019. In mid July, 2019 the team will spend a day on Lower McKenzie doing an extensive zebra-mussel search, like the ones done on Big and Middle McKenzie Lakes the past two summers. When the date is firmed up, Baker said he would let the BCLRA Board know so that they can mark their calendars; volunteer data takers are always needed.

Burnett County Land Services: D. Ferris mentioned that *LakeLines* came out in November. Baker said that the feedback he received from folks on Lipsett Lake was very positive. Several people pointed out the article on how to set up a method of hiring your own lake-landing monitors was both timely and helpful. Ferris said he would welcome ideas for future *LakeLines* articles. Ferris mentioned that he recently spoke to the new Burnett County Sheriff, Tracy Finch, and was pleased that it appears AIS will be taken more seriously in the future. R. Noe suggested that we invite Tracy to our next meeting. Ferris said he would contact her. Ferris mentioned he had recently received a \$400,000 TRIM (Targeted Runoff Management) grant that will reduce phosphorus runoff from agricultural land in the western part of Burnett County. He also mentioned that he still has three or four self-service decontamination stations left from his 2018 Rapid Response Grant, so if we know of any lakes considering setting up a station, they should contact him or Becca Klemme. Finally, Ferris suggested we work with Burnett County Tourism to assist us in finding more *LakeLines* sponsors and perhaps assist the BCLRA with their webpage that has languished since M. Kornmann's departure. Ferris suggested we should invite Emily Gall, from Tourism, to a future meeting.

Burnett County Natural Resources Committee: R. Noe was unable to attend the December Natural Resources Committee meeting. D. Ferris, who attended, mentioned that the meeting spent most of their time dealing with forestry issues.

NW Lakes Conference: S. Wallin was not in attendance but as a reminder, the 2019 NW Lakes conference will be held on June 21 at Hayward High School.

OLD BUSINESS

LakeNet: R. Noe said he would call and invite Emily Gall to our next meeting to discuss LakeNet and other issues.

Good/Better/Best cards: B. Baker will contact Cathie Erickson to see if the WCLRA might be interested in joining us on another printing and, if so, does she have any suggestions for changes that should be made. He will report at the next meeting.

Lake Courtesy Code update: Adair/Kipping moved that we update the content and contact information on the Courtesy Code sheets and reprint them for distribution in 2019. Motion passed unanimously. Adair agreed to make a first pass on possible changes.

BCLRA Presence:

Webster Craft Fair: S. Wallin will give us details of this at our next meeting in February.

NW Lakes Conference: Baker suggested we continue to have a table at the NWLakes Conference as we have done the past two years. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

LWCD Internship Scholarship: R. Noe presented D. Ferris with a check for \$500 to help defray the cost of the interns he hired in 2018, who are an important asset in helping protect Burnett County from AIS.

LakeLines Newsletter: R. Noe thanked Dave Ferris for the outstanding job he did editing the fall

LakeLines. Ferris indicated he is willing to continuing editing the newsletter, but said he would appreciate any suggestions for topics/articles to help keep it informative and interesting.

Lake Life Pocketbooks: We will discuss whether or not to have another printing at our February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Wake Boats: R. Noe mentioned that he had attended the wake boat listening session on October 12 and that the meeting was informative and contentious. He suggested that perhaps wake boats issues could be addressed in our revision of the Lake Courtesy Code flyer.

Clam Lake and MudHen Lake District representative: D. Ferris explained that Wisconsin Statute 33.28 requires that lake districts have a representative of the county land conservation committee or a person who is appointed by the land conservation committee and approved by the county board participate in managing the affairs of the Lake District. As a consequence, Clam Lake and MudHen Lake Districts need to serve on their boards of commissioners. Apparently, these boards meet quarterly, with the Clam Lake board being the most active of the two. Adair/Baker moved that the BCLRA send out an email to our Board of Directors describing these positions and asking for volunteers. Motion carried unanimously. R. Noe agreed to send out the email to our Board members.

BCLRA Annual Meeting: It was agreed to keep the meeting low key, like we did in 2018 when we brought treats to share and focused on our normal agenda items. R. Noe will determine a date for the annual meeting and will report it in February.

Wisconsin Lakes Conference: The conference will be held April 10-12 in Stevens Point. R. Noe has attended the last few years and encouraged other Board members to consider attending. It is a valuable and informative meeting.

Round-Trade Improvement Association: Baker explained that accompanying the Round-Trade 2019 dues payment was a request that the BCLRA make a contribution toward their CBCW and ACEI (AIS established population control) grants. There was some discussion about our contribution to Burnett County Land Services to help with the purchase of the hot water decontamination unit in 2017. It was pointed out that the decontamination unit is used at a number of lakes in the county, and, therefore, our donation was for the entire county, and not a specific lake. Adair/Kipping moved that we not support the donation request. Motion carried unanimously. Baker said he would contact Round-Trade and inform them of our decision

Future Agenda Items:

BCLRA Web Site: T. Adair suggested we invite Emily Gall to a future meeting to discuss assistance in revamping our website. Noe agreed to invite her to our next meeting in February.

Talking Points for Meetings with Liaison Associations: T. Adair suggested that we put together a list of talking points the Board Members can use when talking with and/visiting their liaison lake associations, in part to make sure we are all on the same page. There was consensus this would be an excellent tool. Noe agreed to draft a list of talking points and bring it to our next meeting.

Informational item: Kipping mentioned that Camp St. Croix on Rooney Lake had applied for a conditional use permit to make a number of major expansions to their facility. However, after representatives for the camp became aware that a conditional use permit is only good for one year and their plan called for incremental development over a number of years, they withdrew their request. Kipping said this issue will likely resurface sometime in the future.

The next BCLRA meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 16, 2019.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. (Noe/Kipping)