

**BURNETT COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12, 2018  
MINUTES**

Attendance: B. Baker, B. Enslin, A. Enslin, R. Noe, T. Adair, and S. Wallin.

Absent: B. Gooding, S. Johnson, R. McFarlane, D. Ferris, P. Kipping, and M. Schollmeyer.

R. Noe called meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes of the 05/18/18 meeting were approved unanimously (A. Enslin/Adair) with one change. Under Old Business, Lakewet should be changed to LakeNet.

Treasurer's report: B. Baker reported that since our August 10 meeting he sent second notices to the two sponsors that had not yet paid for 2018 *LakeLines* advertising. One, Benton A-1 Septic, paid their \$100 quickly. The other, Fish Bowl Bar and Grill, has not yet responded. S. Wallin said she would contact Fish Bowl and make sure they pay us without further delay. Dues invoices were sent out in early September and to date 29 lake associations have renewed their BCLRA membership for 2019. The 11 associations that have not yet renewed are Big Doctor, Elbow, Ham, Hayden, Johnson, Minerva-Cranberry, Pike, Prinel, Round-Trade, Webb, and Yellow. Baker mentioned that the Elbow Lake Association was not sent an invoice because he does not have a current contact person. S. Wallin said she would check her files and send Baker a contact or two from Elbow lake that he could pursue. Thus, to date we have received \$1,300 from advertising sponsors, \$1,500 from lake association dues payments, \$250 in donations, and \$1.63 in CD interest for a total fiscal year income of \$3,051.63. There have been no additional expenses since our 08/10 meeting. So our expenses to date are still \$1,793.73. This gives us a current checking account balance of \$4,806.73, which when added to our CD value of \$3,262.43, gives us a total; balance of \$8,068.86. (Note: one year ago our balance was \$7,602.65). A after some discussion about renting the BCLRA membership in the River Alliance of Wisconsin, Adair/A. Enslin moved that we spend the \$100 needed too renew our membership. Motion and the Treasurer's Report were approved unanimously.

**LIAISON UPDATES**

UW-Extension: Lori Baltrusis could not attend the meeting; no report.

NW Lakes Conference: S. Wallin indicated that Ben Thwaites, the head of In a New Light, has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the 2019 NW Lakes Conference. At the first planning meeting on September 10, all topics for 2019 were determined and the committee is currently working on getting commitments from the speakers for each session. Wallin mentioned that the committee has decided to go back to printing posters/flyers to advertise the meeting. T. Adair suggested sending email reminders for the conference to representatives from all lake associations. R. Noe agreed this was an excellent suggestion and will put this on the agenda for one of our spring meetings. The 2019 NW Lakes conference will be held on June 21 at Hayward High School.

Burnett County Natural Resources Committee: R. Noe reported that the Natural Resources Committee meeting on October 11 focused primarily on bids for timber sales, a huge fundraiser for Burnett County. S. Wallin gave R. Noe the 2018 People's Choice Award from Burnett County Tourism. This is the second time the BCLRA has received this prestigious award.

Zebra Mussel Update: Mike Schollmeyer was unable to attend this meeting due to recent surgery, but he sent the following report via email: Summary Plate Sampling Report: Plate samplers consisting of 4 plates of polyethylene of equal size (6 x 6 inches) for a total area of 2 sq. ft. were deployed on all three McKenzie Lakes and two small nearby lakes. (Mystery and Lindy Lakes). Twenty-four plates were deployed on Big McKenzie, eleven on Middle and four on Lower McKenzie Lakes. One plate was deployed on Lindy Lake a totally private lake with flowage into Middle McKenzie during high water levels and Mystery Lake near Middle McKenzie. Both lakes have limited access, however Mystery Lake can be access from McKenzie Road with small boat or canoes. All addresses with the number of ZM found on each plate are listed in Attachment 2.

Big McKenzie Results: 24 plates were placed with volunteers, 2 plates were never deployed due to owners selling their cabins. Two additional plates did not report despite numerous attempts to contact the cabin owners for a total of 20 plates with results. A total number of 2,262 ZM were collected for an average of 113 per plate with an average density of 56.5 per sq. ft. The range was 5 to 473 ZM per plate.

Middle McKenzie Results: 11 plates were deployed on Middle McKenzie. A total of 5 ZM were found at 3 different locations on the lake for an average of 0.45 per plate and 0.22 per sq. ft. One positive location was on the north shore near the outlet, one on the east shore and one on the south shore of the lake. Additional adult ZM (9) were found on rocks during an underwater survey near Grass Island. These findings are not included in the plate sampler count.

Lower McKenzie Results: 4 plates were deployed in Lower McKenzie. 2 reported negative results. The remaining 2 did not report despite numerous requests to report their results.

Burnett County Land Services: D. Ferris was unable to attend due to giving a presentation in Duluth. He told R. Noe in a phone conversation that *LakeLines* is almost ready for printing, but that if any board members have articles/written contributions, they should get them to Ferris by the end of next week.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

LakeNet: M. Schollmeyer will address this at our next meeting.

Good/Better/Best cards: After some discussion about our GBB cards, it was decided we will determine at a meeting this winter/spring as to whether or not we will print additional cards for distribution next summer.

Lake Courtesy Code update: The board agreed we should update the information on the Courtesy Code sheets to include things like wake boats and AIS, especially zebra mussels, and print them for distribution this summer. R. Noe will add this to the agenda of our next meeting.

LakeLines: See Burnett County Land Services: above.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Traveling Lake Fair: S. Wallin suggested we consider having a table at the Webster Craft Fair Memorial Day weekend. We could give out GBB cards, Lake Courtesy Codes, LakeLife Booklets and other informational items. The consensus was that this would be an excellent outreach opportunity for the BCLRA. Wallin agreed to get the contact person for this event to R. Noe.

Trade Lake: R. Noe explained that a new development is being planned for Trade Lake and that R. McFarlane had contacted him to see if the BCLRA ever becomes involved with zoning issues. Noe told him that we are not involved with zoning but the Washburn Lakes and Rivers Association has a liaison seated on the Washburn County Zoning Commission.

Wake Board Listening Session: There will be a wake board listening session today (10/12) at the DNR Headquarters in Spooner at 2:30p.m. R. Noe will attend and invites all board members to also attend.

Future Agenda Item: At the next meeting we will present D. Ferris a \$500 scholarship check to help support his summer AIS interns.

The next BCLRA meeting will be held on **Friday, December 21, 2018.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. (A. Enslin/B. Enslin)