

BUFFALO, RICE, AND ROCK LAKE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 26, 2021, 10:00 AM, RICHWOOD WINERY

President Kevin Wolf called the annual meeting of the BRRLA to order at 10:11 am. Kevin welcomed all members, and acknowledged those new to the Association.

Rick Morris made a motion to approve the June 29, 2019, annual meeting minutes as printed, seconded by Rob Roberts. Motion carried. (Note due to COVID no annual meeting was held in 2020.)

Brenda Wolf made a motion to approve the 2019 treasurer's report. Seconded by Joel Moore. Motion carried. Dennis Steffl made a motion to approve the 2020 report, seconded by Chris Krogsgaard. Motion was carried.

Jessica Franke provided the following Communications update: Limit of 5 on sunfish on Buffalo Lake. Facebook is being used to post pictures and share information. She encouraged members of the association to do the same. Bear and bob cats have been seen around the lake area.

Old Business:

Lake Road Signs: Kevin Wolf is working with the Becker County Highway Department for the placement of Lake signs on the three lakes. Signs will be placed where the lake is visible from the road. Buffalo Lake can be seen from both Highway 34 and Highway 26 while Rice can be seen from Highway 26. It is not sure if Rock can be seen from the road, requiring input from Rock Lake residents. The goal is to have project completed this fall.

Membership & Dues: Cost is \$20 for lake owners and renters \$10. Dues should be sent to Becky Burns if not completed at today's meeting.

New Business:

COLA Report: Roger Lee stated because of Covid, monthly and in-service meetings were all held via Zoom. A few changes will be made in the makeup of COLA. The elections have been moved to October requiring bylaw changes that will also change officer terms to 2 years. In-Service has focused on AIS and there are currently 6 studies going on. Zebra Mussels continue to be the biggest concern. Handouts are available concerning information on AIS. Roger provided a reminder that boats, if they do not go through the decontamination process, must remain out of the water for 21 days. Contamination centers are located at Detroit Lakes, Big Cormorant and Big Floyd. Wake Boats are becoming an additional concern on how they affect shorelines and the stirring up of the lake bottoms. A study is currently being conducted. The DNR does not have a position nor will they take one, leaving it up to the lake associations.

Lake Monitoring: Rick and Joel continue to work on getting and learning the correct equipment to be used. There is training on goggle. The lakes are starting to turn. Floyd Lake has turned and now has algae bloom. Roger Levos stated his report has been sent to DNR on Buffalo Lake. The lake has dropped 3 inches from May 1 to today. The lake is clearer this year than last year and typically has 11 feet of clarity. Roger has an extra secchi disc and will help Joel get set up. Joel tried to go online to set Rock up – but was not able to complete the signup process.

Loon Monitoring: Will be conducted July 1 – 12 by Rick Morris – Rice, Joel Moore- Rock, & Veronika Wilson Buffalo.

Proposed By Law Change: The proposed bylaw change was voted on and approved. Currently Article V. Section 5. Term of Office Currently Reads: Officers, including Beach Captains, shall serve a term of three years and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority.

Recommended Revision: Officers, including Beach Captains, shall serve a term of three years and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority. **The Vice President shall automatically succeed the President and serve a three-year term upon the completion of the President's term.**

Election of Officers: The following election was held: Based on the newly voted bylaw change, Bryan Ohlslager will become the Association President. Chris Krogsgaard nominated, seconded by Deb Krogsgaard, Rick Morris to serve as Vice President. Theresa Norwig made a motion nominations cease, seconded by Joel Moore, Motion carried. Deb made motion to nominate Rich Cieslak for Communications Director, Becky Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Robin Turnwall nominated Becky Burns to serve as treasurer, seconded by Roger Lee. Bryan Ohlslager made a motion nominations cease, seconded by Rick Morris. Motion carried. Kevin looked to volunteers to fill the other slots. The slate of officers will be as follows:

President: Bryan Ohlslager

Vice President: Rick Morris

Treasurer: Becky Burns

Communications Director: Rich Cieslak

Beach Captains: Buffalo Run: Betty Hund, Campground: Darv Oelke, South Buffalo Lake Road: Chris Krogsgaard, North Buffalo Lake Road: Marlin Pfingsten, Rock Lake: JJ Kappes and Carla Solem, Rice Lake: Anthony Winter and Randy Thies.

Bryan Ohlslager made a motion to identify those terms which were up last year to serve a two year term and those expired this year will be three year terms. Motion was seconded by Becky Burns. Motion carried.

BRRLA Clothing: A brief discussion was held and members agreed they wanted to place a new order of clothing. Brenda Wolf will take the lead on committee of Lisa Ohlslager, Joel Moore, Karen Kappes, Denise Oakes, and Carla Solem.

4th of July Parade: The Parade will be held on Sunday, July 4, 10:00 a.m. Byran O will be the grand Marshall and participants are asked to go around the entire lake.

Other New Business:

Kevin Wolf invited all to attend Buff Stock at his home on Saturday August 14. Donations will be given to Roger Maris and attendees should BYOB.

Deb Krogsgaard asked for volunteers to participate in the Blood Drive.

Becker Soil & Water Conservation District provided printed materials about Lake Shore Restoration. Members were asked to pick up any materials provided.

Door Prizes were awarded. Meeting was adjourned with a picnic lunch provided by the Association following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Krogsgaard