

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association
Annual Meeting - June 27, 2026, at 10:00am
Forest Township Hall

Welcome/Call to order
10:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda
Approved.

Review and approve minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting
No discussion or corrections. Approved.

Member Forum
Donna Waliczek:

- Veronon's Fireworks will celebrate the resort's 80th birthday this year.
- Bemidji VFW does flag ceremony.
- It is a 40-minute program
- There is a need for individual donations. They can be sent to Veronen's to Donna's attention.

Lynn Lindow:

1. Called out that the kiosk on the north end at the landing is the lake association's responsibility to update and that the info currently there is dated.
2. Reminder that you need a permit to put more than 10 yards of material on the lake shore.

Maureen Hagen:

- Chapel of the Good Creation services start 5-July at 10am at Bad Medicine Resort.
- Paul Dovre is preaching on that 1st Sunday. Services go through Labor Day.

Karl Altenburg:

- Karl asked for how people received notice of the annual meeting. 80% indicated they read the email.

Treasurer's Report - Katie Blohm

	12-May-26	25-Jun-26
Invasive Species Donation Balance (AIS)	\$657.24	\$1,582.24

General Account Funds Available	\$697.30	\$1,002.65
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- Current AIS funds will be short to the expected invoice of \$3760 due at the end of the 2026 season.
- Announced matching fund up \$2000 donation through end of July
- BMLAA spits cost of inspection with the Township
- Right now, state funding will be reduced starting in '27. Legislature may restore that funding.
- Comment from the floor: BML Foundation could be a conduit for AIS donations that would make those donations tax-deductible.

Membership Report – Katie Blohm

- Membership: As of last night, there were 25 paying members so far this year and 11 members have contributed to AIS funding.
- Annual meeting Attendees this year: 43

Jesse pointed out that we could add a feature to the BMLAA website to pay dues. There is a cost associated with this feature. Rough cost: \$500 design, \$200/year, 3% transaction fee.

Nomination and Election of New Board Members

Bylaw calls out 9 members

- Zeb Haney elected to the first seat

Election for second seat:

1. Pat Thiebert. South end of lake, 18 years on the lake, from Thief River Falls
2. Steve Lindow. West side of lake, 50 years on the lake

Election suspended to prepare ballots

AIS presentation – Karl Koenig, Becker County

- \$10M annual from state, \$340k for Becker County
- Funds go toward inspection, county staff, watercraft inspection equipment.
- 50% reduction in state funds next year. This will primarily impact hours of inspection (wages).
- 500 inspection hours allocated to Bad Medicine Lake. 10 hours a day on weekends, 8 hours on weekdays. Inspection usually starts at 6am.
- The county plans to stop funding treatment, decontamination. They will apply these savings to inspection to mitigate the reduced funding.
- Assuming that BML inspection hours need to be cut in half (250 hours), the county plans to review traffic data. For instance, surveys show that traffic drops off in August.
- Invasive aquatic plants have a significant financial impact on lakes. More than Zebra Mussels. Costs associated to invasive plants: herbicides, hydroelectric management.

Per Steve Lindow, Rusty crayfish are the reason for loss of aquatic plants in the 1970s. Also, more largemouth bass then, now more smallmouth bass.

DNR is researching genetic management of Zebra Mussels through the AIS Research Center. Steve Lindow asked if we can look into adding a link to this research center on our website.

Mr. Koenig is concerned that boat lift installer barges are a potential source of infestation.

He uplifted the opportunity for volunteers to inspect for invasive plants near access points. This volunteer effort can be result in early detection.

Feeding deer:

This has become an issue in western Becker County near Hawley. Prohibition includes salt licks, urine attractants. Deer baiting is illegal, but has exploded as an enforcement issue.

Election results

- Steve Lindow elected to second board seat.
- Jesse called out that all members are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings, and are welcome to volunteer and contribute to board activities.

Adjourn

Approximately 11:20am