

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Annual Meeting of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association**  
**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Welcome and call to order - Matt Hanson**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda of the 2022 BMLAA Annual Meeting was made by Bill Herauf, seconded by Scott Bentson and approved by unanimous voice vote of the membership.

**Approval of minutes of 2021 BMLAA Annual Meeting**

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**Veronen's Resort July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Event**

Announcement by Donna Waliczek and request for donations: The event will take place on Sunday, July 3 starting when sufficiently dark. In the event of bad weather, it will be rescheduled to the evening of Monday, July 4. The music that accompanies the fireworks show will be broadcast on 87.9 FM. Donations in support of the fireworks event are requested and very much appreciated.

**AIS Update: Guest presentation by Karl Koenig, Becker County AIS Coordinator**

Karl Koenig presented an overview of Minnesota's AIS inspection and prevention program with a focus on Becker County and Bad Medicine Lake. For 2022, the state sent about \$220,000 to Becker County for AIS programming, 60-70% of which goes to fund the boat inspection programs at 10 Becker County public access sites. Funding also goes to operate high-temperature decontamination units in high-traffic areas and other AIS prevention efforts. While most public access inspection sites are on infested, high-use lakes, at Bad Medicine the goal is to try to preserve its uniquely pristine status as the lake gets relatively heavy boat usage.

Approximately 20 lakes in Becker County are currently infested with zebra mussels. His greatest concern at present about zebra mussels is the sale of used docks and lifts and inappropriate transfer from infested to un-infested lakes. Although zebra mussels get lots of public attention, from Karl's perspective, the bigger problem is invasive plants as they are likely to have far greater economic impact over a longer period of time. As invasive plants pose a greater risk to shallow lakes with muddier bottoms, Bad Medicine is considered to be at relatively low risk for invasive plant infestation but continuing inspection and vigilance remains necessary.

Karl is involved in the recruitment, training and supervision of AIS inspectors who must be state certified. Finding and hiring inspectors within a reasonable distance of their assigned lake can be very challenging. Even though Becker County is not fully staffed, Bad Medicine Lake has two inspectors hired for 2022. Association members might consider such a position in the future or encourage friends or family members to do so. Employment opportunities and information can be found at the Becker County website. Finally, he offered to make his program notes available to BMLAA.

### **BMLAA AIS plan for 2022 – Scott Bentson**

1. As in 2021, approximately 700 hours of AIS inspection coverage are planned at the Bad Medicine Lake public access for 2022. The inspection program is administered and supervised by Becker County. 515 inspector hours are state funded at the rate of \$15 per hour and, the remainder will be funded by BMLAA's AIS Fund at the same rate. The inspection schedule at the public access will concentrate on peak boating traffic starting on the fishing opener and running through Labor Day from 6:00am to 4:00pm Thursday through Sunday with additional coverage where possible in response to increased boating activity.
2. Starting in 2023, Forest Township and BMLAA will equally share that portion of AIS funding for watercraft inspections that exceeds what is funded by the State of Minnesota. Township funding is capped at \$2,000 in any one year and is budgeted for 2-year periods.
3. BMLAA will promote AIS education for association members.
4. BMLAA will work cooperatively with resort owners to place appropriate AIS signage at private resort launch points on BML.
5. BMLAA will establish an AIS "best practices" policy for non-resort private launch points.

### **Bad Medicine Lake Water Quality Study Updates**

1. A 2021 video of the Zoom presentation of a semi-final report on the Bad Medicine Lake water quality study by BSU professor, Rick Koch, is available on the BMLAA website (<https://badmedicine.mnlakesandrivers.org/>).
2. Arrangements are pending for an in-person Special Meeting later this summer with Rick Koch for a final (or near-final) report with opportunity for Q&A and discussion. This report of findings is expected to include core sample information.

### **COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) Meeting Update – Marge Lorentzsen**

1. COLA organized a conference on AIS subjects that was held in Detroit Lakes. This included ongoing research by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, success stories regarding treatment for invasive plants, copper treatment for zebra mussels, mapping vegetation in lakes and future research. Information was also presented about the "Get The Lead Out" campaign sponsored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and designed to protect wildlife such as loons and eagles from ingesting lead from fishing tackle.
2. The Board of Directors is seeking a BMLAA member volunteer to attend Becker County COLA meetings and to report regularly to the board. If you are interested or would like more information about Becker County COLA, contact Marge Lorentzsen.

### **Township Update – Lynn Lindow**

1. All township roads have recently been spot graveled. Magnesium chloride was applied for dust control on East Bad Medicine Rd from County Rd 129 to Sunset Drive.
2. Bear problems at the dump have been particularly troublesome this spring. Poor compliance with proper use of the dumpsters has provided bears with a regular source of food and a regular source of headaches for those trying to keep the dump area clear of litter and trash scattered by bears. Please do your part to use the dumpsters properly and keep them secured.
3. Building permits: Contact Becker County Planning & Zoning for all projects within 267 feet of the OHW. Contact Forest Township for projects more than 267 feet from the OHW.

### **Review of 2021 BMLAA Finances – John LaFond**

As he has done for several years, John LaFond presented his assessment of the financials and books of the Association for 2021 and through May 31, 2022. His report states that BMLAA finances were found to be in order. A copy of the June 7, 2022 Financial Review will be made available on the BMLAA website.

### **Treasurer’s Report - Marge Lorentzsen**

1. As of January 1, 2022

Total Checking Account Balance	\$ 9,591.15
Invasive Species Account Balance	\$ 7,139.24
General Account Funds Available	\$ 2,451.91

2. As of June 25, 2022

Total Checking Account Balance	\$11,298.13
Invasive Species Account Balance	\$ 7,139.24
General Account Funds Available	\$ 4,158.89

3. A BMLAA donation of \$1000 for Veronen’s 2022 July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event was approved by voice vote of the membership.

### **Membership Report – Marge Lorentzsen**

1. Paid BMLAA memberships as of June 25, 2022 115
2. 2022 Directory: The 2022 version of the BMLAA Directory is an attempt to address some of the problems with the old format while also saving considerable printing costs. We look forward to your feedback. After a final round of editing, it will be available for distribution in early July.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

1. Pat Sweeney was nominated for the open Director position and was elected by voice vote of the membership.

### **Member Forum**

1. Lynn Lindow – Spoke in favor of resuming water quality testing on Bad Medicine.
2. Jim Eisele – Spoke in favor of resuming regular water quality testing at RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes and offered to resume sample collections. Matt Hanson will contact RMB Labs regarding services and costs.
3. Jill Eisele – Raised the issue of excessively loud music from some boaters and asked for greater awareness and consideration for those who may not appreciate the volume. Pointed out that sound carries much farther over water.
4. Scott Bentson – Raised the related issues of overly bright, misdirected and poorly shielded lighting on the lake and the unintended negative effects it can have on our lake neighbors. We should become aware of the impact our lighting has on others.
5. Dave Sederquist – Announced that Sunday services at the Chapel of the Good Creation at Bad Medicine Resort will resume on July 3. The start time for services has been changed to 10:00am. All are welcome to attend.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by voice vote of the membership.

Scott Bentson  
Acting Secretary