

MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/13/2026

Attendees: Brad Millikan, Suann Walters, Christi Holmes, Rhnea Schinbeckler, Chris Baker and Rich Brooks

Secretary's Report: Meeting notes for 11/11/25 were reviewed, accepted, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance in checking is \$49,525.98. The report was reviewed by all directors and then approved.

Membership Committee: 83 Members

Events Committee: 3/6/26 @ 11am - BLA Fish Fry @ Legion (Suann has shirts designed and membership decals for the Fish Fry. Will take lead on organizing the Fish Fry). 3/21/26 @ 4pm - Holmes Spaghetti Dinner @ BLA Building. Rhnea Approved to purchase cart from BLA funds for booze cart raffle and ask for donations.

Building Rental Committee: It is rented for 2/7, 2/13, 2/14, 3/14, 3/21, 4/18, 4/25, 6/6, 6/13, and 6/27.

Outdoor Storage Rental: Chris Bakers goal is to get the broken camper removed and spread the remainder of the gravel. 7 open spots at this time out of 36. Brad and Chris will work on rewriting the contract for outdoor storage to include maintenance of site by renter.

Building Maintenance Committee: New Lights have been installed outside. New bulbs for conservancy office were bought by Rich Brooks. He will coordinate with them for pick up. Mailbox installation will wait until the spring because of cold.

Social Media Committee: Promote sponsorships for fireworks and 26/27 membership renewal. Website up to date with all past notes. Suann asked to promote Pond Champs as they are offering 40% discount with 10 commitments to use service. Board noted only if they sponsor fireworks. Suann checked and they will not sponsor fireworks as they are already offering discounted services.

Any Goals for 2026? - Discussed concrete patio upgrade to building, treeline and brushpile cleanup, new patio tables for outside, possible door replacement, possible new kitchen appliances, Voted and approved by all to replace coffee maker. Suann to look into new one.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Indiana Lakes Management Society Conference March 26-27, 2026 - All approved to have BLA funds to pay fees for anyone wanting to go.

- <https://www.indianalakes.org/Annual>
- At Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, IN — Only an hour away
- Would like to see if we can pay for at least 2 board members to attend - \$210 for non members until February 17
- The conference encourages participation from lake associations. Found out about it through Indiana Clean Lakes Initiative
- [Agenda](#)
- Anyone want to go? - Rich Brooks and Suann Walters possibly may be able to go.

Fireworks

- Approved via text messaging to raise show to \$10,000
- Show is scheduled for Sunday, July 5 this year
- Some sponsorship emails have been sent out. Will continue to send out new ones as contacts come in.
 - REMC has committed already (\$800.00)

Culvert

- Do we need to continue to hound drainage board and commissioners to get the culvert taxed? So in another 50/100 years we don't have to go through all this again? We got lucky bc of county funds for covid....

LARE GRANT

- Grant Application due January 15 every year. Jul through November we are to contact LARE office to discuss project potential.
- 80/20 grant — we pay 20% of project
- Rewarded projects - <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/lake-and-river-enhancement/lare-project-applications-and-funding-approvals/>

Terms Update to prepare for April Annual Meeting - Christi Holmes will be leaving term early. Rhnea Schinbeckler will be taking over her duties. Events position will then be open. Chris Baker position will be open as she will not be rerunning for her position as Outdoor Storage.

Upcoming Events: Suicide prevention training May 19th and sometime in late September from 5-9 pm. All voted to approve use of building on these dates. Fish Fry 3/6 and Spaghetti Dinner 3/21.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suann Walters.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2026 by its directors:

