** Becker Big Lake Ice Association**

**Meeting Minutes | March 5, 2025**

6:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting

Getaway Bar - Orrock, MN

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by BBLIA Vice President Corey Nundahl.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Sam Warren, Corey Nundahl, Matt Brausen, Kris Knodle, Kasey Buck, Melissa Clausen, Alan Heidemann

Board Members Absent: Dave Nelson

Association Members Present: Nicole Lane

Guests Present: April Vedders

**Agenda Review**

No changes made to the meeting agenda.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

See [January 23, 2025 meeting minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dy0zboqoRT-LwQq1McPsOtdQ5_pKqTzUKklHAE-XLNE/edit?usp=sharing) for review and approval. Motion to approve made by Kris Knodle. Seconded by Corey Nundahl. All in favor. Approved.

**Member Applications**

None.

**Open Forum**

Assistant Gambling Manager

Discussion about interviewing gambling manager candidates. Three solid candidates and chose April due to experience running her own business, selling pull tabs, and enthusiasm to gain other locations.

* Motion to approve April Vedders as assistant gambling manager, paying $1050 a month, made by Melissa Clausen. Seconded by Sam Warren. All in favor. Approved.

Discussion about getting new contact for Becker Furniture Mart and Potter family wanting involvement in rink.

**Gambling Updates**

Manager Report- Nicole Lane

* See [3-2025 Gambling Report](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_oRZTkkY-3rBj_39Ye94GOABKXwi5rJf/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=112205853646934414828&rtpof=true&sd=true) and [Manager Notes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XzweG1oK3hnOrvtpEJpUcBprbzMnhp3c/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=112205853646934414828&rtpof=true&sd=true) for info and expenses approval.
	+ Receivers for Getaway are up and running. These will be tested for horse racing soon.
	+ There is potential talk of doing horse races at Lupulin
	+ Discussion of allowable expenses
		- Motion to approve allowable expenses made by Melissa Clausen. Seconded by Matt Brausen. All in favor. Approved.

**Treasurer Report**

Balance: $291, 670.44

* Nicole paid for the storage unit and it’s now set up on autopay.
* Big Lake Chamber of commerce fees due. Motion to approve $150 to continue membership made by Sam Warren. Seconded by Melissa Clausen. All in favor. Approved.
* Turning needs to file extra 940 forms for reimbursement. Motion to approve made by Kris Knodle. Seconded by Corey Nundahl. All in favor. Approved.

**Secretary/Comms Update**

Big Lake Community Fair

Discussion about who will be there and supplies needed.

Elections

April 6- applications due

April 27- elections

Discussion about listing board meetings more publicly - add Alan to the Facebook page for assistance

**Campaign Update**

Town Hall Meetings

Melissa printed, stuffed, and mailed all town hall meeting invites for mailing. Total cost was $1709.12.

* Motion to approve reimbursement for Melissa Clausen at $1709.12 for town hall mailings and printings made by Sam Warren. Seconded by Alan Heidemann. All in favor. Approved.

Discussion about what we will be doing and general process. We will be meeting with GBD before these begin. Karlee Buck will tell her impact story and Alan will be the board representative speaker.

Discussion about hanging up flyers around town. Put where you hang them up in the separate GroupMe chat.

**Government Update**

Aamteur Sports Comissions

Kasey and Matt spoke to representative Jamie. They do not have funds to help us but are very knowledgeable and experienced in speaking with city officials to become advocates for the rink. They admitted it is extremely difficult without city backing or funding. They would like to help us and continue conversations. North Branch is in a similar position.

Alan and Kris are attending the Big Lake school board meeting next week to discuss possible partnership and invite them to town hall meetings.

Alan brought up town hall meetings during city commission planning meeting.

**Fundraising Update**

Golf Tournament

* Pebble Creek August 1, 2025
* Discussion about different ways to get sponsors and starting planning earlier.

**Future Topics**

2025 Elections

Golf Tournament sponsors

Town hall meetings recap

**Next Meeting**

April 10 at 6:30pm at Lupulin

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Alan Heidemann. Seconded by Rick Katka. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.