** Becker Big Lake Ice Association**

**Meeting Minutes | July 13, 2025**

6:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting

Getaway Bar - Orrock, MN

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by BBLIA Board President Dave Nelson.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Sam Warren, Matt Brausen, Alan Heidemann, Dave Nelson, and Alex Darsow

Board Members Absent: Corey Nundahl, Rick Katka, Kris Knodle, Melissa Clausen

Association Members Present: Nicole Lane, April Vedders, Chad Lane

Guests Present: Karlee Buck

**Agenda Review**

No changes made to the meeting agenda.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

See [April 10, 2025 meeting minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w-OvoIbqegcxwVvpkEw3SEOxa9D8ZlD8baFvh6Vmwxc/edit?usp=sharing) for review and approval. Motion to approve made by Alan Heidemann. Seconded by Matt Brausen. All in favor. Approved.

**Member Applications**

None.

**Open Forum**

Booster Club - Chad Lane, representative

The boys high school booster club would like to be considered for a donation when the BBLIA board is deciding which Becker organizations to donate to for their yearly gambling donation. The high school team is now organized through one of the schools but the team still incurs many other expenses that the booster club covers, such as travel, food, and jersey costs. They spend approximately $16,000 per year on transport alone. If BBLIA would like to see a cost breakdown, the booster club would happily provide it.

**Gambling Updates**

Manager Report- Nicole Lane

* See [7-2025 Gambling Report](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D2URGgCaSBQZvFJRyNCuj2FNXX5rO397/view?usp=sharing) and [Manager Notes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hD6Z7INH8LrsSwdg24KI4JoJntYsGFN3/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112205853646934414828&rtpof=true&sd=true) for info and expenses approval.
  + Discussion about lower income as expected due to decreased summer crowds. Saturday bingos at Third Rail stopped due to lost income.
  + Damstroms theft update: BBLIA received notice that we did not have to replace the funds for our audit/tax purposes. Justin Damstrom was due in county court last week with a no-show. BBLIA does not expect to receive the money back.
  + Nicole needs the general account audits to complete gambling account audits.
  + New storage facility is being used and most of the stuff has been transferred. BBLIA can now burn some gambling files per the state storage rules.
  + Discussion about allowable expenses. Same as usual.
    - Motion to approve allowable expenses made by Dave Nelson. Seconded by Sam Warren. All in favor. Approved.

Discussion about gambling manager and assistant manager payroll. Nicole’s tasks are decreases while April’s have already increased with the addition of the Third Rail. We will review again this coming fall when gambling taxes are complete.

* Motion to keep gambling manager (Nicole Lane) payroll at $2100/month and raise assistant gambling manager (April Vedders) payroll to $1750/month, effective immediately, made by Alan Heidemann. Seconded by Alex Darsown. All in favor. Approved.

**Treasurer Report**

Balance: $363,194.85 (Sherburne) and $8,173.22 (Riverwood)

* Discussion about joining Becker Chamber of Commerce for $250 per year. We will wait on this until feasibility results return and decide whether it would be beneficial for the board to do so.

**Secretary/Comms Update**

Membership fees due by October 1 for returning members. $5 per person.

**Campaign Update**

Feasibility Study

GBD is presenting results this Friday, July 18 via Zoom. BBLIA will have a closed door meeting the following week to discuss results internally. BBLIA-GBD contract ends at the end of July and we will need to decide to launch campaign or not and resign a contract.

**Government Update**

No updates.

**Fundraising Update**

Golf Tournament

* Sponsor Logos: need all of them into the Drive folder by July 21 for sign printing one week before the tournament.
* Who is purchasing the hole in one insurance?
* Alcohol wagon: Alan is contacting Sand Dunes for a donation and the board may need to contribute a bottle of something.
* Fundraising committee will meet this week to finalize details

Party Bus Event

Saturday, September 6 from 12pm-5pm. Dave will set up party bus and send to Sam to create event.

**Future Topics**

Campaign

Party bus event

Golf Tournament recap

**Next Meeting**

Sunday, August 10 at 6:30pm at Getaway

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Rick Katka. Seconded by Alan Heidemann. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.