** Becker Big Lake Ice Association**

**Meeting Minutes | August 4, 2024**

6:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting

Getaway Bar - Big Lake, MN

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by BBLIA President Dave Nelson

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Dave Nelson, Melissa Clausen, Sam Warren, Alan Heidemann, Corey Nundahl

Board Members Absent: Rick Katka, Lindsay Wiborg, Matt Brausen

Association Members Present: Nicole Lane

**Agenda Review**

No changes made to the meeting agenda.

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

See [July 1, 2024 meeting minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15HcIZ00FZQ1_KxEyB0gevi13d3hSYCtahZDXSUnRWJw/edit?usp=share_link) for review and approval. Motion to approve by Corey Nundahl. Seconded by Alan Heidemann. All in favor. Approved.

**Member Applications**

No applications.

**Open Forum**

Property Sign

Discussion about design. Dave will create designs and get pricing.

Lindsay Wiborg has resigned from her Executive Board position. This position is open through April 2025. Seat now vacant.

Discussion about city building road onto our property. Will that increase our taxes right now? Alan will ask city about ballpark dates and plan.

**Gambling Updates**

Manager Report- Nicole Lane

* See [8-2024 Gambling Report](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FTjcaFd0NDQwtJw4mATi6Zpxs-CfikEf/view?usp=share_link) for info and expenses approval. Summer slowdown continues.
  + Discussion about starting to hire an assistant gambling manager and timeline for this.
  + Discussion of allowable expenses.
  + Motion to approve allowable expenses made by Dave Nelson. Seconded by Alan Heidemann. All in favor. Approved.

Locations

* Dueling Brews
  + Business as usual. Will be scheduling purse/event-type bingos for September and October soon.
* The Getaway Bar
  + Gun raffle here on December 14 confirmed.
  + Will be scheduling event-type bingos for fall soon.
* Lupulin Brewing
  + Business as usual.
* Trails
  + Business as usual.
* Damstrom’s Bar & Grill
  + Previous El Loro in Big Lake.
  + BBLIA will be operating gambling operations here. Tentative start date of October 1, 2024.

**Treasurer Report**

Balance: $217,694.67

* [See July 31, 2024 statement](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jLEBOEhqylj0O5pN1dU2syy5ZDfAp5l2/view?usp=share_link)

Discussion about opening some sort of money marketing account and/or higher interest yield account.

Officially starting the process of switching banks to Sherburne State Bank, now that audits and taxes are complete. Riverwood has also been sold to another company.

**Secretary/Comms Update**

2024-2025 membership fees are due: $5 per person.

**Building Update**

Dave setting up marketing meeting with ISG for end of August. He will send an invite to the board.

**Government Update**

Discussion of speaking with City of Big Lake after November elections. Kris and Rick will be following up with Mekeland and Matthews.

**Fundraising Update**

Golf Tournament Wrap-Up

Lupulin would like to be beverage sponsors, specifically, in 2025.

Bill from Pebble Creek was $7508.80 ($55/golfer + $18.95/person for food)

Approximate profit of $10,716.

Discussion about how games and raffles went over. Goalie stick was the best game and the worst game was on hole #10, likely due to communication issue. Alcohol wagon was successful and the Matt Boldy stick raffle was the most lucrative with $450 worth sold. Potential for eliminating auctions and doing different style raffles. Have more youth players/kids present helps. Note to have a bowl or something similar for raffle ticket drawing so they don’t get stuck to the bottom.

Tentative 2025 date: August 1.

Gun Raffle

Live drawing: December 14 at the Getaway

Tentative October 1 start date. Tickets due back to Melissa by December 1.

Melissa will contact Scheels to get a gun list and send to some board members for review.

**Future Topics**

Gun Raffle

ISG Marketing Recap

**Next Meeting**

Sunday, September 8 at 6:00pm at Lupulin

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sam Warren. Seconded by Alan Heidemann. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.