** Becker Big Lake Ice Association**

**Meeting Minutes | June 8, 2025**

6:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting

Getaway Bar - Orrock, MN

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by BBLIA Board member Melissa Clausen.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Sam Warren, Matt Brausen, Kris Knodle, Melissa Clausen, Alan Heidemann, Dave Nelson, Rick Katka

Board Members Absent: Corey Nundahl, Alex Darsow

Association Members Present: Nicole Lane, April Vedders, Kasey Buck, Tanner Stringfellow

**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 Kris Knodle. Seconded by Rick Katka. All in favor. Approved.

**Member Applications**

None.

**Open Forum**

Networking Event at Lupulin Recap

Kasey attended the event sponsored by St. Cloud Federal Credit Union. There were about 30 other people there and it was enlightening, as many people didn’t know we were trying to build an arena. Connected with multiple people in the community with businesses.

A gambling employee and another employees’ wife were diagnosed with cancer. Dicussion about board members individually contributing to a gift basket for each of them. Kara Knodle organized this and will give it to them in the next few days.

**Gambling Updates**

Manager Report- Nicole Lane

* See [6-2025 Gambling Report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FZ9HraIJ1-pi32I_uhqdWy2q2VDcBf43/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=112205853646934414828&rtpof=true&sd=true) and [Manager Notes](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IPlZn9vZ6T9tZxtW7P8qTXT0yYaNgop5/view?usp=share_link) for info and expenses approval.
  + Discussion about Nicole transferring more duties to April and requested a raise for April, due to anticipated increased tasks.
  + Monthly taxes increased and will likely continue to do so. Will we enter a new tax bracket?
  + Riverwood Bank is now nearly at zero.
    - Motion to officially close Riverwood gambling bank account made by Alan Heidemann. Seconded by Melissa Clausen. All in favor. Approved.
  + Discussion about allowable expenses. Same as usual.
    - Motion to approve allowable expenses made by Same Warren. Seconded by Matt Brausen. All in favor. Approved.

**Treasurer Report**

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

* Motion to officially close the Riverwood general bank account made by Alan Heidemann. Seconded by Rick Katka. All in favor. Approved.
* Note that there was a $100 check taken in and then written out to BBLYHA. Parent wrote check to wrong association.

Discussion about Big Lake Chamber membership yearly fees being due. Should we join the Becker Chamber, too? Rick will look into the price for this and bring to next meeting.

* Motion to pay $150 to renew our membership at Big Lake Chamber of Commerce made by Dave Nelson. Seconded by Matt Brausen. All in favor. Approved.

**Secretary/Comms Update**

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

**Campaign Update**

Town Halls

* Summaries posted on Facebook and website.
* Generally what we expected. Thought there’d be more info from the survey but it’s likely all over the place.

Feasibility Study

* Board is trying to contact people to set up interviews. Difficulty getting in contact with some. Discussion about busy schedules but need to get accurate assessment of whether our campaign is feasible or not.
* Discussion about remaining contacts that we could ask including Bob Eddy and Carlson foundations. Sam will connect with GBD and ask for ideas on how to contact these foundations.
* GBD expected to give results by end of July.

**Government Update**

Rick will look into joining the Becker Chamber of Commerce

**Fundraising Update**

Golf Tournament

* Committee met and has some different ideas brewing about a happy hour or something else for public interest in raffles and auction. Discussion about different ideas to generate more bids/tickets for items.
* Half of the hole sponsors have been filled.
* Not many teams have signed up yet. Sam will make a post and pay for an ad on social media to help. Early bird deadline is July 15.

**Future Topics**

Campaign updates

Golf Tournament

Party bus event

Becker Chamber

**Next Meeting**

Sunday, July 13 at 6:30pm at Getaway

**Adjournment**

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