

Big Kandiyohi Lake Association
Directors Meeting Agenda
Max's Grill - Fireplace room
Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Present: Jerry Brustuen, Jerry Neubauer, Brad Ahrenstorff, Pat Schmoll, Paul Wallert, and Janet Wallert

Absent: Dave Peterson, John Baumgartner, and Gerard Ninow.

Agenda

Agenda Approval- added Bog Permit to agenda. Motion made by Brad A. to approve. 2nd by Pat S. Carried.

Minutes Approval 01/21/2026 - Motioned by Jerry N. 2nd by Paul W. Carried.

Financial Report - Checking account balance - \$82,014.68. CD's are automatically renewing at a rate around 3.71%. The association is now required to file a long form for their 501(c)(3) due to exceeding \$50,000 in income, primarily from insurance for the weed harvester, dues, and a grant. The board discussed ammo expenses for Dale T. and decided to set a limit for future purchases. Taxes are expected to be completed soon, and two signatures will be required. A \$25 fee is required for a form that goes to the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Brad A. motioned to approve the Financial Report. 2nd by Janet W. Carried.

General Updates

AIS report/ PLM - Paul W. has contacted Tom Rappatz, and a contract with updated numbers is being worked on. Paul W. contacted Eric Katzenmeier with MN DNR and requested a new delineation map. The DNR recommended focusing treatment in high-traffic areas and in front of cabins. The DNR doesn't think the pondweed can be eradicated, only treated for short-term effects.

Website-Update - Working on setting up Zeffy for online payments (free for nonprofits) on the www.bigkandi.com website. Need to coordinate with the treasurer to set up the payment system. Janet W. will contact Stantech to provide past projects, like Bonnie Beach/Island Community Assessment Report, Fish Sticks project, etc., to be added to the website. Will also add pictures of projects and such.

Newsletter/Dues notice- Dave P. is the project lead for the newsletter. Summaries of projects should be sent to Dave P. for inclusion. Gerard N. is providing historical information. The newsletter needs to be sent out by May 13th. The newsletter will include information on bogs, cormorants, PLM, and high water levels. Discussed whether to include a return envelope in the newsletter for dues.

Dumpsters - Magnets have been removed, and dumpsters have been removed from lake locations.

New Business

MN COLA Dues- Motion made by Jerry B. to pay \$50 dues. 2nd by Pat Schmoll. Carried.

Slow-No Wake Ordinance- The new no-wake zone coordinates were discussed and the board is comfortable with the county's proposed level of 1103.8' and gives Dave P. blessings if he chooses to request 1103.5' before the county board.

Watershed/COLA March 24th Mtg.-Brad A. and Jerry B. discussed attending the March 24th meeting.

By-laws -rewrite- Brad A. did some research and proposed rewritten By-laws that include our mission statement, membership levels (general and sponsor), and address election procedures. A key change is the introduction of a "sponsor" membership for individuals or businesses interested in the lake but not owning property on it. The election cycle is being revised to ensure representation from different areas of the lake. The board discussed the possibility of allowing electronic attendance and voting for board members.

Public Time/Open Discussion - Paul W. will be attending a webinar on Wednesday, March 25th, put on by Discovery Farms regarding nutrients in farm fields and water quality, and will report back. Jerry B. mentioned to watch out for the Environmental Natural Resource Trust Fund Community Grant program. \$28 millions will be available to apply for. Maybe we can build a new inlet gate with grant funds.

Next Meeting – April 15, Max's Grill, Fireplace room @ 6 pm.

Adjourn - Motioned to adjourn by Jerry N. 2nd by Paul W. Carried.

Submitted by
Janet Wallert
BKLA Secretary