

HL January 5, 2022 meeting summary

7 members were present, representing all four lakes

BLCA report:

- There will be a table at Ice Day for educational information. It will include a donation jar for those that want to contribute to Ice Day expenses and July Fireworks
- The 10 Things You Can Do brochure and HL checklist magnet were mailed out earlier this week with the annual membership form, and flyers that explain both
- PLM chose not to include marketing information regarding options for individual property owners to sign up for spraying
- There will not be a January meeting, as there won't be enough members for a quorum.

TLID report from Stacy Strang:

- TLID applied for two DNR grants, but don't know awardees yet
 - The plan is for James Johnson to conduct an ice out survey, a 5 yr point intercept survey on Rush, and a late year milfoil survey
- They have also applied for a SWCD grant for control and education regarding purple loosestrife
- The TLID cannot apply for the alum feasibility study, the BLCA would need to apply, as it has to be a non-government entity

Other reports:

- We won't know if we got the NCLI grant until March
- Shelly Alger-Peyton is taking over the Gentle Footprints program, with Chuck as mentor
- Elk Lake received a substantial DNR grant that covered lake surveys for all of 2022 and through June 30th of 2023. Two lake surveys were completed in 2022 and one treatment for Eurasian Water Millfoil. In 2023, this grant will cover the cost for one lake survey and, if EWM is discovered, one treatment.
- Brad and Ruth Thom will work on identifying all storm drains around the lake (and eventually finding monitors). Contact them if you have one on your property or know where some of them are.

Discussion:

Ice Day

- Charlene will prepare a display board with No Mow May information (she will also send info for upcoming newsletters)
- Cam will make additional copies of the 10 Things You Can Do brochure and find out if there are any additional magnets, and he will find out who organized the table last year. Will Shelly be handing out trash bags again?
- We will advertise for an Instagram administrator, if we don't find one through Facebook prior to Ice Day

Garbage left by Ice fishing

- We will include this topic on our new YouTube channel.
- Does the DNR ever do checks anymore?
- Concern over safety of frozen beer bottles in fishing holes

YouTube Channel

- Cam will take this on. Potential topics are:
 - Trash on ice
 - Aqua thruster proper use/installation
 - AIS
 - Send suggestions to Cam

Instagram

- Ruth will advertise for an Instagram Administrator to start a HL account that educates and promotes best practices in a fun/humorous/engaging way.

PLM

- General disappointment and concern was expressed over the fact that PLM didn't include info for homeowners in our annual mailing. Those at the meeting that used them for the first time last year were very happy with the results. Cam will contact Brad Kipp to communicate our concerns.