

BLCA BOARD MINUTES

April 15, 2023

Present: Brad Kipp (President), Adele Munsterman (Vice-President), Shelly Alger-Peyton, Lynn Miller, Rosalie Musachio, Tom Nordin, Scott Ruiter

Guests: Steve DeMeules, Walt Munsterman

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M.

Board members introduced themselves.

Steve DeMeules from the Palmer Township Board reported that barricades had been put up due to the high water. People have been speeding through the water on the roads. There has been some buckling at the Briggs Lake landing ramp.

Shelly Alger-Peyton informed the Board that the BLCA would be allowed to place a document holder at the Palmer Town Hall.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Shelly and seconded by Adele. Motion passed.

No minutes from the March meeting were available.

Financial Report: Brad announced that Treasurer Diane Tiegs would be leaving the Board as of May 1. A new Treasurer is needed immediately. If anyone is interested, s/he should contact BLCA President Brad Kipp. Duties include using the QuickBooks program and donating at least 4 hours per week to take care of the bills and the books. There is a \$200 annual stipend for the job.

The Board reviewed the March 2023 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept by Tom Nordin; Second by Lynn Miller. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Facebook: Shelly Alger-Peyton reported that there are now 3,220 members of the BLCA Facebook site. A person must be a BLCA member or place an ad in the BLCA Directory to be able to post something. Let Shelly know if you would like something posted on Facebook.

Healthy Lakes: Instagram is up and running and has 4 members, to-date.

Website: Lynn Miller will put a photo of the high water in the area on the front page.

Directory: Lynn Miller reported that most contacts have renewed their ads for 2023. Deb Stacey made any corrections needed, and worked with Brad Kipp on the white pages. There will be 605 names listed in the 2023 Directory. It should be ready for distribution before Memorial Day.

TLID: Scott Ruiter announced that grants were received for treatment of the water on Rush and Briggs Lakes.

Healthy Lakes: Rosalie Musachio described the Youth Event that is being planned for 9:00-11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 3. There will be kayaks, canoes and paddleboats available for use by the kids who live on the Briggs Lake Chain. Bottled water and snacks will be provided.

There is \$700 in the Plant Bank, available for replacement plants for previous lakeshore projects.

Area residents are asked to get in the spirit of “No Mow May.”

Ideas are needed for workshops for education outreach by the Healthy Lakes Committee.

Motion made by Shelly Alger-Peyton to rename the Plant Bank the Healthy Lakes Plant Program. Second by Rosalie Musachio. Motion passed.

The Gentle Footprints name will remain the same.

BLCA members were encouraged to attend the upcoming event entitled “We Are Water” that will take place at the Sherburne County History Center from 5:00-7:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 20. Steve McCombes will speak about algae blooms.

Walt Munsterman announced that this year’s water testing will begin the second week of May.

Old Business

Tom Nordin gave an update on the progress of the new park near Elk Lake.

Tom Nordin brought samples of two styles of sign holders for Board members to consider. Motion was made by Shelly Alger-Peyton to purchase 8 signs, not to exceed \$100 each. Second by Tom Nordin. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, Acting Secretary

Upcoming Events:

May 11, 12, 13, 14 Briggs Lake Chain Annual Garage Sales

Friday, June 9 4:30 P.M. BLCA Board Meeting

5:30 P.M. BLCA General Membership Meeting

and Ice Cream Social at the Palmer Park shelter

Saturday, July 1 BLCA Boat Parade and Fireworks