

Healthy Lakes Committee  
July 6, 2023

BLCA: Shelly: The annual meeting was held last month, Cole Petrosky presented on water safety. There have been increased patrols on the water, with multiple reports of stops/monitoring. The new treasurer was voted in and is functioning in that role.

TLID: Prepping for the annual meeting on Saturday August 19. Residents will have the opportunity to provide input and a vote will be held on the budget.

Purple loosestrife: removal continues, much less growing compared to 2022, plans are in place to continue monitoring and removal.

Water testing continues as prior years. Additional testing for oxygen content at varying depths and phosphorus content is also being done in preparation for possible alum treatment including a carp study and core sample testing.

Gentle footprints/ Plant Grants: GF, same projects are under consideration and planning. PG received multiple applications that would use funds but follow up by applicants has been slow. There may be more applications considered if the current ones don't complete the process, a deadline for resident completion will be set by Bre.

EWM: James Johnson from Fresh Water Scientific reports, following his survey, that all four lakes are free of EWM.

The Youth Paddle Event was held on June 3. It was a small turn out but everyone who attended had a great time with kayaks, paddle boards, paddle boats, and canoes. Everyone agreed that it's worth doing again next year and marketing to the greater community to increase participation. Benefits include getting kids comfortable on the water, allowing families to try equipment before investing and deciding what kids will use safely and enjoy. The remaining bills were submitted to present to the BLCA for reimbursement, approximately \$175. It was recommended that we purchase two more banners for the YPE.

Personal Watercraft: PWC safety concerns were raised regarding speed, proximity to boats and swimmer safety. BLCA/Healthy lakes will post education/laws to remind riders of the safety rules and etiquette.

Palmer Day: BLCA is hoping to secure Steve McComas the Lake Detective for the August meeting. Several of tonight's attendees have heard him speak and agree that he provides great information in an interesting manner.

New Business: HLC will research talking points regarding septic systems around the lake. We would like to request that the BLCA and TLID coordinate with the county commissioners, especially Gary Gray to increase frequency of testing, especially around the waterways, to improve lake, river, and stream health. Mike Flannery from the TLID has already done work regarding this. HLC will further discuss drafting a letter to BLCA and TLID to pursue this more aggressively through the county to develop ordinances for inspection and repairs especially for older systems.