

BLCA BOARD MINUTES MAY 2023

**P** Brad Kipp, President **P** Adele Munsterman, Vice President

**A** Diane Tiegs, Treasurer **P** Debbie Stacey, Secretary

Deb Affeldt <b>P</b>	Lynn Miller <b>P</b>	Scott Ruiter <b>P</b>
Shelly Alger-Peyton <b>P</b>	Roger Miller <b>P</b>	
Cameron Graber <b>A</b>	Rosalie Musachio <b>A</b>	
Margie Macauley <b>P</b>	Tom Nordin <b>A</b>	

Guests: Walt Munsterman,

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 am

Introduction of board members

Motion to accept the agenda. Shelly Peyton second Margie Macauley motion passed

Motion to accept past meeting minutes Margie Macauley second Deb Affeldt motion passed

Financials : Diane is officially done as treasurer and board member. Brad can sign checks if you need one. Robin Uchanski will take over as treasurer. She was unable to come to this meeting however she will be at the June General meeting. Robin has done quick books and currently works for Shelly's husband. We will make her position official in June.

The IRS has finally figured out their stuff and resolved the problem. A check will be refunded to the BLCA

Motion to accept the financials Scott Ruiter Second Shelly Peyton

Membership: currently at 153. When the weather is nice the elk lake reps will go door to door talking about the BLCA . The other lake reps should think about doing this as well.

Question: Can we take credit cards? Answer. We will work on that and the BLCA will eat the fee if they pay by credit card as we do with Pay Pal

FACEBOOK: Shelly, Dave, and Ruth will continue to monitor facebook posts and make sure anyone posting on the page are members of the BLCA or advertise in the directory. Things are going well and currently there are about 3700 members.

INSTAGRAM: There will be a new site starting shortly. Ruth Thom is spearheading it. Samantha will be managing it. When it is up and running a link will be put on facebook and on the website.

NEWSLETTER: May 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter.

DIRECTORY: The directory is at the printer. They are shooting for completion by Memorial Day. There is one less page this year since the Palmer House did not follow through with their ad. Other than the Palmer House and Select Electric, we had pretty much everyone from last year repeat their ads. Owner of Select Electric may have retired and sold.

SUNSHINE: Happy Mother's Day to everyone. Cards have been sent to people. Shelly asked if we should dissolve the card mailings. Nothing was decided. Some people enjoyed getting a card. Others didn't care. If you know someone who needs a card, please let Adele know. Debbie will also put it in the newsletter.

TLID: Scott did not go to the last meeting. Biggest thing going on is the spraying of the curly leaf. James is doing survey very soon to let the DNR and PLM know the curly leaf is. Deb Affeldt would like to know more about the pellets. It was mentioned that they sell the pellets at Sentra Sota in Santiago.

COLA: They just had their executive meeting at the History Center. They discussed the watershed plan. There was also a great speaker on blue algae. 40% of the lake should be weedy for a healthy lake. The COLA directory is available. It should be emailed to all on the email list. June 13<sup>th</sup> is the COLA annual meeting. They are looking at a rake to do the launches. There is a bill in the legislature for ice fishing garbage violation and issuing citations.

HEALTHY LAKES: Shelly was updated by Chuck on the Gentle Footprints program. There are possibly 7 projects going right now with a couple of projects from last year on hold. Site visits will take place the week before Memorial Day. Plant bank has changed to the Healthy Lakes Plant Bank program. Another \$1000 has been allocated to them. You must be a BLCA member and forms are on the website. Bre will do a site visit to see what you can use.

WATER TESTING: Walt reported that testing starts Tuesday. Testing for PH, Sediment, Temperature and Dissolved oxygen. Also...van door broke.

BIG ELK PARK: There has been vandalization at the buildings. They will be building new buildings. Lots of planting planned. The Native American tribes must be present every day.

YOUTH PADDLE EVENT: Will be Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. No permits are needed.

HIGHWAY 25 CLEANUP: Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Meet at Palmer town hall.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Meeting will be Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Palmer Park Pavilion.

Board meeting will be at 5:30 ending at 6:15. 6:15 to approximately 6:45 we will be serving hot dogs, chips, cookie and water. General membership meeting will take place at approximately 6:45.

Brad will contact Cole Petrosky to be our guest speaker.

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> EVENTS: The boat parade will be Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> beginning with the line up at 11:45 to get numbers and register your boat. Gary Anderson will lead the parade on Big Elk. The upper 3 lakes need volunteers to take the lead. Need a volunteer to write up expectations of floats in the parade i.e. no political or off color.

SIGNS: Shelly is looking for someone to do signs. We need a volunteer to put up the no wakes on the upper three lakes. . Steve Demeules suggests we get new no wake signs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Margie Macauley Second Shelly Peyton

Respectfully submitted:

Debbie Stacey, Secretary