

BLCA BOARD MINUTES JULY 8, 2023 – Monthly Meeting 8:30am

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

P Robin Uchanski, Treasurer **A** Debbie Stacey, Secretary

Deb Affeldt P	Lynn Miller P
Shelly Alger-Peyton P	Roger Miller P
Rosalie Musachio P	Scott Ruitter P
Margie Macauley P	Tom Nordin P

Meeting was called to order at 8:30am

Introduction of board members

Motion to accept agenda as presented – motion - Rosalie M., second - Margie M. – motion passed.

Motion to accept past meeting minutes – Roger M., second - Margie M., motion passed

FINANCIALS: Brad K. and Robin U. are working on getting accounts transferred over and ordering check blanks. There have been some issues with passwords and Robin is working with Diane to resolve those issues. Paypal is having an issue, but Diane and Robin are working on correcting/changing that password for access.

This meeting is Robin’s first official meeting and without having complete access to all programs, Brad and Robin submitted another copy of the June budget for reference. With a no payments made since the June meeting and no sponsorships coming in there have been few changes to the financials to date.

No budget and/or fundraising suggestions presented at this meeting.

The 2024 BLCA Budget will be presented at the August Membership meeting on August 12, 2023 at the Palmer Township Hall at 9:30am.

No motion was needed to accept/approve the financials due to no changes made as of the June meeting. These will be discussed and approved at the August Membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: As of July, membership is at approximately 224 members. It was suggested that board members go door to door to deliver membership info/forms to new and existing residents that are not current members.

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 approximately 3500 members.

INSTAGRAM: There will be a new site started and 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. Instagram will be used to promote informational posts for the BLCA.

NEWSLETTER: JULY 26th is the deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter.

DIRECTORY: Roger and Lynn Miller have been the editors of the Palmer Directory for many years. They will be moving within the next year, so we will need to get a new editor(s) for our directory before October 2023 to start making calls for advertising pages and proofreaders for the white pages/community listings. Roger and Lynn stated that will help the next editor(s) get started with the directory for a smooth transition.

Brad addressed the printing discrepancies with the white/resident pages of the directories that were found in this years copies.

Brad had a meeting with Pete at Rengel printing to discuss the error and a discount off of our invoice. It was determined that 264 names were not printed out of 1800 names/addresses/phone numbers. The proofed pages that were sent to Rengel were complete, however they did not get printed for some unknown reason.

Pete at Rengel has offered to print 100 new/complete copies of the directory at no cost for the BLCA and the committee can hand out these complete directories to members that request a complete copy. Pete also offered to split the cost of the "white pages printing" in half with the BLCA and discount that amount off of the total cost for printing. Total cost = \$3,200.00, white pages printing cost = \$760.85 / 2 = \$380.43.

Motion to accept the discounted price of (50%) the white pages printing off the total cost \$760.85 / 2 = \$380.43 – Tom N., second - Scott R., motion passed

Rosalie asked if the BLCA could print extra pages of the missing names, cut them to the directory size and attach/tape them in the directories. It was determined that 90% of the directories have been delivered and there is no benefit to printing copies of these missing pages. However, Brad has a complete digital copy of the directory if any community member would like him to print a copy for them and/or they can request a new directory out of the 100 that are going to be reprinted by Rengel at not charge.

SUNSHINE: No cards sympathy cards mailed out this month, but one thank you card was mailed out to Roger Johnson, Township Treasurer for the fireworks donation. Adele did state that she would like to continue with the sunshine mailing and enjoys having this responsibility.

TLID: Scott R. - stated that the upper 3 lakes are still milfoil free for the 5th year in a row per the DNR and Elk Lake has also been determined to be milfoil free.

August 19, 2023 @ 10:00am is the TLID Annual meeting at the Palmer Townhall. At this meeting they will discuss the budget for 2024 and water and stabilization plans.

Water testing that started in May/June and is continuing weekly through September for our regular water testing with additional temperature and core testing for the Alum Feasibility.

Rosalie M. – asked about the septic system study that was completed 10+ years ago to determine if any property owners septic systems were leaking around the chain. She has been told that many people have septic systems that have not been inspected and are leaking into their properties and in turn into our lakes. Shelly A.P. stated that unfortunately septic systems do not legally have to be inspected if the property is sold under a Contact For Deed to a family member, so the septic system will go uninspected for who know how long if the property owners don't check and/or pump their septic system or want to pay to have them serviced. Scott R. stated that the properties in the fly over study 10+ years ago that were determined to be having issues were contacted directly and were supposedly repaired. Scott R. also stated that Sherburne County has a robust septic program and is allegedly one of the best in the surrounding area. Bre B. stated that she is working on info graphics for social media outlets to inform

residents about septic/sewer system care, AIS, etc. and will share those with Ruth T. and Shelly A.P. to post on Facebook, Instagram and website locations.

COLA: Shelly A.P. - No updates since June meeting. Next COLA meeting will be August 2, 2023.

HEALTHY LAKES: Bre B. - There are 6 Gentle Footprint projects developing right now with 2 projects from last year on hold. 4 of 6 site visits have been completed and plans are being generated between Franny (SWCD) and Bre (MNL). The Healthy Lakes Plant bank has approved 7 -9 mini grant projects up to \$200 per project.

The first annual Youth Paddle was a success. Ruth and Naomi hope next year will be a larger event/turn-out and they will submit advertising materials at local schools before the end of the 2024 school year and promote the event more heavily for 2024.

Scott R. – asked what his next steps are for his HL’s Plant Bank project that was approved, but is currently pending. He asked if Shelly & Bre could send out a pending email when applicants are approved but are put on the pending list due to funding and/or timelines due to numerous applications submissions at one time. Shelly A.P. & Bre apologized for not sending out a “pending” email and agreed it makes sense to send out an approval email and then a pending email if needed to keep residents informed of each step of their planting project.

BIG ELK PARK: Tom N. – stated that there have been no updates since the June membership meeting. Project Manager Gina Hugo is a great coordinator for this large project and is on top of all cleanup/construction plans.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS: The boat parade was a success, fewer entries than a few years ago, but still a fun event and positive feedback from community members. The six winners of the boat parade (3 for Briggs Chain & 3 for Elk Lake) may stop in today and pickup their checks or Robin will coordinate with the winners to get them their checks via mail or pickup.

Palmer Day planning is well underway and will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023 with setup on Saturday September 8, 2023. Lyf T. and Shelly A.P. are the co-chairs of our BLCA food booth again this year. Shelly A.P. will be reaching out for volunteers for our BLCA food booth shifts and she will also post a Signup Genius form on our BLCA Facebook page for people to signup on. The food booth is a large fundraiser for the BLCA so we want to continue to make it a success.

Brad K. asked if anyone would be interested in constructing a float for the BLCA for the Palmer Day parade this year or if anyone present at the meeting knew of anyone in the community would we interested. Brad will reach out to the people that volunteered last year to see if they will volunteer again this year and keep the committee posted. Shelly A.P. will also put a post on the BLCA Facebook page for float volunteers.

BLCA Fireworks display (Rez Pyro Company) – Scott R. suggested that the BLCA make a donation to the Mark Baker crew that has been volunteering to set up the fireworks on the pontoon platforms for several years. Scott R. also suggested we make a donation to Ruben Schmidt who has been volunteering to store the 3 BLCA pontoon barges during the off season for many years.

The committee discussed and agreed that a donation of \$200 would be made to Mark Baker for fireworks display setup and a \$300 donation to Ruben Schmidt for the fireworks pontoon barge storage.

Motion made by Scott R. to make a \$200 donation to Mark Baker and a \$300 donation to Ruben Schmidt, Rosalie M., first, Roger M. seconded the motions were passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 8:30am.

Board meeting – 830am-930am

Membership meeting – 930am-1000am, approximately

Guest Speaker – Steve McComas, The Lake Detective – approx. 1000am-1100am

Board/Committee members whose terms expire in August 2023 and were asked if they would like to renew for another 2-year term are:

Deb Affeldt – no

Shelly Alger-Peyton – yes

Brad Kipp – no as president, but will stay on board as a past president

Adele Munsterman – not present

Rosalie Muschaio – yes

Scott Ruiter - no

Discussion about re-starting the Neighborhood Watch program was tabled until a future meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:29am – Roger M., second – Deb A. motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelly Alger-Peyton for Debbie Stacey, Secretary