

BLCA BOARD MINUTES August 12, 2023 – Monthly Meeting 8:30am

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

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:30am

Introduction of board members

Motion to accept agenda as presented – motion – Shelly A., second – Adelle M. – motion passed.

Motion to accept past meeting minutes – Shelly A., second - Tom M., motion passed

FINANCIALS: Robin was not in attendance so Brad presented the financials.

Motion to accept the financials as presented – motion – Roger M., second – Rosalie M., motion passed.

Proposed budget discussion: A committee was formed to review the budget and recommend changes. On the committee was Scott R., Shelley A.P., Tom N., and Brad K.

Donations:

Fireworks – we have been picking up the balance of fireworks and budgeted \$9,500 to reflect our possible commitment.

Other Income:

Amazon Smile is no longer a contributor, this was a very small amount in the past.

Clear Lake Lions – they no longer contribute to the fireworks as it does not fall within their guidelines. We have gotten donations for technology, but we did not request anything this past year, so they are not in the budget.

Directory – expected to be a little less this year from \$6,000 to \$5,500.

McDonald’s Meats – are not doing fundraising booths this year, due to the remodel.

Palmer Day – Changed to \$10,000, this more accurately reflects the income anticipated.

Expenses:

AIS – Changed to \$4,500 from \$6,000 to more accurately reflect the expense.

The budget reflects a \$5,120 deficit. This is anticipated to be made up through donations.

Discussion on proposed budget:

Nancy asked about AIS expenses and for more clarity on what the TLID pays for on the upper 3 lakes and what the BLCA pays for on Big Elk.

Rosalie agreed that more detail is needed on how that money is spent in relation to the TLID.

Scott pointed out that the TLID has gotten grants so that the BLCA doesn't have to spend as money.

Motion to accept the proposed budget as presented: Rosalie M, Second: Shelly A. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP: As of August, membership is at approximately 240 members. If someone donates to the Fireworks fund, they are counted as a member.

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 3700 members. If anyone notices anything inappropriate or questionable, let Shelly A. or Ruth T. know.

INSTAGRAM: There is a new site started and Ruth Thom is spearheading it. Samantha will be managing it. We do not have many followers yet. Looking for help getting this up and running.

NEWSLETTER: We will miss Deb Stacey, Brad K. will take over the newsletter.

WEBSITE: Lynn is retiring from the website in the next couple of months. Looking for someone to take on this position.

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.

The directories were printed with many of the white pages entries missing. We now have 100 copies of the complete directory for anyone who wants one. There are also white pages available for anyone who wants one.

SUNSHINE: No activity this month.

TLID: Scott R. -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. They are busy getting ready for that meeting.

COLA: Shelly A.P. –

Scott R. – 3 counties have lakes that are listed as priority water systems. Upper 3 lakes are listed and Big Elk River.

HEALTHY LAKES

Plant program – Shelly A.P. There are 12 applications for mini grants, which are up to \$200 in free plants. Site visits are done. 4 of the projects are put off to next year due to timing. There is \$700 left over from previous years and \$1,000 deposited. There is \$1,053 left right now. There is an application on facebook, or applicants can contact Shelly A.

Gentle Footprints – Shelly A.P. Shoreline restoration are filtering systems using plants. BLCA contributes \$1,500 as a match and Soil and Water contributes \$5,000 as a match. There are 4 projects in process at the current time. 1 larger project from a couple of years ago is ready to go ahead now. Applications are available on facebook, the website or by contacting Shelly A.

Water Testing – Walt M. reported that every 2 weeks phosphorus is tested, it is the same, not going down as compared to the last 17 years.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS:

Palmer Day – Shelly A.P. – volunteers are needed for Palmer Day. Sign ups went around at the meeting. We raised prices on food last year and the prices will stay the same for this year. Volunteers are needed for Friday for set up, Saturday, Sept. 9 for the event and Sunday for clean up.

BOARD NOMINTATIONS: The following board members will stay on for a 2 year term.

Shelly Alger-Peyton – President

Tom Nordin – Vice President

Brad Kipp – past board President

Open – Secretary

Margie McCauley

Rosalie Muschaio

A vote was held and all were approved for another 2 year term.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2023 at 8:30am.

Motion to reschedule to September 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. : Shelly A.P., Second: Roger M.