

BLCA BOARD MINUTES October 14, 2023 – Monthly Meeting 8:30am

P Shelly Alger-Peyton, President

P Tom Nordin, Vice President

P Robin Uchanski, Treasurer

A Vacant, Secretary

Brad Kipp **P**

Scott Ruiter **P**

Lynn Miller **P**

Roger Miller **P**

Rosalie Musachio **P**

Margie Macauley **P**

Guests: Dave B., Dave M. Ruth T., Brad T.

Meeting was called to order at 8:35am

Introduction of board members

Motion to accept agenda as presented – motion – Ruth T., second – Margie M. – motion passed.

Motion to accept past meeting minutes – Tom N., second - Rosalie M., motion passed

FINANCIALS: Robin presented the financials through September 2023.

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

Officer compensation for 2022/2023 discussion:

\$250 – President - Brad Kipp

\$100 – Vice President - Adele Munsterman

\$200 – Secretary – Deb Stacey

~~\$200~~ \$100 – Treasurer – Diane Tiegs

\$200 – Newsletter editor – Deb Stacey

\$200 – Palmer Directory editor – Roger Miller

\$50 – Treasurer 2nd half of 2023 – Robin Uchanski

\$50 – President began 10/1/23 – Shelly Alger-Peyton

Total = \$1,150.00 per approved 2023 budget

- Compensations were discussed and it was decided to approve all compensation amounts that were originally approved for the 2023 budget, except for the following changes: Diane T. will receive \$100 instead of \$200 for a ½ a year of service and it was proposed by Lynn M. that the remaining \$100 be split as follows: \$50.00 will go to Robin Uchanski for stepping in as Treasurer in August 2023 and \$50.00 to Shelly Alger-Peyton as the new President.

- Motion to accept the compensation revisions for the 2022/2023 officers – Brad K., second – Roger M., motion passed.

Ice Day Event – Forrest Brothern asked Shelly AP, outside of the meeting, if he could get his approved funds and membership donations amount to begin Ice Day preparations. Shelly looked at the budget and saw a discrepancy of the funding amount from 2022 to 2023. In 2022 the board approved a \$4,000.00 budget allotment for Ice Day paid in two installments, one in Dec. of 2022 and one in Jan. of 2023. However, the 2023 budget reflected one payment, but did not reflect the second payment and the 2024 budget was approved for \$2,000.00 and not the original approved amount of \$4,000.00.

- It was discussed that the 2024 budget be corrected and reflect the original approval amount of \$4,000.00 be approved along with the \$860.00 in BLCA membership donations for Ice Day and the funds be given to Forrest immediately in one payment for event preparation.

- Motion to correct the Ice Day budget to \$4,000.00 in addition to including the membership donations of \$860.00 for a total of \$4,860.00 to Forrest Brothern in one payment – Brad K., approved by all, motion passed.

- Further discussion of Ice Day budget was tabled and will take place at Nov. 2023 meeting for committee members that want to discuss a possible budget decrease.

- The BLCA will have a conservation table setup again at Ice Day on Feb. 10, 2024 along with membership materials, informing attendees about Ice Fishing etiquette and pet waste cleanup importance.

- It was suggested the possibility if people completed a 2024 BLCA membership form including payment during Ice Day receive an extra raffle ticket. This idea was presented to Forrest and Shelly will inform board with an answer. Shelly will handle membership forms and payments during Ice Day if/when approved.

Liability insurance/COLA membership/MN Conservation Waters membership & payments

- Shelly inquired if the payment for the BLCA liability insurance was made and Robin stated she received the invoice and will get that paid along with the COLA membership payment.

- Ruth T. will look into the MN Conservation Waters membership pros and cons.

BLCA Checkbook Audit

- The possibility of having the checkbook audited by an outside individual was discussed, no fraudulent behavior is suspected we would just like to start the new board members with a balanced clear budget. However, at this time it was determined that Robin U. will go back 2 years to make sure all budget credit/debit amounts are correct and will report any issues. If Robin finds any issues we will have community Karen Jones or another individual with accounting experience look over the finances. Roger Miller stated that a CPA does not have to perform an actual “audit” an financial person can look over the financials and determine if there are any issues and the board agreed.

Other Income:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership - As of October, membership is at approximately 250 members.
- The color of lime green was decided upon for the 2024 membership placards.
- 2-3 volunteers are needed to assist with BLCA membership packet mailing in Dec./Jan.
- We are still in need of a secretary on the board, talk to neighbors, friends, etc. for a volunteer.

Facebook: - Things are going well and currently there are approximately 3700 members. If anyone notices anything inappropriate or questionable, inform Shelly AP. or Ruth T.

Instagram: - There is a new site editor, Samantha Pulmski. Send her any information or videos that you would like posted.

- Newsletter:** - Brad K. will email out the newsletter around Oct. 30th, have any pictures, articles to him before the deadline.
- Website:** - Bre Bauerly will take over the website editing and will work with Patrick Plant to get password access, editing questions, etc. Doug Solem is the editor for the TLID link and Ruth Thom is the editor for the Healthy Lakse link.
- Directory:** - We are still in need of an editor(s) to replace Roger and Lynn Miller. Talk to neighbors, friend, etc. for interest.
- Sunshine:** - No activity this month.
- TLID:** - Scott R. – stated 2 new members on the TLID are attending training, we completing the Alum feasibility testing as of October and the core sampling will be completed on 10/10/23 and then results of all testing except for the carp study should be sent to the TLID this Winter and the carp study will take place this Spring 2024.
- COLA:** - Shelly A.P. – Starry Trek for Stonewart took place in August, MN COLA meeting was held in Sept. results available at next meeting if needed, AIS Task Force meeting taking place in Sept., a new 5yr. AIS task force plan needs to be created and Dan C. will head this up and it will include AID studies, water guard funding, etc., Watershed Advisory Board met in Aug. Scott R. is our SC COLA rep., water shed committee will meet again in Oct. to discuss action plan, 1W1P committee meets quarterly to discuss plan and Dan. C. will send out updates and the COLA is looking at creating a “Shared Water Testing Committee” to create a plan to have all COLA members use one lab for water testing to cut down on costs.
- Healthy Lakes:** - Bre B. – Planting projects have wrapped up for the season and will begin again Spring of 2024. Additional approved BLCA funds will need to be transferred to the Healthy Lakes Plant Bank Program in the Spring of 2024 for individuals on the waiting list and for additional applications.
- Water Testing** – Walt M. was not present to update, however the board is aware that water testing will conclude for the season in mid-October and the Alum Feasibility Study testing will conclude at the same time with core sampling being completed on October 10, 2023.
- we would also like to generate a list of current community members that are trained for water testing and recruit more volunteers for this annual job Many-Sept./Oct. and create a “how to manual” for water testing for future water testers.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS:

Ice Day on the Chain 2024 – February 10th – Shelly AP. - volunteers are needed for setup on Friday, February 9th and Cleanup on Sunday, February 11th. We will have a conservation table setup again at this event and have materials to pass out regarding “Ice Fishing Etiquette” along with membership information and announcements will be made throughout the day to address pet waste, garbage and conservation. It was suggested to have an new/existing members that signup and pay for a BLCA membership at Ice Day receive an extra raffle ticket, Shelly AP. will discuss this suggestion with Forrest B.

Halloween/Trick-or-Treating – October 31st - Nancy Berg will generate a map & monitor for Halloween treat handout addresses.

Fall Adopt-a-Hwy 25 Ditch Cleanup - Saturday, October 28th 10am-12 - meet at Palmer Townhall - details on Facebook & BLCA website, volunteers needed.

Lighted Train on the Chain – Saturday, December 2nd – Robert Sinclair heads up this event, watch the BLCA Facebook page for details.

OLD BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Watch on Briggs Chain – Should this be regenerated? Who will chair this group?

- This was tabled for this meeting and will be revisited in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need to draft 2024 committee goals & objectives by November meeting, this was tabled for November meeting.

- Review committee chair duties per BLCA by-laws, any updating needed? Committee members asked to have time to go over current by-laws and we will discuss at November meeting.

- Review volunteers/events for 2023/24 events:

- Membership mailing prep – Brad K. will update and print out membership supplies, but would like a few volunteers to help assemble membership packets.

- Ice Day on the Chain – volunteer sign-up Genius document will be posted on the BLCA Facebook page prior to event for signup.

- Garage Sale social media map setup – a map can be generated by a volunteer in May 2024 if it is found to be a helpful resource for garage sale participants.

- McDonald's Meats brat/chop sale – Shelly AP. & Brad K. will inform committee when information is sent out about Spring 2024 brat sale time slots.

- 4th of July boat parade & fireworks – Shelly AP. & Brad K. will inform committee when information is sent out about Firework display dates and to discuss the boat parade schedule in a couple months.

- Palmer Day parade entry & food booth, tabled until Spring 2024.

- Discuss possibility of getting volunteers to setup a weekend/weekday schedule to deliver ice fishing etiquette fliers & garbage bags to all ice houses on all 4 lakes throughout the ice fishing season, Shelly AP. will generate/find a flier to deliver to fish houses through the ice fishing season along with orange/yellow garbage bag costs.

- Need a volunteer to update "Welcome Walker" packet for 2023/24 for new residents. Shelly will email original document to volunteer for editing.

- Shelly AP. will put together "Welcome Packets" for board members to distribute to new community members that move to the lake/neighborhood. Packets will include: Welcome Walker packet, membership form, Gentle Footprint & Health Lakes Plant program information, anything else?

- Generate an email address for the BLCA to receive emailed membership forms, programs forms and other documents if/when needed? If approved, who would monitor and email address would need to be added to the membership form, Brad K. said the emails come a

BLCA email address, however there can only be one user on the account at a time and Brad K. is the current recipient and will forward emails as needed.

- Who pays for dumpsters at boat launches? Shelly AP. is checking into this question and it is possible that the township pays for the dumpsters, but she will find out.

- Need a volunteer(s) to move porta potties and/or work with the Township to move these up to dry land on all 3 or 4 lake accesses every Spring to avoid the potties tipping over during high water and spilling into our lake water and then returning them to their original locations once water recedes, Shelly AP. will see if someone can contact Nelson Sanitation in the Spring and/or if a community member can move the units.

- Need a volunteer or volunteers to put out and remove high water signs as needed throughout the Spring/Summer months. High Water statue number (or number on each sign) needs to be updated. Signs are currently in BLCA closet at the Townhall.

- Schedule Steve McComas for a Spring presentation 2024? It was agreed upon to contact Steve McComas and see what is schedule is for a March/April 2024 presentation, Shelly AP. will reach out and get details.

Motion to adjourn Rosalie M., seconded by Roger M. - motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelly Alger-Peyton, President & Robin Uchanski, Treasurer

Upcoming October / November Meetings and Events

BLCA Board Meeting:	2 nd Saturday of the month – Nov. 11 th at 8:30 am
Clear Lake Township Board:	3 rd Tues of the month – Oct. 17 th at 7:00 pm
Healthy Lakes:	1 st Thursday of the month – Nov. 2 nd at 6:30 pm
3 Lake LID meeting:	1 st Monday of the month – Nov. 6 th at 6:00 pm
Palmer Township Board meeting:	2 nd Monday - Nov. 13 th at 7:00 pm