

## BLCA BOARD MINUTES     January 13, 2024

**Present:** Shelly Alger-Peyton, President                     Ruth Thom  
                Tom Nordin, Vice-President                         Brad Thom  
                Robin Uchanski, Treasurer                             Margie Macauley  
                Adele Munsterman, Secretary

**Absent:** Rosalie Musachio, Bre Bauerly, Brad Kipp, Lynn and Roger Miller

**Guests:** Scott Ruitter, Walt Munsterman, Tim Letner

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M.

Motion to adopt the agenda: Robin Uchanski, Second: Brad Thom Motion passed

Motion to approve the minutes from the December, 2023 meeting:

Robin Uchanski, Second: Brad Thom; Motion passed

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Robin Uchanski reported that there had been no changes in the organization's finances since the December meeting. Motion to accept the January financial report: Ruth Thom, Second: Brad Thom; Motion passed

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** The annual January mailing of the BLCA membership renewal form and other information has been sent. Thank you to those who helped stuff the envelopes for mailing.

**Social Media:** 2700 people are registered on the BLCA Facebook account.

**BLCA Newsletter:** The deadline for submission of articles, photos, and anything that should be included in the February edition is January 22. Please send your items to Brad Kipp.

**BLCA Website:** Bre Bauerly has been working on it, making some editorial changes and updating the posted information.

**BLCA Welcome Walker Packet:** Shelly Alger-Peyton is working on putting informational items together, to be included in the 2024 packet. Folders will be given to area realtors and new lake property owners. BLCA Board members can also help distribute them.

**Palmer Directory:** Lynn and Roger Miller will send out a letter in the coming week to solicit ads for the 2024 directory. Please email them the name of a business or individual who might be interested in purchasing ad space in the publication.

**Sunshine Chair:** Be sure to send an email message to Adele Munsterman if a card needs to be sent to a lake resident in the case of illness or a death in the family. [Wmunst1007@aol.com](mailto:Wmunst1007@aol.com)

**TLID:** Surveys will be done in the spring regarding aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the Briggs Lake Chain. Scott Ruitter reported that the DNR is recommending a new chemical for the spraying of Curly Leaf that is 50% less expensive than what has been used previously. A replacement for Stacy S. on the TLID Board will be needed in the Spring when she moves out of the area.

**COLA:** Steve McComas will make a presentation at the April 13 meeting of the BLCA Board. Members of the eight other Sherburne County COLA associations will be invited to attend, also.

**Water Testing:** Walt Munsterman presented the results of the twice-monthly water testing that was done on the four BLCA lakes in 2023. Many thanks to the people who helped with this important project from May through October: Suggestions for lowering the phosphorus levels of the lake water included shoreline restoration and not using lawn fertilizers.

**Healthy Lakes:** Ruth Thom shared information about an 8-hour on-line course about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) that will be offered by the University of Minnesota from February 5 to March 18. A grant proposal has been submitted that would cover the \$75 fee for interested BLCA members to register. The TLID will cover the fee if no grant money is available.

Shelly Peyton-Alger has spoken with people from the DNR about signage for the four boat landings and Ice Day that would inform ice anglers of the new “no garbage left on the ice” law. Permission must be received from the DNR and the county before any signs can be posted. It is anticipated that five (5) signs will be ordered, and that the cost will be considerably lower than predicted.

**Big Elk Park (Two Inlets Regional Park):** Tom Nordin reported that walking paths are now open, with two miles of trails ready for use. Please remember that there are burial grounds throughout the area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The February BLCA Board meeting is scheduled for the same date as Ice Day. It was decided to leave it as such, on February 10.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adele Munsterman

BLCA Secretary

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wednesday, January 18: Two Inlets Regional Park Committee,  
12:30 P.M. Sherburne County Court House, Elk River**

**Thursday, February 1: Healthy Lakes, 6:30 P.M., Palmer Town Hall**

**Saturday, February 10:**

**BLCA Board Meeting, 8:30 A.M., Palmer Town Hall**

**Ice Day: Volunteers needed for set-up, help at the event, tear-down**

**NOTE: The Ice Day event may have to be moved to Palmer Park if the ice thickness on Lake Julia does not meet safety requirements.**

**Monday, February 5: 3-Lake LID Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Palmer Town Hall**

**Monday, February 12: Palmer Township Board Meeting  
7:00 P.M., Palmer Town Hall**

**Tuesday, February 16: Clear Lake Township Board, 7:00 P.M.  
Clear Lake Town Hall**