

## **BLCA BOARD MINUTES   APRIL 13, 2024**

**Present:** Shelly Alger-Peyton. President

Tom Nordin, Vice-President

Robin Uchanski, Treasurer

Adele Munsterman, Secretary

Bre Bauerly

Margy McCauley

Lynn Miller

Roger Miller

Rosalie Musachio

**Absent:** Brad Kipp, Brad Thom, Ruth Thom

**Guests:** Steve Demeules, Mike Donnelly, Amy Dirkes, Nancy Hahn, Tom Hahn, Roland Johnson, Barb Keenan, Richard Kruse, Charlene Langowski, Tammy Legatt-Johnson, Tim Letner, Rick Lowry, Dave Maiers, Cheryl Minichilli, Walt Munsterman, Scott Ruitter, Bob Sass, Jan Stowe, Andrew Stowe, Dave Bokleman, Renee Bokleman, Richard Vosika

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. by BLCA President Shelly Alger-Peyton. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

A reminder was given that only Board members may make or second a motion, and vote during a meeting. Anyone in attendance may add to the discussion of agenda items.

Motion and second to adopt the proposed agenda. Motion passed.

Motion and second to approve the minutes from the March 2023 meeting, with the addition of Rosalie Musachio in attendance.

Motion passed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Robin Uchanski presented the April financial report.

A question was asked about the \$157 expenditure for weed control on Elk Lake. It was for Eurasian milfoil.

Motion and second to accept the financial report, as submitted:

Motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** BLCA membership payments are still coming in. They may be mailed, along with a check. There is also a new on-line form for membership renewal for 2024 (PayPal) that may be found at:

[blca@briggslakechainassociation.com](mailto:blca@briggslakechainassociation.com)

**Social Media:** Facebook - 4300+ users are registered

Web site/Instagram: No report

**Communications:** Photos and articles for the April newsletter are due by April 24.

**Palmer Directory:** Dave Maiers reported that all advertisers for this year's directory have been determined, and that they are working on submitting their logos/ad layout. Brad Kipp is updating and checking names and addresses, because a number of properties have changed owners in the past year.

**Sunshine Chair:** Please send an email message to Adele Munsterman if a greeting card needs to be sent to a BLCA member in the case of illness or a death in the family.

### **TLID (Three Lakes Improvement District)**

A survey was completed by James Johnson of Freshwater Scientific. No curlyleaf pondweed was found on Rush Lake. Briggs Lake and Lake Julia will be treated the week of April 22.

More funding may be sought to accommodate requests for free native plants from the Plant Bank.

**COLA:** No recent meeting/Nothing to report

**Water Testing:** Walt Munsterman will head up the water testing again this summer, beginning in May, with samples to be taken every other week. People on each lake have been trained and are ready to go! The strange weather this year should bring interesting results.

**Big Elk Lake:** Rosalie Musachio shared details about the new park, located at County Road 16 and 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. One trail is open, but there will be no trail along the lake. There will be no restrooms or boat launches. Twenty-two more buildings still need to be deconstructed. The historical site will have a low impact on traffic in the area.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The dates of Fishing Opener Weekend (Thursday to Sunday) have been confirmed for the BLCA annual fund-raiser at McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake. A sign-up list was passed around the room, to recruit volunteers for the event. Much help will be needed for our most important fund-raiser of the year.
2. The BLCA will sponsor a free tree/shrub giveaway on Saturday, morning, May 4, in the Palmer Town Hall parking lot. BLCA members may pick up one free tree and one free shrub. First come-first served!
3. If the Neighborhood Watch program is to be revived, a Chairperson will be needed to coordinate it. Let Shelly know if you are able to help.
4. New Welcome Walker packets have been assembled, and they will be given to area realtors to distribute. If you know of any new residents in your neighborhood, please bring a packet to them as you welcome them to the Briggs Lake Chain.
5. Due to the high cost of weed skimmers (\$16,000), one may be rented this year during a pilot project to see how it works.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**President Shelly Alger-Peyton presented an official certificate to declare April 13 "Lynn and Roger Miller Day," and to thank two Board members whose terms have come to an end. We thank them for their years of service to the BLCA and the Board, particularly for their work on the BLCA Directory. They will be missed!**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Due to the late hour, and guest speakers scheduled at 10:00, the following New Business items were tabled until the May meeting:

1. Purchase of an 8' flag/banner to be used at BLCA events
2. Plans for food for the June BLCA picnic in the Palmer Park

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Three representatives from the PLM Company and Steve McComas from Blue Water Science in St. Paul were the guest speakers of the day. Refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, BLCA Secretary

## **BLCA UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

**May 2: Healthy Lakes, 6:30 P.M.**

**May 4: BLCA Tree/Shrub Giveaway**

**May 6: 3-Lake LID Meeting: 6:00 P.M.**

**May 9-12: BLCA Spring Garage Sales (Thursday – Sunday)**

A map of participating sales will be available on Facebook.

**May 9-11: BLCA Fund-Raiser at McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake**

**May 11: BLCA Board Meeting, 8:30 A.M.**

**May 11: Minnesota Fishing Opener**

**May 13: Palmer Township Board, 7:00 P.M.**

**May 16: Clear Lake Township Board, 7:00 P.M.**

**May 18: Annual Palmer Clean-up Day, 7:00 A.M. - Noon**

This is the time to get rid of old junk!

**July 6: Annual BLCA Boat Parade, Noon**

Line up at 11:30 A.M. on Briggs and Elk lakes.

**July 6: Independence Day Fireworks Display, 9:00 P.M. (Dusk)**

**Briggs Lake**

**August 5: National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch Picnics**

**September 7: Palmer Day**