

BLCA BOARD MINUTES MAY 11, 2024

Present: Shelly Alger-Peyton. President
Adele Munsterman, Secretary

Bre Bauerly
Brad Kipp
Margie McCauley
Rosalie Musachio

Absent: Dave Maiers, Tom Nordin, Brad Thom, Ruth Thom, Robin Uchanski

Guests: Chuck Heinemann, Donna Kipp, Richard Kruse, Tammy Legatt-Johnson, Cheryl Minichilli, Kenzie Phelps, Janet Stowe, Andrew Stowe, Marjory Templeton

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 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 made and Seconded to adopt the proposed agenda. Motion passed.

Motion made and Seconded to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Robin Uchanski sent the May financial report to all Board members prior to today's meeting.

Motion made and seconded to accept the financial report, as submitted: Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: BLCA sponsorship payments continue to come in, with an increase in the use of PayPal. They may also be mailed, along with a check for \$40.

Welcome Walker folders will be given to four area realtors, to be distributed at the closing on any Briggs Lake Chain property that is sold. Board members and other residents can help by talking to new neighbors and handing out the folders, as well. Shelly Alger-Peyton has extra folders.

The BLCA's GoDaddy account will expire at the end of May. It will need to be updated with the names of new users.

Social Media: Facebook: 4400+ users are registered, to-date.
Reminder: You must be a paid BLCA sponsor to be able to advertise on the site.

Web site: Bre Bauerly is working to clean up the Home Page, as well as posting updates, pics, and events.

Communications: Photos and articles for the May newsletter are due to Brad Kipp by May 26.

Palmer Directory: Dave Maiers is the lead person on this project. Brad Kipp is cross-checking the 1275 names that will be listed in the White Pages. The first week of June is the target date for distribution of the 2024 Palmer Directory.

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. Thank-you notes were sent to the guest speakers/presenters from the April meeting.

TLID (Three Lakes Improvement District)

A survey was completed by James Johnson of Freshwater Scientific. No curly leaf pond weed was found on Rush Lake. Briggs Lake and Lake Julia were treated on April 24. Purple Loose Strife will be

treated on August 5. A carp study will be conducted in the late summer.

There was discussion of initiating a pilot program for weed removal next summer (2025), with the possible use of a weed skimmer. The cost factor and potential companies to hire are being considered. Funds for AIS are included in the annual BLCA budget.

COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations)

Shelly-Alger-Peyton attended the recent Executive Board meeting of the COLA. She reported that the Briggs Lake Chain Association is looked up to for acquiring grant funds and for action taken on lake-related issues.

Healthy Lakes:

Bre Bauerly invited anyone interested in joining this volunteer committee to get involved.

Forty people picked up the free trees and shrubs that were given away on May 4. An application to tap into the remaining funds of \$1,000+ in the Plant Bank will be posted on-line.

Brief discussion of the purchase of boat key floats for BLCA members, but no decision made.

Training documents have been received for the Lake Steward program that will be initiated through Minnesota Lakes and Rivers.

A second Youth Day paddle event is in the planning stages for later this summer. Bre Bauerly and Ruth Thom are heading up this event.

Water Testing: Walt Munsterman will head up the water testing once again this summer, beginning the second week of May, due to the recent high-water levels. Water samples will be taken every other week on all four lakes, analyzed and results tracked by a research lab in Fridley.

Two Inlets Park: Rosalie Musachio shared details about the new park, located at County Road 16 and 104th Ave. The Weiss farm was purchased with grant money, and Sherburne County is overseeing

the project. Members of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and the Upper/Lower Sioux nations are helping with the 10-year developmental plan. The area is intended to become a nature preserve, open to the Public during daylight hours. There will be no restrooms or boat landings, no picnic shelter or parking lot. To-date, a one-mile trail is open, but it is not handicap accessible. No community event is scheduled for this summer.

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. Four volunteers are needed per shift. Times are 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Let Shelly Alger-Payton know if you can help!
2. The Water Patrol will be out during the Fishing Opener. A High Water alert is still in effect for Elk Lake. Gary Anderson is the point person for the alerts.
3. A Chairperson is needed to coordinate and revive the Neighborhood Watch program. Let Shelly know if you are interested.
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. The Palmer Clean-up Day will be on May 18.
6. Garage sales will be going on around the Briggs Lake Chain area from Thursday through Sunday, during the Fishing Opener Weekend.
7. **The June BLCA General Membership Meeting will be on Friday, June 7, at the Palmer Park shelter, following the Board meeting at 4:30. There will be free food, door prizes and fun! Guest speakers will be Cole Petroske, a Recreational Enforcement Officer for Sherburne County, and Trent Seamans from the MN DNR.**
8. Shelly Alger-Peyton and her husband will lead the boat parade on Saturday, July 6.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fish stocking has been done, with 500 walleyes for each of Elk and Rush Lakes.
2. Discussion of the purchase of a \$150 feather flag to be used at BLCA events. Motion made and Seconded to purchase one flag from Amazon. Motion passed.
3. Discussion of the purchase of new High Water/No Wake signs. This will have to wait until next year. The amount budgeted for this year was already spent on signs about the new garbage clean-up ordinance.

Chuck Heinemann and Kenzie Phelps presented their ideas about reinstating the “This I Remember . . .” feature in the BLCA’s Lake Report. They would like to interview long-time area residents and ask them to share their stories. It was proposed that these articles be alternated with Opinion/Question articles.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, BLCA Secretary

BLCA UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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