

BLCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2024 @ 5:00pm PALMER PARK

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

Bre Bauerly, Brad Kipp, Brad Thom

Absent: Dave Maiers, Margy McCauley, Rosalie Musachio, Ruth Thom, Robin Uchanski

Guests: Rick Alger-Peyton Steve Demeules, Virginia Demeules, Chuck Heinemann, Scott Ruitter

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 P.M. by BLCA President Shelly Alger-Peyton. She informed the Board that the High Water Ordinance was now in effect on Big Elk Lake. E-mail alerts were sent out in groups of 100 at a time.

Motion made and Seconded to adopt the proposed agenda. Motion passed.

Motion made and Seconded to accept the minutes from the May, 2024 meeting, with the following corrections to what had been reported about the Big Elk Park: There will be NO boat Landing. There WILL be restroom facilities and a parking lot. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Robin Uchanski sent the June financial report to all Board members prior to today's meeting. No check has been received yet from the McDonald's Meats fund-raiser. Also, \$2,000 was budgeted for fish stocking this year.

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. The total received now numbers 212.

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 June 26.

Palmer Directory: Dave Maiers is the lead person on this project. The directory has been proofread and was sent to the printer.

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 May meeting.

TLID (Three Lakes Improvement District)

A survey of Rush Lake was completed by James Johnson of Freshwater Scientific. No Curly Leaf pond weed was found. 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.

Scott Ruitter reported that he is growing purple loose strife in pots, and that he will pick up the beetles that will eat it. He is doing this as an experiment before it is tried in any of the lakes.

The Annual Meeting of TLID will be held in August. More information to come.

COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations)

Shelly-Alger-Peyton attended the recent Executive Board meeting of the COLA. She learned that curly leaf pond weed was sprayed early

this year, all over the state. Only ten percent of a lake may be sprayed each year, and just once.

Healthy Lakes:

Bre Bauerly brought up the idea of purchasing boat key floats that could be given to BLCA members. No decision was made.

There will be NO Youth Day paddle event this summer.

Gentle Footprints: Several small projects are in progress. The application to apply for funds will be put on-line. \$1,004 is left in the account.

Bre Bauerly and Ruth Thom attended a MN Lakes and Rivers leadership workshop. They learned that the average lake association has 200 members.

The shoreline guides that were ordered are here. The Lake Steward training materials and quiz that were ordered have also arrived. Bre, Ruth and Naomi will do a run-through before the program gets started.

Water Testing: Samples were taken last week and will continue to be taken every other Tuesday throughout the summer.

Big Elk Park: Steve Demeules announced that there will be no meetings until August. Old buildings will continue to be removed over the summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The idea of purchasing a weed skimmer (discussed last month) was put on hold.
2. A Chairperson is needed to coordinate and revive the Neighborhood Watch program. Let Shelly know if you are interested.

3. The June BLCA General Membership Meeting will be on Friday, June 7, at the Palmer Park shelter, following the Board meeting at 6:30. 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, a Conservation Officer from the MN DNR.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fish stocking was done by Rademacher Ponds, with 60,000 Walleyes put in Big Elk Lake, and 500 Bluegills each for Elk and Rush Lakes. The BLCA paid \$2,000 for the fish stocking to be done this year. The DNR stocks Walleyes on the upper 3 lakes.
2. Discussion of the purchase of new High Water/No Wake signs. This decision is pending. The amount budgeted for this year was already spent on signs about the new garbage clean-up ordinance. 14 signs are needed, and they will cost approximately \$20 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, BLCA Secretary

BLCA UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

July 6: Annual BLCA Boat Parade, Noon

Line up at 11:30 A.M. on Briggs/Rush Lake channel, and Elk Lake.

July 6: Fireworks Display, 9:00 P.M. (Dusk), Briggs Lake

August 6: National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch Picnics

September 7: Palmer Day