

BLCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 7, 2024 @ 6:30pm PALMER PARK

BLCA Board members present:

Shelly Alger-Peyton. President

Tom Nordin, Vice-President

Adele Munsterman, Secretary

Bre Bauerly, Brad Kipp, Brad Thom, Ruth Thom

Guests: Dew Anderson, Minda Anderson, Cindy Blommer, Steve Blommer, Steve Demeules, Virginia Demeules, Chuck Heinemann, Roland Johnson, Tammy Legatt-Johnson, Greg Kampa, Paula Kampa, Lorrey Lowrey, Rick Lowrey, Julie Moorlag, Scott Ruiter, Laura Schnell, Andy Stowe, Jan Stowe

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. by BLCA President Shelly Alger-Peyton. Shelly welcomed everyone and asked that they sign in. Shelly led the Pledge of Allegiance. BLCA Board members introduced themselves.

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$6,000 has been received in donations for the July 6 fireworks. Any money left over from the 2024 Ice Day will be rolled over into the funds available for the event in 2025.

Motion made and seconded to accept the financial report, as submitted by Treasurer Robin Uchanski. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: 212 paid sponsorships have been received, to date. Everyone can help recruit by handing out Welcome Walker packets to new neighbors. Shelly has extra packets.

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 keep the BLCA Web site updated, by posting pics, and information about upcoming events. Please send her any ideas and/or suggestions you may have.

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

Chuck Heinemann made a presentation about a feature that will be revived from past years to become a regular part of the BLCA newsletter. "This I Remember" will share what area residents recall about their experiences on the Briggs Lake Chain. Kenzie Phelps and Chuck have completed 4 of the interviews planned for this summer, with 4 more remaining. These will run alternately with a new feature, "I Have a Question," that will provide answers to things people want to know about our lakes. A ten-minute brainstorming session provided enough questions for the coming year.

Palmer Directory: Dave Maiers is the lead person on this project. The directory was proofread by Brad Kipp and 4 others, and it has been sent to the printer, to be distributed in June. Even more advertisers are needed for next year's directory.

Sunshine Chair: Please send an Email message to Adele Munsterman (wmunst1007@aol.com) 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.

Healthy Lakes:

You can now follow information about Healthy Lakes activities on Instagram.

Ruth Thom and Bre Bauerly reported that the new Lake Steward program would be starting soon. More information to come.

An alum feasibility study is in progress. A carp survey remains to be done and will determine what needs to happen next.

Elk Lake has been under a High Water/No Wake alert since June 4.

Gentle Footprints: A reminder was given that you must be a BLCA member to apply for free native plants from the BLCA Plant Bank. Six shoreline restoration projects are presently in the works. Application forms are available on-line. More funding will be sought for next year, to allow for even more participants.

Water Testing: All charts and graphs of the water testing results over a 20-year period are available on the BLCA web site.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 6:

Shelly Alger-Peyton and husband Rick will lead the **Boat Parade**, beginning at Noon. Those who plan to participate in it should meet at 11:30 at the channel between Briggs and Rush lakes.

Fireworks Display by Rez Pyro, 9:00 P.M., Briggs Lake.

Saturday, July 13: BLCA Board meeting, 8:30 A.M., Palmer Town Hall.

August 6: National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch Picnics

September 7: Palmer Day

Guest speakers Cole Petroske, a Recreational Enforcement Officer for Sherburne County, and Trent Seamans, a Conservation Officer from the MN DNR, updated those in attendance on rules and regulations regarding lake usage. Audience members had many questions for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 P.M., followed by a drawing for door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, BLCA Secretary