

Aug. 1, 2024 Healthy Lakes Meeting Summary

Four members in attendance

Update from BLCA board

- Volunteers needed for Secretary and treasurer positions, and for Palmer Day food booth
- 224 members, over 4500 Facebook members
- Aug. 10, bd meeting at 8:30am, annual meeting at 10am, MLR rep will speak
- Arrangements have been made for a site visit from a company that offers a skimmer for removing filamentous algae. The visit will determine which sections/lakes would be included if we contract with them, and which pricing structure will be best for our circumstances (by the hour or by the mile).
- The carp boat with white lights (which resides on our chain) removes carp and buries them on a nearby farm.

TLID Update

- Mon, Aug. 5, Waterfront Restoration of Brainerd will look for purple loosestrife in the Bayou
- Our chain will be included on SWCD site visits on Sept. 20th

Alum grant

- Waiting for carp study in late Aug/Sept

Lake Steward program update

- 6 additional properties received awards in July. Signs have been ordered.
- 5 properties will be evaluated the first week of Aug.
- Following discussion, the recommendation to the board is that going forward, when a property earns the Lake Steward award, a sign will be given to current paid members. Non-members are also eligible for evaluation and can purchase a sign if they earn the award and/or pay for an annual membership.

Water testing

- Continuing, nothing unusual to report

Big Elk

- Through grant money, the lake was surveyed for EWM and none was found for the second year in a row.
- Following a report from a resident, the lake was also surveyed for Curly Leaf Pondweed, which was found in greater density than previous years on the shallow south end of the lake. Both invasives will be surveyed next year and they are prepared to treat CLP if necessary next year.