

## **BLCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2024 PALMER TOWN HALL**

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

Rosalie Musachio, Brad Thom

**Absent:** Bre Bauerly, Brad Kipp, Margie McCauley, Robin Uchanski

**Guests:** Steve Demeules, Tom Hahn, Lefty Kreis, Walt Munsterman, Scott Ruitter

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M. by BLCA President Shelly Alger-Peyton.

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

Motion made and Seconded to accept the minutes from the July 13, 2024 meeting. Motion passed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Shelly Alger-Peyton reported for Treasurer Robin Uchanski: Brat sales at the annual McDonald's Meats fund raiser brought in roughly \$1500, with an additional \$153 in tips.

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

The proposed budget for 2025 was distributed and reviewed by the Board members present. An Ad Hoc committee of Shelly Alger-Peyton, Robin Uchanski, Rosalie Musachio and Dave Bokelman had met to put the numbers together and suggest several small changes. Motion made and seconded to recommend the 2025

budget proposal at the General Membership meeting today. Motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Total membership now numbers 224. There are many new residents in the area, and Welcome Walker folders are available for Board members to give them.

**Social Media:** Facebook: 4500+ users are registered, to-date. Reminder: You must be a paid BLCA member to be able to advertise on the site. Notifications about such things as High Water/No Wake are posted on Facebook. Please note: **There is presently a High Water/No Wake restriction on Elk Lake.**

**Communications:** Photos and articles for the September newsletter are due to Brad Kipp by August 26. Five hundred fifty (550) newsletters are sent out online each month.

**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)**

The TLID meets at 6:00 P.M. at Palmer Town Hall on the first Monday of each month. **The TLID Annual Meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 17, at Palmer Town Hall.** All households within the Three Lakes Improvement District should receive a letter about the amount of assessment for 2025, prior to the August 17 meeting.

### **COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations)**

Shelly-Alger-Peyton will post a link on the BLCA website to the 400-page Rum River/Mississippi Watershed 10-year projection plan that has been completed.

\$1.4M in leverage grant money is in the Legislation at this time and may be available to promote the mission of the "Keep It Clean Coalitions and/or BLCA. Funds may be also used to pay the people

who monitor and inspect boats at the landings through the SWCD. COLA Chair Patrick Plant will be monitoring the legislation for approval.

The MAISRC is offering lab tours on the St. Paul University of Minnesota campus. Groups of up to 10 people may schedule a tour on Wednesdays, from 3:00-4:00 P.M.

### **Healthy Lakes:**

The carp study has been done. An alum study will be done later this fall.

Early weed spraying will not be done again. There have been problems in lakes all over the state because of it.

Gary Anderson has reported that there is curly leaf pond weed on the south end of Elk Lake.

**Gentle Footprints:** The form to submit for funding for a project has been posted on the BLCA website. You must be a BLCA member to apply for this.

**Plant Bank:** A \$675.13 balance remains in the account. The form to request up to \$200 in funding for shoreline plants may be found on the BLCA website. You must be a member of the BLCA to receive funds.

**Lake Steward Program:** Five signs have been ordered but will not be enough. Motion to approve the purchase of 12 more Lake Steward signs. Motion seconded and passed. BLCA members who have passed the online "test" will receive a sign to post in their yard, following a site visit. Non-members will be able to purchase a sign, if they wish (\$25-\$30 each). Contact Ruth Thom to schedule a visit to your property.

**Water Testing:** Samples from all four lakes are taken every other Tuesday throughout the summer. Walt Munsterman delivers the water samples to a lab in Fridley, and the results are compiled. The annual reports of studies from the past 20 years are posted on the BLCA website.

Walt reported that the present clarity of the lakes is at 2 feet. As of early July, phosphorus levels are up. This may be due to the heavy boat traffic around Independence Day, as well as residue from the fireworks.

**Big Elk/Two Inlets Park:** The next meeting of the Two Inlets Park committee will be on August 21 in Elk River. Be sure to visit the park!

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. A Chairperson is needed to coordinate and revive the Neighborhood Watch program. Let Shelly know if you are interested.
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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. National Night Out/Neighborhood Watch Picnics, Tuesday, August 6
2. **Briggs Lake Chain General Membership Meeting**, Saturday, August 10, 10:00 A.M., following the Board meeting at 8:30. Guest speaker TBD. Treasurer and Secretary positions will both be open. Give your name to Shelly Alger-Peyton if you would like to be considered. Refreshments will be served.
3. **Palmer Day**, Saturday, September 7, Parade at noon. Volunteers will be needed to work at the BLCA food booth. Please use Sign-Up Genius on our web site to volunteer for a shift. Helpers will also be needed on Friday evening for set-up. Shelly Alger-Peyton and Lyf Titcomb are the Co-Chairs of the BLCA food booth. Let Brad Kipp know if you are interested in working on an idea for a BLCA float.

4. Brad and Ruth Thom will serve as the Co-chairs of the fall Highway 25 Clean-up. Date TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, BLCA Secretary

**BLCA UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:**

**August 5: Meeting of the TLID, Palmer Town Hall, 6:00 P.M.**

**August 6: National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch Picnics**

**August 8: Healthy Lakes, Palmer Town Hall, 6:30 P.M.**

**August 10: BLCA Board Meeting, 8:30 A.M., followed by the General Membership Meeting at 10:00, Palmer Town Hall**

**August 17: TLID Annual Meeting, Palmer Town Hall**

**September 7: Palmer Day**