

Sept. 5, 2024 Healthy Lakes Meeting Agenda

Palmer Town Hall, 6:30 pm

7 members in attendance

Update from BLCA board

- Board voted to wait until spring to approve a trial of the weed skimmer, a couple members will travel to another lake this fall to observe the skimmer in operation and report back
- Palmer Day food booth in need of volunteers
- MacDonald's Meats fundraiser brought in 1500
- New Treasurer has been found, Charisse Max on Rush Lake

TLID Update

- Voted on new positions: Chair-Bob Sass, Treas.-Barb Aaberg, Nancy remains secretary, Diane moved to resident, Vice-chair position is open until next meeting
- Over 500 lbs of Purple Loosestrife was pulled last month, still exploring use of a beetle that eats it

Alum grant update

- Still waiting for final report, carp study took place last month

Plant Bank update

- The application form is on the HL web page
- Ruth will forward to link the Lake Stewards who expressed interest in adding native plants

Lake Steward update

- 15 Lake Steward properties, includes homes on all four lakes, the bayou and the channel
- Discussion on how to connect Lake Stewards with those who want more information/want to learn about better stewardship.
 - We will plan a native plant garden tour of lake properties next year
 - Ruth will invite current lake stewards to be a part of the tour and/or to be available on a resource list.
 - We will create a list of people who are willing to have others visit their property to learn and ask questions, or who are willing to answer questions by phone.

New items

Discussion was held on how to get information to new homeowners, builders, and tree cutters.

- Perhaps use COLA dollars to create a flier on Stormwater run-off issues to include in our annual mailing
- Shelly has folders for new residents and has visited new building projects when she is made aware.
- Real Estate agents have been given folders to hand out to new residents.
- The county sends out information to new lakeshore owners with regulations.
- Individuals who see violations should call the DNR and/or SWCD. The BLCA is not a policing body and the HL team does not believe the BLCA should take that role.
- Add a resource section to the monthly newsletter that includes information for new owners

Wake Boat research

- A lake owner asked that the recent article from the WI DNR regarding their study on the impact of the depth of wake boats on lake bottoms be included in our next newsletter.
- The HL team recommends that the BLCA share information on the WI and the MN studies (MN is currently studying waves and shoreline erosion) with members by starting a resource section in our monthly newsletter.
- The HL team recommends involving wake boat owners in a discussion on wake boats if the township or county considers any changes to wake boat usage on our lakes.

For future discussion:

- Geofencing messages for people arriving at our boat launches
- Donation launch fees—are they legal on a public launch?
- Camping fees for ice houses?
- AIS cleaning stations at launches
- Poop bag stations at launches in the winter

Action items for the next month:

- Ask Brad Kipp to initiate a resource corner in the monthly newsletter. Share lake stewardship information, info links for new homeowners, etc..
- Use the e-mail blast quarterly to send out timely informational tips, such as how to properly dispose of fall leaves. Use the type of info on the magnet we sent out last year.
- Contact Lake Stewards with the plant bank application link.