

BLCA BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2024

Palmer Town Hall

Present:

Shelly Alger-Peyton, President

Tom Nordin, Vice President

Robin Uchanski, outgoing treasurer

Debbie Stacey, Secretary

Rosalie Musachio

Brad Thom

Adele Munsterman

Guests:

Walt Munsterman

Scott Ruiter

Andrew & Janet Stowe

Pete DeJongh

Dave Meiers

David Baugh

President Shelly Alger-Peyton opened the meeting at 8:32 am

Agenda presented. Motion to accept by Adele Munsterman, seconded by Brad Thom. Motion passed

Minutes were presented for approval. Brad motioned to accept the minutes. Rosalie seconded. Motion passed

New lake reps Shelly made a motion to nominate Pete DeJongh as a lake rep. Pete told us about himself. Dave seconded. Motion passed. Discussion on how lake rep numbers were chosen. Think it's the size of the lake but unsure.

Financials were discussed. Payments made for insurance and palmer days band. Discussed the Alum feasibility grant. We have not gotten the results of the study yet. We have only gotten half the grant money. May have to get invoice before they will pay the second half. It will be separated on the financials, so it is not so confusing. Will also separate the Elk Lake information, so it is less confusing. Charisse will be taking over next month and will meet with Robin and Shelly to turn things over. Tom motioned to accept the financials. Shelly second. Motion passed.

Palmer day report We did very well. Grossed over \$10,000. \$6066.32 profit this year as opposed to \$5400.00 last year. Got two extra boxes of burgers but sold out of everything by 5:30.

Compensation of officer's checks were dispersed as budgeted for.

Ice days Forest not here. \$715 was donated on the sponsorship form. A \$4000.00 amount was approved to give to Ice days. A check will be given to them for \$4715.00.

Everything is free at ice days but there will be a donation bucket there. This comes back to us or goes to the food shelf. Date of Ice Day will be February 8th. Question was raised about receipts for the day or just a handwritten recap.

Liability insurance, Cola and MN lakes and rivers invoices have discussed and Shelly made a motion to pay Reuben \$300 and Marc \$200 for their work. Rosalie seconded. Motion passed.

Membership. There are 226 members. Brad will pick color for the new placards for members. Volunteers are needed to help with the mailing. Let Shelly know if you can help.

Facebook There are 4600+ members on Facebook. We have 3 admins for the Facebook page. Dave Jacobson is one and he is willing to be a backup for Brad for the newsletter. Bre handles our website and is updating things. Financials are updated quarterly on the website. Online forms and payments will continue to be on there.

Directory Advertising for the directory is quite reasonable. Dave reported they are compiling a list of advertisers. If you know of anyone who could advertise in the directory, please let Dave know,

Newsletter. Brad needs any information for the newsletter to him by October 25th.

Sunshine mailing. Adele is still sending cards. Please let her know if you know of anyone who should get a card.

Healthy Lakes reported that the carp survey is complete. A Stantec rep will present to the healthy lakes committee in November or December, and it will be on zoom so you can sit at home and watch.

Water Testing. Walt reported on water testing and end date of October 22nd for the year. Report will be available soon.

Elk Lake Park has one trail and will not have a second trail this year. There is a place to park and sign where to enter. Next meeting will be October 16th at noon. There are a lot of Native American artifacts that will be preserved. Still deciding if they will keep the two cottages.

Old Business

Do we want to re-start the neighborhood watch around the lakes? Questions are: who will take the lead and chair? What would the date be and how will the BLCA support it.

Date and time for the June 2025 general meeting. Friday or Saturday? It was decided to keep it on Friday

New Business

How to get more people to attend the meetings. Have 4 meetings that have a special theme. Ideas were a presentation on Loons, plant giveaways, master gardener presentations, Meet and greet with Sherburne County. Shelly will start a calendar so people know what's at each meeting.

Need to do a committee structure and need volunteers from the board to lead these committees. Also need a volunteer to update the welcome walker book.

We need to come up with more fundraising ideas and will need volunteers for the ones we currently have. Some of our events are Ice Days, Highway 25 clean up, Garage sale, Shoreline planting assistance, McDonald's meats sale, Membership meeting, 4th of July parade and fireworks display, Palmer food booth, Palmer parade entry,

Upcoming meetings

BLCA	2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30
Clear Lake Township Board	3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm
Healthy Lakes	1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
T-Lid meeting	1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm