

Treasurer Robin Uchanski and Secretary Adele Munsterman were thanked for their service to the Board this past year. Adele will stay on as a Rush Lake Rep, Sunshine Chair and Door Prize Coordinator.

New officers will begin their terms at the October BLCA Board meeting: Deb Stacey will return as Secretary. Charisse Max has agreed to serve as Treasurer for the next two years. Motion made and seconded to seat Charisse as the new Treasurer. Motion passed. Charisse and Shelly Alger-Peyton will take care of the required paperwork at the bank so that she can write checks and take care of financial business. Scott Ampe intended to join the Board, but he has indicated that he will be unable to do so.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Robin Uchanski reported that \$1,500 was earned at the McDonald's Meats pork chop/brat sale, with an additional \$153 in tips.

Annual stipends will be given to the Officers at the October meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Brad Kipp reported present membership at 226.

Facebook: 4,600 people have registered to use the BLCA Facebook page, to-date.

Communications: Photos and articles for the October newsletter are due to Brad Kipp by September 23.

An Email blast was sent out recently to the 550 people on the newsletter list, informing them of a proposed flotilla. Brad is able to send a message to 100 people at a time, but then he must wait an hour before sending more. Not everyone will receive a message at the same time.

Palmer Directory: The 2024 Palmer Township Directories are available at the Palmer Town Hall and the Briggs Lake Store, if you did not receive one.

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. A thank-you note was sent to the guest speaker from the August meeting.

TLID (Three Lakes Improvement District)

Scott Ruiter reported on the Annual Meeting, held on August 17. The following people will serve as officers on the TLID Board for the coming year: Bob Sass (Chair), Barb Aaberg (Treasurer), and Nancy Hahn (Secretary). Scott Ruiter was re-elected for a 3-year term. Josie Zytковicz was newly elected to the Board, also for a 3-year term.

COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations)

Shelly-Alger-Peyton serves as Secretary of the COLA. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18. The group is watching for funding opportunities for the coming year.

Sherburne County Soil and Water has posted a podcast series on conservation.

Check out the Keep It Clean website.

Healthy Lakes:

Fifteen signs have been distributed to BLCA members through the new Lake Steward program that was initiated by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Photos of them were posted on the BLCA website.

Bre Bauerly reported that she is working with several BLCA members to use up the funds that were budgeted for this year for the Plant Bank.

Bre presented some ideas for next year, including a garden tour, or a tour of the properties of Lake Stewards. Also, she would like to create a resource corner with links in the BLCA newsletter.

The last carp study for this year will be done on September 20.

Water Testing: Walt Munsterman and the volunteers on each of the four lakes will continue to take lake water samples through the end of October. The lab that receives the samples will then compile its annual report for the Briggs Lake Chain.

Two Inlets Park: Rosalie Musachio plans to attend a day-long tour of three sites to view native plantings and to pick up some ideas. The DNR is sponsoring this event, to be held at Fort Snelling on September 18.

She reported that the footprint for the new park has been laid out, but only one trail is open, so far.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A Chairperson is still needed to coordinate the Neighborhood Watch program.
2. The topic of renting/purchasing a weed skimmer will have to wait until next year. It was suggested that a small group of BLCA members plan to observe weed skimming being done before a decision is made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An invoice has been received from Freshwater Scientific that needs to be taken care of. Gary Anderson was present to try to explain the situation. Discussion followed, but there were still several questions. The issue was tabled until the October meeting to allow for checking on details and the correct amount to be paid.
2. The Highway 25 clean-up will be on Saturday, October 19. A number of volunteers will be needed to cover 3 miles on each side of the highway. Contact Ruth and Brad Thom if you're interested in helping with this project. Watch the BLCA website for more information.
3. The Lighted Train on the Chain will be the first Saturday in December, coordinated by Robert Sinclair.

4. Shelly Alger-Peyton reviewed the Committee Structure form. Volunteers are still needed in several areas, including the COLA, BLCA Palmer Day Parade/float, fund-raising coordinator, volunteer coordinator, Welcome Walkers. You do not need to be a Board member to help with any of these. Contact Shelly if you are interested in getting involved.
5. Several fund-raising ideas were discussed, including a possible "Men of Briggs Lake" calendar. Charisse Max will check on the potential cost and report back to the Board.
6. Board members talked about how to reach those lake area residents who have not committed to being members of the BLCA. There was discussion of sending a flyer or postcard mid-year to invite them to join. No decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Munsterman, BLCA Secretary

