

BLCA BOARD MINUTES February 1, 2025 (date changed due to Ice Day conflict) - Palmer Town Hall

Present:

Shelly Alger - Peyton, President

Tom Nordin, Vice-President

Lake Reps: Bre Bauerly, Rosalie Musachio and Brad Thom

Absent: Brad Kipp, Charisse Max, Adele Munsterman, Deb Stacey, Dave Baugh and Pete DeJongh

Guests: Walt Munsterman, Scott Ruiter and Dave Bokelman

President Shelly Alger-Peyton called the meeting to order at 8:38 A.M.

No motion made to accept the agenda due to no meeting quorum, meeting continued.

No motion made to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2025, meeting due to no meeting quorum. January minutes will be presented at the March meeting along with the February minutes for approval.

No motion made to accept the January Financial report due to no meeting quorum. Charisse was also not able to make any deposits of the new membership funds so the financials have not changed since December and she will send out January financials the week of 2/3/25 to board members. The January & February financials will be presented for approval at the March meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are 55 BLCA members, to-date. Several payments and memberships have been received via mail and online. Charisse is working on depositing all of the funds and will update board members.

Facebook: There are 4800 people registered to use the BLCA Facebook site. It will be updated regularly by Bre Bauerly.

Communications: The deadline to submit items to Brad Kipp for the March newsletter is February 24, 2025.

Palmer Directory: Please give ideas to Dave Maiers for potential advertisers for the 2025 edition. Deadline for advertising submissions is February 15, 2025. The goal is to have the directory printed and ready to distribute in June.

Sunshine Committee: Cards are sent to BLCA members in the case of illness or a death in the family. Let Adele Munsterman know if a card is needed for a Briggs Lake Chain friend or neighbor.

T-LID: Scott R. – The TLID received a grant for the BLCA for \$6,900 for curly-leaf pondweed AIS prevention.

COLA: Shelly Alger - Peyton regularly attends the Zoom meetings of the Coalition of Lake Associations. The COLA is in need of a new Treasurer and Shelly asked if any board member would be able to volunteer for the position, no volunteers as of today. The COLA's business sponsorship campaign is underway and the BLCA board members were also asked to volunteer to assist with contacting a few local businesses to see if they would be willing to advertise in **the SC COLA**

publications and website which in-turn provides money for grants available through the SC COLA for local lake associations, no volunteers as of today.

Geo-fencing went up on January 7, 2025 and according to our reports from the Star & Tribune between our 4 lakes and Big Eagle Lake we have had 99,160 cell phone pings and of those pings 161 individuals actually opened the advertisement to look at the information. This program is sponsored by the Minnesota Star Tribune and the non-profit Keep It Clean Coalition.

The MAISRC (MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center) at the U of M campus in St. Paul will offer a free tour of its lab at 6:30 P.M. on May 7, 2025. There is a 25-person limit for registrants. Give your name to Shelly Alger- Peyton if you wish to attend. Carpooling will be discussed prior to the event.

Healthy Lakes: Bre B. - stated that she has ordered 100 tree/shrubs for our annual give-away that the BLCA will sponsor again in May 2025 date TBD, but possibly around Mother's Day weekend.

Ruth T. and Bre B. will post monthly updates about the BLCA's Carp Management Project on the BLCA Facebook page and in the Lake Report monthly newsletter.

Education Committee: No meetings scheduled as of today.

Water Testing: Walt Munsterman will present his findings at the Palmer Township Meeting on February 10, 2025.

Big Elk Lake Park: Rosalie Musachio reported no updates at this time.

Upcoming Events:

Ice Day on the Chain 2025, Feb. 8th – Volunteers Needed– Friday 10am setup and
- Sunday 9am cleanup

McDonald's Meats Brat Sale – pending - May/June/July

Carp Solutions Presentation – April 12th @ 10am, Palmer Townhall

Hwy 25 Cleanup Day – April/May TBD -

4th of July Boat Parade & Fireworks Display – Confirmed for Saturday, July 5th
- Parades at 12:00pm & Fireworks at dusk

Old Business:

- February meeting date change? Same day as Ice Day Feb. 8th, Feb. 1st is open at Palmer Township Hall, meeting date was approved to change to February 1st.

- Crayfish question/answer – Dan C. from SWCD sent information to Shelly.

- Ice Fishing Signs posted at launches by Scott R. & Tom N. – early Dec.

- Need a volunteer to update "Welcome Walker" packet for 2025 for new residents. Shelly will email original document to volunteer for editing.

- U of M AIS Lab tour – May 7th @ 6:30pm (Gary A., Walt M., Scott R., Bob S. ??) anyone is welcome to register (25 total)

- 2025 Membership meeting titles & speaker schedule:

May 10th – Summer Kick-off Meeting - Carp Solutions

June 13th – Annual Membership Meeting (Park) - ?

July 12th – Mid-Summer Get-Together – DNR Loon/Eagle cam presenter

August 9th – Annual General Meeting – Carp Solutions recap?

** Have Dan C. in April and Sherburne Co. Conservation officers in May??

** Master Gardeners and Book Authors??

- Education Committee – reestablish – Rosalie M. & Dave B. – will volunteer, Vice President has chaired this committee in past.

New Business:

- 2025 Membership mtg guest speakers schedule co-chairs are needed for planning:

April 12th - Carp Solutions – Owner Przemek, pronounced “Shemek”, Bajer, PHD

May 10th – Summer Kick- Off Meeting (fishing opener) - ?? (Dan C. unavailable)

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- Elderly call list/wellbeing checks – Sherburne County may have a number for scheduling, Shelly will confirm

- DNR Water Guard’s for BLCA launches - additional 100 hours approval for 2025 Spring/Summer season, Dan C. will confirm hourly rate, in 2024 the BLCA approved 100hrs. @ \$27.75hr and the DNR approved 200-250hrs. & TLID 200hrs.

- VOLUNTEER WATER TESTER(S) NEEDED – Lake Julia – Spring 2025

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Alger-Peyton, President

Upcoming meetings

T-LID (Three-lake LID) 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Healthy Lakes 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Palmer Township Board 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

BLCA Board 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 A.M.

Clear Lake Township Board 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.