

**BLCA BOARD MINUTES    January 11, 2024    Palmer Town Hall**

**Present:**

**Shelly Alger - Peyton, President**

**Adele Munsterman, Secretary**

**Lake Reps: David Baughn, Bre Bauerly, Pete DeJongh, Dave Maiers, Rosalie Musachio, Bob Sass**

**Absent: Brad Kipp, Charisse Max, Tom Nordin, Deb Stacey, Brad Thom**

**Guests: Duane Anderson, Dave Fidelman, Jakki Fidelman, Nancy Hahn, Tom Hahn, Trevor Halvorson, Charlene Langowski, Jordan Meiers, Walt Munsterman, Rick Peyton, Scott Ruiter**

**President Shelly Alger-Peyton called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M.**

**Motion made and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion passed.**

**Board members reviewed the minutes from the December 14, 2024, meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.**

**The Financial Report was discussed. There was not much activity this past month. Bre Bauerly was reimbursed \$99 for the web site fee she paid for renewal of its use. Motion made and seconded to accept the Financial Report. Motion passed.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership: There are 228 BLCA members, to-date. Bre reported that nine membership payments were made online in December, for 2025. 680 membership forms/letters were mailed to area residents on January 10. Thank-you to the 5 people who helped to stuff envelopes and prepare the mailing. Remember: You can renew membership online or mail in your payment.**

**Facebook: There are 4700 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 January newsletter is January 24.**

**Palmer Directory:** Please give ideas to Dave Maiers for potential advertisers for the 2025 edition. He is hoping that with some additions and improvements this year, it will become more of a community resources guide. 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:** Chairperson Bob Sass reported that Duane Anderson will fill the open position on the TLID Board.

Grant money may be available for the alum treatment discussed last month, if the BLCA shares in the cost. Only Briggs Lake qualifies for the treatment due to its depth (20+ feet). Dan Cibulka from Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be invited to speak on this topic at the May 10 BLCA Summer Kick-off meeting.

**COLA:** Shelly Alger - Peyton regularly attends the Zoom meetings of the Coalition of Lake Associations. There will be an Executive Team meeting next week.

Geo-fencing went up on January 10, and it should work 100 feet from shore. 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 Bauerly gave details of the proposed carp removal plan that will be carried out by the Carp Solutions Company if grant money is awarded to the BLCA. Motion made and seconded to allocate up to \$15,000 to meet a Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant requirement, if awarded to the BLCA. Motion passed.

**Water Testing:** Walt Munsterman made a presentation of 2024 lab test results and trends. Three areas were tracked: Phosphorus levels, chlorophyll levels, and Secchi disc readings (lake depth). He will

repeat the presentation at an upcoming Healthy Lakes meeting and at a Palmer Town Hall meeting. Results are available on the BLCA web site.

**Big Elk Lake Park:** Rosalie Musachio reported that work remains to be done, and that progress on the park continues. Signage about the historic area will be posted, and prairie flowers will be planted this spring.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Ice Day on the Chain:** Scheduled for February 8, the day before the Super Bowl. Volunteers will be needed for both set-up on Saturday morning and clean-up on Sunday morning. Shelly Alger - Peyton will make BLCA Membership Forms and other handouts available and set up a table for distribution.

The BLCA has scheduled 4 General Membership meetings for 2025, with the goal of increasing attendance and participation. As usual, the monthly BLCA Board meetings (8:30 A.M.) will precede the General Membership meetings (10:00 A.M.). Ideas for educational themes and guest speakers include:

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<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>Summer Kick-off</b>	<b>Dan Cibulka and Carp Solutions</b>
<b>Friday, June 13</b>	<b>BLCA Picnic</b>	<b>Update on MN laws, Water/boating safety</b>
<b>Saturday, July 12</b>	<b>Mid-summer</b>	<b>DNR representative, speaking about loons and/or eagles</b>
<b>Saturday, August 9</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>BLCA Board Elections</b>

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### **Old Business:**

**A volunteer has been found to update the Welcome Walker booklet/folder.**

**Ice Fishing signs were posted in December by Scott Ruiter and Tom Nordin, reminding fishermen of the new law in effect as of January 1. Fishermen may be fined by the DNR for not cleaning up garbage and other waste before/during/after ice fishing.**

### **New Business:**

**Shelly has requested Saturday, July 5 as the date for Res Pyro to put on the annual fireworks display on Briggs Lake. Awaiting confirmation.**

**In February, the form for the McDonald's Meats fund raiser will be turned in for consideration for Summer 2025. We will be notified of which of three dates submitted was selected.**

**Rosalie Musachio asked that an Education Committee be reinstated, to oversee Constitution and By-law changes. Rosalie and Dave Baughn agreed to meet to review the Constitution. Any proposed changes would have to be announced by the July meeting, latest, and publicized to members before the Annual Meeting in August.**

**Discussion of the date of the February BLCA Board meeting scheduled for the same day as Ice Day. Note: The Board meeting will be moved to Saturday, February 1, 8:30 A.M. at the Palmer Town Hall.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Adele Munsterman, Secretary**

### **Upcoming meetings**

<b>T-LID (Three-lake LID)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Healthy Lakes</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Palmer Township Board</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>BLCA Board</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:30 A.M.</b>
<b>Clear Lake Township Board</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.</b>