

BLCA BOARD MINUTES March 8, 2025

Present:

Shelly Alger - Peyton, President

Tom Nordin, Vice-President

Lake Reps: Rosalie Musachio, Pete Dejongh, Charisse Max

Absent: Brad Kipp, Adele Munsterman, Bre Bauerly, Dave Baugh and Brad Thom

Guests: Bob Sass, Scott Ruiter, Dave Maiers, Duane Anderson and Jesse Max

President Shelly Alger-Peyton called the meeting to order at 8:41 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 & February, 2025, meeting due to no meeting quorum. No motion made to accept the January and February Financial report due to no meeting quorum.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are 133 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.

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

Palmer Directory: Deadline for advertising submissions is February 15, 2025. The goal is to have the directory printed and ready to distribute in June. This year the directory/Community Resource will have local church listings, parks, DNR info, the Paypal link is working 50% of the time, but should be working better for 2026 with IT site updates completed. Suggestion of having paid ad's in 2026 get a BLCA Facebook ad option??

Sunshine Committee: Cards are sent to BLCA members in the case of illness or a death in the family. Adele is going to send a card to the family of long-time resident Paul Fors who passed away recently.

T-LID: Bob S. – Survey's for AIS are in process and 2025 permits issued. It's been decided that since the surveys are so close to the week txt that this year's survey will determine txt strategies for 2026. Survey data can be used for up to 3 years.

Notifications for application/weed treatment were published in the last issue of the Patriot with residents given opt out instructions.

This will be the last year that the EWM survey will be conducted and will switch to a point intercept for the September survey since there's been 5 yrs. of no EWM.

The Alum treatment grant application will be submitted by July of 2025. The August TLID annual meeting will include resident voting on an assmt of \$232 per property. The benefit is a 9 to 1 return of grant money to fund the alum treatment. It will be necessary to properly educate all property owners on the FACTS of the txt and its potential benefits. If the TLID misses this opportunity, it will likely not be present again as budget cuts will greatly decrease available funding/grant money availability.

It was suggested the BLCA/HL Committee work on a PR campaign for the alum treatment, with possible banners at boat launches w/QR code and donation information. It was also suggested that the hired Water Guards pass out flyers with alum treatment information at boat launches this boating season.

Another suggestion was that we post monthly/bi-monthly about alum treatment pros/cons, so no misinformation is spread and a link on the BLCA website for alum & carp project information and a QR code??

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 deadline is mid-April. The Keep it Clean Coalition grant for the BLCA's geo-fencing project pinged 137,526 individuals fishing on our chain when using a search engine on their cellular devices, with 164 of those people opening the sponsored advertising about cleaning up after ice fishing and the enforceable law. This project will go until the end of ice fishing season.

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. - The carp management program will get underway with netting and tagging for size/age and migration pattern of the carp. Fish may not be removed this year due to the guidelines of the grant approval.

Carp/alum - It was previously thought that the alum txt couldn't continue until the carp population was reduced, however the plan is that the two strategies can occur concurrently.

MN Lakes and Rivers Shoreland guides and Lake Steward signs - IT was discussed that guides are currently on sale for \$5 each. The HL Committee will determine how many if any are needed and how long the sale is continuing for. The committee is still determining how many Lake Steward signs to purchase for 2025 approvals.

Skimming/Sediment removal - John Schnell discussed what could be done prior to putting his dock in this Spring. Shelly gave John the contact information for "Lake Life" for these types of projects, John and/or Shelly will contact them and keep the committee posted.

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 updates.

Water Testing: Walt M. is in need of a main water tester for Lake Julia.

Big Elk Lake Park: Rosalie Musachio reported no updates.

Upcoming Events:

Carp Solutions Presentation - April 12th @ 10:00am - Owner Przemek, pronounced "Shemek" Bajer, Palmer Town Hall

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

2025 MN Fishing Opener - Saturday May 10, 2025

Hwy 25 Cleanup Day - April/May - TBD

Spring Garage Sale weekend – May TBD, residents will post signage if preferred

Palmer Cleanup Day - Saturday May 3, 2025 from 7:00am-12:00pm

BLCA Summer Get-Together – Saturday, May 10th @ 8:30am, Palmer Town Hall

**BLCA Membership BBQ in the Park – Friday, June 13th – 5:00pm, Guest Speakers TBA,
Palmer Park Pavillion**

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

Old Business:

2025 Membership mtg speaker schedule chairs needed for planning:

May 10th – Summer Kick-off Meeting - Dan C. & Carp Solutions – CHANGE

- March 8th?? (April – no)

June 13th – Annual Membership Meeting (Park) – Sherburne Co. Rec. Officers?

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

August 9th – Annual General Meeting - ??

Elderly call list/wellbeing checks – Sherburne County??

DNR Water Guard's additional hours approval for 2025 Spring/Summer season –

- 2024 approved 100hrs. (\$27.75hr), DNR 200-250hrs. & TLID 200hrs.

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

Central MN Bowfishing presentation – Logan Meyer, Becker, MN – Owner

- Annual Bow Fishing Tournament Presentation – rescheduled

New Business:

BLCA Secretary needed – May – October 2025

High Water alerts – High water signs – Scott R. has volunteered to put out/remove signs as needed.

Shelly will get revised HW sign and quote from Rengel to purchase new signs.

- Water level measuring – Steve D. has been volunteering to do this for the
BLCA - confirmed

- Email notices for High Water alerts – Brad K. will send emails to
Elk Lake and/or Upper Three Lake based on water levels.

2025 Membership mtg speaker schedule co-chairs needed for planning:

April 12th – BLCA monthly meeting - Carp Solutions Owner

May 10th – BLCA Summer Get-Together Meeting – MN Native Landscapes & BLCA Spring Plant

GIVEAWAY

June 13th – BLCA Membership BBQ in the Park – Dan C., SWCD

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

August 9th – Annual General Meeting – TLID & Alum txt speakers and/or hydrologist

Central MN Bowfishing presentation – Logan Meyer, Becker, MN – Owner, rescheduled

- Annual Bow Fishing Tournament?

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Alger-Peyton, President

Upcoming meetings

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