

Chair - nothing to report.

Vice Chair - absent.

Secretary - nothing to report.

Treasurer - nothing to report.

Old Business:

Alum feasibility update: Bob reported that the Stantek Report is complete. Bob just received the completed report and will share with the board members via email.

Carp Solution Update - Bob and Shelly Alger-Peyton have been working with Carp Solutions to come up with a timeline and plan to address our carp issues. To receive funding we need to address the following first:

- methods used to estimate adult and juvenile carp populations
- identify nursery areas
- methods used to track carp movement
- propose actions to limit recruitment and movement
- propose actions to reduce adult carp populations.

Carp Solutions proposes that in 2025 we put out carp traps and bait them, after a few days the traps will be tripped and the carp can then be tagged and age identified. The carp would then have to be released and monitored to track movement. Carp migrate usually in the spring and were hoping that this can be done this year. The board had a discussion regarding ways of keeping the costs down during this first phase. Scott was wondering if we could electro shock rather than trapping the carp this first year. Bob will check on this.

With this plan we will meet the criteria to actually remove carp most likely in 2026. We all agreed that the Carp Removal Project should be well received and supported by our members. Of course we'll have to present any funding requests to members at our Annual August Meeting.

New Business:

Aquatic Treatment Plan PLM - NEW THIS YEAR - There is a short turn around between when the surveys are done and when the spraying needs to be done. Because of this timeline, the county has agreed that we can and should use the surveys from the previous year to determine where PLM can spray Curly Pondweed. In 2025 we'll use last year's spring surveys for Briggs and Julia, and the late season survey that was done last year for Rush. Total 2025 cost after our \$6,900 grant is applied will be \$8,892.

Lake Surveys Freshwater Scientific - James Johnson is proposing the following surveys in 2025:

- CLP on Brigg and Julia - \$2,500
- Briggs Point Intercept \$3,580
- EWM \$2,990
- Total \$9,070 minus a \$1,000 grant for Briggs which brings the **total to \$8,070**

James Johnson spoke with Bob and suggested we add a Sentinel Survey on all three lakes in place of the EWM in 2026 (this should be our last year doing the EWM survey as long as nothing is found). The Sentinel survey would take place in early September, they look for any new invasive species. Although no survey can guarantee that a new invasive will be found right away, this type of survey greatly increases the likelihood that a new invader will be found early. The board has a discussion on the amount of surveys we have done and if they are all needed. Bob will work with James Johnson and the county on getting a better handle on how often we need to survey to obtain permits to spray. We will discuss surveys for 2026 as we get closer to our annual meeting in August.

Boat Inspections. Looking at duplication of last year's 200 hours which is what is budgeted - Bob needs to sign the contract stating how much we'll be paying for boat inspectors at our landings. The board agreed that we will pay for 200 hours for a total of \$5,550 (the same amount of hours as last year). Usually the BLCA buys another 100 hours.

Grant Updates - Grant updates:

- Point Intercept for Briggs \$1,000
- Purple Loosestrife \$1,200
- \$550 Education

Carp and Alum outreach discussion - We ended the meeting with discussions of the two big projects we are looking at: the removal of carp and putting an Alum Treatment in the deepest part of Briggs. There were lots of opinions of each project but the big take away of this discussion was that we need to get our members on board for either of them to be funded. The Alum treatment costs approx. \$1,000,000 but there is an opportunity for a grant where we would pay 10% and the grant would cover 90%. This grant is most likely only available this year, the problem is we can't apply until June/July and won't know if we are chosen until December 2025. The BLCA is having a speaker from Carp Solutions come in April after their regular board meeting and are inviting everyone interested to attend. We discussed putting an article regarding the Alum Treatment in an upcoming BLCA newsletter and also on the BLCA website.

We adjourned at 7:10 PM