

General Membership Meeting: June 13, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Merchant at 10:05 a.m. & the pledge of allegiance was recited.

August 2014 general meeting minutes were read by Karen Nielsen

Motion to accept: McKelvey, J Second: Davidson, K

Treasurer's report was presented by President Dan Merchant.

Income to date: \$26,734.10 Expenses to date: \$5,621.99 Net proceeds: \$21,112.11

Checking acct: \$100,906.00 CD @ bank: \$4,512.15

Memberships YTD = \$5600.

AIS donations: \$11,400.

Elk Lake fish stocking of 1500 sun fish has been completed.

Clear Lake Lions donated \$3000 to the BLCA.

Motion to accept: Curtis, J Second: Carothers, R

Committee Reports

Events and Programs: Margo Josewski, Darlene Enright, Brad Kipp (NIA)

Brat sale over July 2nd and 3rd at McDonalds Meats

July 3rd is fireworks, July 4th is the boat parade

Flotillas: on Briggs 7/25 and Elk Lake on 8/15

Garage Sale August 22nd this year

Palmer Day – big fundraiser / we need lots of volunteers for this event! (contact any of us!)

Hwy 25 Clean up Sat Oct 10th / we always need volunteers for this event!! (“ “ “)

Membership Development: Margo Josewski, Darlene Enright, Brad Kipp (NIA)

We are grateful for your support and appreciate your generosity.

Budget & Fundraising: No report

Education: Wayne Smith

SERP workshop & BBQ this Friday the 19th at 5:30 at the Palmer Town Hall

(Shoreland Education Restoration Projects)

Healthy Lakes: Kenzie Phelps

Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month at Palmer Town Hall – all are welcome!

Happy to be zebra mussel free!

Several grants were acquired to help with shoreline restorations, BLCA has 'mini' grants, Mn Native Landscapes provides a plant bank for property owners who have participated in SERP projects. Contact Kenzie or Dan if you need to replace any of your shoreline project plants.

Communications: Francis Beaudry

The directory is a great resource for the lake residents and we appreciate all those who place ads!

Volunteers needed:

BLCA President position is open

Board member positions are available. We need nominations by the August meeting

Brat Sale= contact Diane Stangler to volunteer

Palmer Food Booth= contact Dan Stang

Hwy 25 Clean Up=Contact Darlene Enright, Margo Josewski, Brad Kipp

Member Issues:

Seems to be a lot of dead fish recently and seems to be a lot more rough fish being caught. Possibly a result of excessive nutrients and less oxygen, with weed spraying playing a minor role so far. (EWM spraying will be more toxic.)

June Program: 3 Lake LID proposal presentation

Big Elk participation was minimal, so after discussion with County commissioners, a new petition for a LID for the upper three lakes is being distributed. Primary reasons for this petition are due to the AIS & water stabilization issues we face. The law states that the county commissioners will determine how the LID will be funded but the membership has the final say of what projects will or will not be approved.

Door Prizes were awarded.

Adjourn for concert and picnic

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Nielsen, Secretary