

BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2021 10 A.M.

Attended by 36 members and the board members

The General meeting of the Briggs lake Chain Association was called to order by President Brad Kipp

First order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of board members

Brad commented that Dan Cibulka will not be able to join us this morning and that it has been a tough summer with the shallow water.

Motion was made by Walt Munsterman to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Adele Munsterman seconded. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Paul Bennen to accept the minutes from the June General meeting. Seconded by Doug Aasen. Motion passed

Diane Tiegs presented the financials year to date and commented that the financials are audited to make sure all is correct. We had a good fireworks display this year. She stated that we as a board have reviewed the 2022 budget and made a few changes. Year to date our financials are running on track even though we are slightly behind on fireworks dollars. There were no comments. Steve DeMeules motioned to accept the financials and the proposed 2022 budget. Seconded by Chuck Heinneman. Motion passed.

Debbie Stacey reported that the current sponsorship count is 258 and newsletter submissions are due by August 24th for the September newsletter.

Pamela Simonson reported that there are 2000 members of the BLCA facebook page.

Lyn Miller reported that she continues to post on our website.

Roger Miller reported on the completion and delivery of the directory. Thank you to Scott Ruitter for delivering all the directories. There is a coupon in the directory for 50 cents off ice cream at the Briggs lake store.

Healthy Lakes and Cola. Scott Ruitter is active in both and reported that starry trek will be taking place and there is a sign up online. We are currently dealing with Purple Loosestrife. It was found in the bayou two weeks ago by a member. The DNR was contacted and they jumped into action. A company called Lakeshore Restoration was hired and they hand pulled all they could find. Scott found one spot on Briggs and took care of it. Walt found one on Rush and took care of it. The spots will be revisited since it is a very invasive super spreader. They are very pretty and some have been found in pots in lake residents yards.

There is Eurasian Water Milfoil on the south end of Big Elk. Each year there is a survey done that is paid for by the BLCA and this year they found EWM on Big Elk. A company in Brainerd will be doing the

disposal of this EWM for a cost of \$4600. Thank you to Gary Anderson for taking the lead on a grant to help pay for this.

IF you have a plate on your dock to check for Golden Clams please check it monthly and should you find anything please contact Scott Ruitter immediately. He will contact Dan Cibulka. Please snap pictures of what you find.

Member reported that the water quality in the bayou is murky and you can no longer so swimming in there. 30 percent of the algae that flows into the upper 3 lakes comes from the bayou. they are treating it but not sure how effective it is. 50 years ago it was dredged out and now it seems to be back to the issue. There is a berm that separates the bayou from the elk river but the berm has sort of washed away because when the elk river gets too high it floods the bayou. One member stated that they used the pellets but they did not seem to work real well. We will be looking at a survey in the upcoming months. Lake Management said it is not cost effective for them to treat individual properties with spraying so that is why the pellets were tried. We are open to suggestions.

Question was presented: Why is Elk Lake so full of weeds this year? No one has an answer for that. Could be the drought, could be the hot temperatures. Thinking it is all about climate. It's a wait and see. How will the phosphorus levels be at the end of the year? A study on the damage of wake boats is happening now.

Walt does water testing with his group weekly. Documents show that our lakes are improving very slowly. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please contact Walt Munsterman. Palmer Township pays for the testing part and the BLCA pays for Walt's mileage.

There was no update on Big Elk joining the LID

Chuck Heinemann gave a report on the Gentle footprints program. To date, 28 projects have happened since the program was started. This year Scott, Chuck and Kenzie got together to reactivate and expand the program. There are mini grants available. Pages 22 and 23 of the directory explain how to do about a restoration and which grant would be more effective for you. If interested, please contact Chuck. A picture board of a project that was done in 2010 was there and on the website there is a project checklist to help you get started.

Lyf will once again take the lead on the Palmer days booth. This year there is no car show but the same number of people will probably be there. If you have any ideas for Palmer days, please contact Shelly Algers.

Weiss property on Big Elk Lake update: Gina from the county told Brad that the master planning concept based on the input of residents is done. They have received a \$500,000 grant towards the acquisition of the property and will be starting small.

The BLCA website will be getting a makeover making it more interesting shortly.

There is no old business.

New business was the presentation of the slate of officers for nomination. Nominations were called for from the floor 3 times. No nominations. Slate of officers was accepted as presented.

There were 4 past presidents in attendance at the meeting.

All lakes could use more lake reps.

Motion to adjourn the meeting and enjoy a picnic lunch of sandwiches, chips and cookies was made by Adele Munsterman and seconded by Pamela Simonson. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Door prizes were drawn. Winners were as follows:

Puzzle/game basket Denny Minor

Sign basket Kenzie Phelps

Spa basket Barb Tucker

Grill basket Nick Leszko

Menards basket Paul Bennen

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Stacey

Secretary