



Remembering the Past – Improving the Future ...promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain [Julia, Briggs, Rush and Big Elk] and adjoining and connecting waters.

Mark your calendar...

- Healthy Lakes-
08/1/2019
6:30
p.m.
- TLID
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08/5/2019

6:30

p.m.

■ Palmer

Twp

Board

08/12/2019

7:00

p.m.

■ BLCA

Board

Mtg

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08/10/2019

8:30

a.m.

■ Clear

Lake

Twp

Board

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08/20/2019

7:00

p.m.

■ Board

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08/8/2019

6:00

p.m.

BLCA ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 10TH AT 10 AM AT THE PALMER TOWN HALL.

BOARD ELECTIONS, BUDGET FOR 2020, ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND DOOR PRIZES

NO PRESIDENTS REPORT THIS MONTH

BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN FINANCIALS AND DUSTINS FINAL REPORT

Happy Sunny Days!

I hope everyone on the lake got to enjoy the amazing festivities this summer

including the eventful 4th of July with the amazing fireworks and the very festive floats in our boat parades!

Our financial snap shot is about as explosive as the firework show, but we have our biggest fundraiser just around the corner.

I hope everyone comes and joins in the fun of Palmer Days! Additionally, if you would like to have input in our budget for 2020 and to see where we are planning on spending, please join us for the August General Meeting to vote!

Financial Statement for 1/1 - 5/31/2019

Total income budget 34,595

Total income yr to date actual 26,721

Variance (7,874.33)

Total Expenses budget 33,975

Total expenses yr to date 5,153

Variance 28,821.73

Total in savings and checking 122,863.97

WINNERS OF THE BOAT PARADE ARE AS FOLLOWS

THERE WERE 11 BOATS REPRESENTING RUSH, JULIA AND BRIGGS

1ST PLACE Julia Milbery and crew for Game of Thrones \$100.00

2nd PLACE Kelley Rosenberger and crew for Yellow Submarine \$75.00

3rd PLACE Corine Dowly and crew for Camo \$50.00

THERE WERE 6 BOATS REPRESENTING ELK LAKE

1ST PLACE Robert Clifford and crew for the Boston Tea Party \$100.00

2nd PLACE Janet Deppa and crew for Americana \$75.00

3rd PLACE Gayle Lewandowski and crew for Patriotic \$50.00

Honorable mention goes to Steve Olmshead and crew for Red, White and Blue and also to Chris Wieve and crew for Lego, building memories on Briggs

SEE A FEW OF THE PHOTOS FURTHER DOWN IN NEWSLETTER

check the BLCA website for this years membership form. Thanks for being a part of the BLCA.

REMINDERS!

You can find a copy of our handy dandy 'Welcome' booklet on the www.briggslakechainassociation.com website.

THE PLANT BANK IS OPEN

The BLCA board at their June 8th meeting approved a motion to keep the BLCA plant bank open. WHAT, you may ask, IS A PLANT BANK?

Several years ago the BLCA had grants from the DNR for lakeshore restorations. Healthy Lakes did a good job of making sure all the grant money from the DNR was allocated to restoration projects the end of each grant cycle. The DNR did not want their grant money unused. However, at the end of the last cycle there was money remaining, and instead of not using it all, we requested the DNR to allow us to put it in an account with Minnesota Native Landscapes that property owners could draw from...which we did.

With the account balance getting low, the BLCA board allocated \$3000.00 to keep the fund going. Here's how it works:

- . BLCA members can receive up to \$300 worth of native plants from MN Native Landscapes (MNL)
- . The plants must be used for lakeshore restorations, old or new, or rain gardens
- . Property owner makes a request for plants by email to kenziehelps@gmail.com outlining how plants will be used and where they will be planted. It is desirable, but not required, that the property owner has a list of needed plants. MNL will often advise. Photos are helpful.
- . Healthy Lakes notifies MNL and the property owner
- . Property owner makes appointment and goes to the MNL farm to pick up plants. MNL is located on MN 95 about 1.5 miles east of the MN 25 and 95 junction
- . Property owner is responsible for installing plants
- . Property owner agrees to allow Health Lakes volunteer(s) to inspect plantings

That's all it takes: a little time and effort and you can make a bank withdrawal

without making a deposit. Sweet!

WORTH REPEATING

CARP AND HIGH WATER 2019

Most people around the lakes have little time or taste for carp, and little patience for high water events. But do you know carp and high water are connected?

COMMON CARP: As you may know, the common carp was intentionally introduced as a game fish into American lakes and water ways, including Minnesota, in the 1880's, that for some cultures carp is a delicacy, that a few years back the BLCA was paid by fish harvesters to take carp out of the lakes, that carp are now considered an invasive species, that carp historically have traveled upstream in Lily Creek to the upper three lakes to spawn, that a carp barrier was added to the Lily Creek dam to prevent carp from making the trip.

COMMON HIGH WATER EVENTS: As you may know the Briggs Lake Chain has historically experienced high water events nearly every year, that we have had three high water events already in 2019, that Palmer and Clear Lake Townships passed a high water-no wake ordinance, that the Three Lake Improvement District (TLID) did a water stabilization feasibility study in which one recommendation was to remove the carp barrier to allow quicker draw down time during high water events.

AHA, THE CONNECTION

But do you know the causes of our high water events ,the possible solutions, who owns the dam, who owns the carp barrier, what the DNR says about carp migration, what the DNR says about the barrier, the role the carp barrier plays in high water events? Three months ago the Healthy Lakes committee dedicated an entire meeting to these issues and questions, discussing the reasons for and against removing the carp barrier. The consensus of those in attendance, and their recommendation to the BLCA board was to remove the barrier. The BLCA board discussed it at length at their next meeting but delayed their decision. Seems this is not an easy decision. There are strong opinions on both sides some rational, some factional, some emotional. The BLCA board decided to hear from more lake association members at the annual meeting on August 10th, after which they will consider all the facts, opinions and suggestions and make a decision whether to remove the carp barrier or keep it in place.

If you have any questions, suggestions, opinions about the carp barrier join us at the BLCA annual meeting on August 10th. **WE WILL HAVE A STRUCTURED DISCUSSION TO HELP THE BOARD MAKE THEIR DECISION.**

By the way, there will be other stuff going on at the annual meeting like elections and adoption of the budget.

->Briggs Lake Chain Association Contact Info<-

The Lake Report is published for the benefit of BLCA members and lake residents. Please submit articles and feedback by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Email or snail mail copy to the Editor.

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TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Palmer Township

The Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall. Let Kelly McCann know of agenda items by email at: palmertwp@gmail.com by noon on Tuesday before the meeting or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: www.palmertownshipmn.org

Clear Lake Township

The Clear Lake Township Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let the Township clerk know of agenda items by Thursday morning before the meeting. To contact Clear Lake Township, please call 320-743-2472 or email the Township Clerk at: clearlaketwp@hotmail.com

Our website is: www.clearlaketownship.org

Please attend your respective Township meeting and voice your concerns about matters relating to our lakes.

FISHING CONTEST WINNERS



SHAWN MARKHAM



OWEN ZAHLER

PALMER <i>21st Annual</i> DAY <i>September 7, 2019</i> Palmer Park, MN	
Parade at Noon Township Hall <i>Photos for Post & Most Unique Floats</i> Welcome St. Choral Society, St. Choral Pic and Paper Pipes & Drums	
5K Fun Run Registration: 8:00 AM Start Time: 9:00 AM	DJ Smokey River 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Kids' Games 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	BINGO 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Horseshoe Tournament 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Bean Bag Tournament Begins at 2:00 PM
Raffle 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Music by Angie 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Great Food! Great variety sponsored by area non-profits	4 Honey BAWGERS
Clear Lake Lions Beer Garden	Live Music 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
<small>Registration forms for the Parade & the 5K Run available at Bridge Lake Store, McDonald's, Stovick's, Kwik-A-Rite and in our website (Palmer Day 2019)</small>	
<small>Palmer Day proceeds are donated to local, non-profit organizations. NO CASH PLEASE!</small>	

PALMER DAYS IS COMING UP.....
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