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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 the adjoining and connecting watersheds.

March 2020 Lake Report - The Presidents Letter

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There is an old saying about Minnesota weather. If you don't like it today, no worries, it will change tomorrow. February was no exception. Oh, those cold below zero days the first part of February.... Brrr. We enjoyed the last days of February with above average temperatures.

Ice Day on Julia was a fun event. The turnout was good even though we weren't allowed to drive out on the ice. I don't know, "Do we want to wish for colder weather next year so we can drive to the event on the ice?" Thanks to all the sponsors, the set up crew who did all the work behind the scenes, participants in the fishing contest and other events. Another thanks to all who shared posts on Facebook and promoted our feature winter event.

The BLCA doesn't have any sponsored planned activities scheduled for March.

A reminder from the DNR. Ice houses need to be removed from the lake March 2nd. I have no doubt our lake residents are good stewards of our lakes and will take all trash and debris with them. Actually, all sportsmen I know are good stewards and conservationists. However, there are always a few bad apples. If you see anyone not leaving their fishing spot in pristine condition, get a license plate number, ice house number, take a picture and report them.

THE 2020 PALMER AREA DIRECTORY: We are working on this years directory. The objective of the directory is to be more than an "old fashioned" phone book. This is an opportunity for local area businesses (many who are owners and lake residents) to reach out lake area residents with the message of " Please shop and support local businesses". It is not too late to advertise your business in this years directory. Contact Roger Miller, our editor, at mmcabin2019@gmail.com or call him at 320-249-6614. New for 2020 is we plan to support our advertisers on Facebook. We haven't worked out the details yet. The plan is, if someone posts on Facebook a request for a particular service, and we have an advertiser who might fit their request we will say " check the Palmer directory" . We won't promote any one advertiser. Often we have multiple advertisers for the same service. We will alert people to check the directory for local business that can meet their needs.

The lake association motto is: 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 watershed.

Thank You for being good stewards of our lakes and supporting the BLCA with your membership donation.

Brad

Mark your calendar... For these upcoming meetings

T LID Meeting Monday, 3/2 6:00 (1st Monday)

Healthy Lakes Thursday, 3/5 6:30 (1st Thursday)

Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 3/9 7:00 (2nd Monday)

Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 3/17 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)

BLCA Board Meeting Saturday, 3/14 8:30 (2nd Saturday)

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 3/12 5:30 (2nd Thursday)



Committees are formed on the board with a board member in all lead positions. We are always looking for people who want to get involved. Please contact a board member if you would like to take part in any of the committees. Look on our briggs lake chain website for the committees.

Door Prizes are always appreciated. Contact Adele Munsterman if you have anything you would like to donate. Adele can be reached at munstrushlake@aol.com or by phone at 612-310-7791

If you have updates to our membership list please contact Debbie Stacey at debbie.stacey@comcast.net

Welcome Wayne Smith from Big Elk Lake back to the board as a lake representative.....

BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN FINANCIALS KERRI WELCH

Financial Statement for 1/31/2020



Income to date: \$11,767.82

Expenses to date: \$1,161.20

Net Proceeds: \$10,606.62

Rapid Response Savings Account: \$41,309.79

Operating Funds: \$65,154.77

Checking Total Funds Held: \$12,008.90

Total BLCA Assets \$118,473.46

Questions on the financials, please contact Treasurer Kerri Welch at BLCAtreasurer@yahoo.com



Please check the website for minutes from our board meetings. If you have any questions or comments our board members are also featured on the website with contact information.

Again, we encourage ALL lake residents to get involved. It's easy and you meet lots of your neighbors. Lake reps are needed on Briggs,

Rush and Julia.



IF YOU LIVE ON ONE OF THE FOUR LAKES and you are not a member of the BLCA please consider joining.

Check the BLCA website for this years membership form or contact Debbie Stacey at Debbie.stacey@comcast.net

REMINDERS!

You can find a copy of our handy dandy 'Welcome' booklet on the www.briggslakechainassociation.com website. In January/February the Welcome booklet will be updated. If you would like a new copy please let the membership chair (Deb Stacey) know and one will be sent to you.

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.palmer-township-mn.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.

Membership will be reported at the next board meeting. The membership chair will be back in Minnesota the beginning of March to complete all the membership forms that have been turned in so far. Watch for your signs to come to you in the mail mid March.

Sorry for the delay.



DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the Palmer Directory.

IF you have changes to your phone contact us so we can get the correct number printed in the directory.

Thanks in advance.

2020 COVER PHOTO CONTEST The BLCA is seeking photos that reflect our lake community to place on the cover of our 2020 community directory. The winner will get \$25 and the honor of having his/her photo gracing the directory. The contest ends April 1, 2020 so comb through your digital files and/or snap photos. Please make your submissions as soon as possible to make sure the deadline isn't missed. Enter your PDF or JPEG files to our directory editor at mmcabin2019@gmail.com Call 320-249-6614 with questions.

2019 Palmer Township Community Directory



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There is a gentleman looking for scrap Sheetmetal. If you have any laying around that you want to get rid of, please contact Dave Bokelman at 320-293-4070

Mark your calendars and join us for the general meeting in June for a quick presentation on lyme's disease and an update from Cole Petroski from Sherburne County as well as our annual picnic.....



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