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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.

August Lake Report - The President's Letter

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Happy August ... It is the dog days of summer.

I was curious about that expression, so I Googled it. This year the "Dog Days" are July 22nd - Aug 22nd. Historically in Greek and Roman astrology it is summer days connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck. It is Minnesota. Sounds like they got the weather part right.

Fever ! Did they predict the virus? It has been a great summer. I don't see any mad dogs or bad luck in our future.

A big THANKS to everyone working behind the scenes to make our July activities a big success. The fireworks, boat parade, fishing contest and brat sales at McDonald's meat market are a group effort of board members and other volunteers.

If you are not a member of the lake association ( BLCA), I encourage you to join with a membership contribution. If you have a new neighbor, tell them about the BLCA and direct them to our website [briggslakechainassociation.com](http://briggslakechainassociation.com) for a membership form. Better yet, give them my phone number or email address. If they contact me, I will personally call or email them and welcome them to the lake.

As much as we would like everyone to join the BLCA, you do not need to be a paid member to be "in the loop". We email the monthly newsletter to everyone that requests to be on our email list. Email Debbie Stacey [debbie.stacey@comcast.net](mailto:debbie.stacey@comcast.net), our membership chair, and ask to be added to our email list. Let friends, new neighbors and anyone else know.

We encourage everyone to join our Facebook page. We are a private group. You need to send a request to get on the page. PLEASE, No politics and "rants" allowed.

Would you like to be more involved in "Supporting and Promoting our lakes"? Consider joining the BLCA board of directors.

August General Membership Meeting will be Saturday the 8th at 10:00, We are required by our by-laws to have an annual membership meeting the 2nd Saturday in August.

At this meeting is the annual review of finances, membership and activities. The meeting will be at the Palmer Town Hall. Weather permitting, we will meet in the parking lot. Bring your own chairs and please bring a mask. If you need a chair from the building, they will be sanitized before and after you use them. No food or drink will be served.

Board of Director nominations: At the August meeting we take nominations and elect new board members. New board members will attend the September meeting as guests. Their two year term will officially start at the October meeting. If you want to know more about being on the board, contact any board member. We will have openings for representatives from each of the four lakes.

Parking restrictions on county roads.

The Township board asked we remind everyone that roads need to be accessible to allow for emergency vehicles. Over the July holiday there were a lot of cars parked on both sides of our narrow lake roads. It would have been difficult to get a fire engine, ambulance or even a garbage truck through some places. Please ask your guests to not block the road.

Personal Watercraft laws.

Cole Petroske, who is with the Sherburne County Sheriff Water Patrol, asked that we remind Jet Skiers ( and all boaters) to be courteous, safety conscious, use good common sense and know Minnesota watercraft laws. A brochure on Personal Watercraft is in this newsletter.

It is great to be at the Lake. Enjoy. Thanks .... Brad

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 watersheds.

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

**Mark your calendar...** For these upcoming meetings

T LID Meeting Monday, 8/3 6:00(1st Monday)

Healthy Lakes Thursday, 8/6 6:30 (1st Thursday)

Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 8/10 7:00 (2nd Monday)

Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 8/18 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)

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

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 8/13 5:30 (2nd Thursday)

**PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE MEETINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING**

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.

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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](mailto:munstrushlake@aol.com) or by phone at 612-310-7791

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If you have updates to our membership list please contact Debbie Stacey at [debbie.stacey@comcast.net](mailto:debbie.stacey@comcast.net)

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IT'S TIME FOR THE AUGUST ANNUAL MEETING WHERE WE ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. IT WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 8TH IN THE PARKING LOT AT PALMER TOWN HALL. PLEASES BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND WHATEVER YOU WOULD LIKE TO DRINK AS WE WILL NOT BE SERVING ANY FOOD OR DRINK. ALSO PLEASE WEAR A MASK. WE ENCOURAGE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF OUR FOUR LAKES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE BOARD, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER.



BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN FINANCIALS KERRI WELCH

Financial Statement for 6/30/2020

Income to date: \$23,534.03

Expenses to date: \$12,214.65

Net Proceeds: \$11,319.38

Rapid Response Money Market \$116,295.16

Checking Total Funds Held: \$2,992.76

Total BLCA Assets \$ 119,287.92

Questions on the financials, please contact Treasurer Kerri Welch at [BLCAtreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto: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 ASSOCIATIONS LIKE OURS ARE PART OF THE LARGEST CONSERVATION GROUP IN MINNESOTA.....

WEBINARS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH MINNESOTA LAKES AND RIVERS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU  
SOME OF THESE ARE:

1. It's time to get the lead out and protect waterfowl from lead poisoning
2. News from the Capitol
3. Protect your lake in three ways
4. Hubbard COLA partnership with 4H. Teaching the next generation of lake advocates
5. Cows for clean water
6. Now is the time to join Minnesota Lakes and Rivers advocates statewide effort to protect our lakes

Other webinars are listed on their website at [www.mnlakesandrivers.org](http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org)

#### STARRY TREK REGISTRATION

The online registration for 2020 Starry Trek is now open! This year's event will take place at Big Lake Township Lions Park on Saturday August 15th starting at 8:30am, and will again be co-hosted by the SC COLA and Sherburne SWCD. Please navigate your browser to [www.starrytrek.org](http://www.starrytrek.org) to read more and register for this event.

This year special precautions will be put in place given the COVID-19 pandemic to make this a safe and productive experience for everyone. Once you register, you will be put on an email list to receive more information on the event and the safety protocols. Additional information will be shared the day of the event.

Thanks, Dan

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Questions about the water quality or algae..... Go to our website and read about

the different things the BLCA is doing to try to improve the quality of the lakes. Contact a board member who is listed on the website for more information or other questions. We are here to help. If we don't know the answer we will find it for you.....

THIS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU  
FROM DAN CIBULKA

As I mentioned before the SC COLA and SWCD have been working closely on issues related to AIS monitoring and Early Detection & Rapid Response (EDRR). Our AIS rake kits are ready for distribution at Starry Trek this year and the EDRR Task Force has met and are actively working on a template for all lake groups to have at their disposal should they find themselves dealing with a new AIS infestation. I know that communication within this group has been critical to moving these projects forward and leveraging a network of resources for these issues so I thank you for your time on this board.

On a positive note, we do have a success story within Sherburne County related to EWM management. Scott Ruiter of the Briggs Chain Lakes Association / Three Lakes Improvement District notified me that after several years of combatting EWM in Rush Lake they have not only kept it from spreading to other lakes in the chain but in 2020 their professional surveys turned up no occurrences of EWM. It is probably too soon to say it has been eradicated from the lake, but they have certainly done a great job of managing the plant first with herbicides, then with contracted hand-removal teams, then last year to volunteer hand-pulling, to now not knowing of any plants in the lake. As more of us become active in looking for AIS, preventing AIS movement, and educating ourselves on how to manage it, we are building a county-wide team that is becoming more effective at our achieving our AIS and other lake related goals.

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THERE HAVE BEEN SOME COMPLAINTS ABOUT DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS NOT ADHERING TO THE DOG ORDINANCES. HERE IS A REMINDER..

Running at Large Prohibited

No dog shall be permitted to run at large, off the owner's or custodians premises, within the limits of the township. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon roads or public property when the dog is on a leash or is kept under the control of the person charged with it's care.

Dog Nuisance

The owner or custodian of any dog shall prevent the dog from committing any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog to habitually or

frequently bark or cry at night, to frequent school grounds, parks or public beaches, to chase vehicles, to molest or annoy any person away from the property of it's owner or custodian, or to damage, defile or destroy public or private property. Failure of the owner or custodian of a dog to prevent the dog from committing such a nuisance is a violation.

#### Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a petty misdemeanor. In addition to the penalties provided for a petty misdemeanor, the person shall reimburse the Township and/or county for any and all costs.



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](mailto:Debbie.stacey@comcast.net)

THIS YEARS MEMBERSHIP TOTAL SO FAR IS 242.

Come on people, we can do better than that....

. Do you enjoy the fireworks ?

. Do you like that fact that the BLCA is working to keep the lakes clean?

. Do you like the picnics and the brat sales and all the other activities the BLCA sponsors?

. Do you like getting the newsletter emailed or snail mailed to you?

Your membership and donations make these things possible.

#### DNR News Release

For Immediate Release:

April 21, 2020

Questions? Contact DNR Information Center by email or call 888-646-6367

#### IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE DNR

Keep the floor of the boat free of clutter to avoid tripping and falling into the water, and ensure the boat has safety equipment such as life jackets, communication and noise-making devices, and a first-aid kit.

#### Boating during COVID-19

When hitting the water, know the DNR's COVID-19 outdoor recreation guidelines and practice the following to protect yourselves and others:

- Maintain social distance of at least 6 feet. This includes places such as fuel stations and community docks, and means no beaching or tying up to other boats.
  - Boat only with people in your immediate household.
  - Boat close to home. Travel to and from the access site without making other stops.
  - When fueling, wash your hands as you would when fueling a car. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - When launching and loading your boat, give people ahead of you plenty of time and space to finish launching or loading before you approach.
  - Keep in mind water-access site conditions may be different than in previous years. DNR-managed accesses are open, but spring maintenance is not completed.
  - If you have been diagnosed with, or are exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (including fever, cough, or difficulty breathing), stay home. This self-isolation period should extend for at least seven days after the illness begins and include 72 hours of being fever-free without using fever-reducing medications and resolution of other symptoms.
- Know what's open. To see what DNR-managed sites are available, see the DNR's COVID-19 website or call the DNR information center at 651-296-6157 or 888 646-6367

#### FROM COLE PETROSKE

If residents witness a violation on the water, please contact the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 763-765-3595.

It is important that these things are documented at the time they occur. It helps coordinate future enforcement decisions. It's beneficial if residents can get registration numbers, watercraft descriptions, description of operator, and last known direction traveling or current location.

Posting complaints on social media doesn't help our Sheriff's office work with the public to address the issues.

## **REMINDERS!**

You can find a copy of our NEW handy dandy 'Welcome' booklet on the



www.briggslakechainassociation.com website. The welcome booklet has been updated. Lake reps will be distributing the booklet to those who would like one. Please contact your lake rep for your copy.

#### 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](mailto:palmertwp@gmail.com) by noon on Tuesday before the meeting or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: [www.palmertownshipmn.org](http://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](mailto:clearlaketwp@hotmail.com)

Our website is: [www.clearlaketownship.org](http://www.clearlaketownship.org)

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

THE MEMBERSHIP FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.....

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM COLE PETROSKE

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The permits are free and must be updated annually.

You can download them from the Sheriff's Office Recreational Enforcement Webpage or get a copy from our website.

Any questions, please contact Cole Petroske at 763-765-3570 or email at [cole.petroske@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:cole.petroske@co.sherburne.mn.us)

## PARKING HAS BECOME AN ISSUE AROUND THE LAKES HERE IS A REMINDER OF THE PARKING ORDINANCE

A seasonal parking ban will go into effect on November 15th of each year and shall remain in effect until April 15th of the following year. **NO VEHICLE SHALL BE PARKED IN ANY PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY**

In addition, no person shall park a vehicle in any portion of a street or highway for a period exceeding 24 hours. After 24 hours, the vehicle may be towed away and impounded at the owner's expense.

Under no circumstances shall a person park a vehicle in any portion of a street or highway in such a way as to create a hazard for the traveling public or interfere with maintenance of the right-of-way. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Department may issue a parking citation and sign a towing order.



## DIRECTORY

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MAIL RECEPTICLES ARE CLEAN AND ACCESSIBLE. OTHERWISE THE DIRECTORIES WON'T BE PUT IN.

There were a number of mailboxes that the mailperson deemed inaccessible and their membership letters were returned. Please check yours. Thanks in advance.



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