





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.

July Lake Report - The Presidents Letter

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Happy July 4th Holiday,

This is my favorite holiday of the year. The aroma of brats cooking on the grill, the laughter of grand-kids swimming in the lake, watching the boat parade, people sitting around an evening campfire, even if it is 80 degrees, and the fireworks are some of my favorite things.

Fireworks: Friday July 3rd at dusk on Briggs.

I do get some calls and emails asking, "Why aren't fireworks on July 4th". We get a big discount if we have the fireworks on the 3rd, because most everyone wants their display on the 4th.

Did you know that RES PYRO, our fireworks company, is one of the biggest in the state? They do all the St Paul Saints, Twins & Vikings games, the Minnesota State Fair, the Minneapolis Aquatennial, the Minneapolis & St Paul 4th of July show, and many more. LUCKY FOR US, our show will go on. Sorry to say some of their others won't have a show.

Boat Parades on both Big Elk and Briggs: Parades start at noon July 4th. 11:30 start lining up by the Briggs Rush channel and at the public access on Elk. Cash prizes for 1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), & 3rd (\$50) for both parades.

We will have a group of judges on all 4 lakes. We are covered for Big Elk and Briggs. If you are on Rush or Julia and have a small group that would like to be judges, please call, text or email me.

Fishing Contest July 3rd & 4th: Details on the contest are in this newsletter and will be posted on Facebook. The good news on this contest is you don't have to catch the biggest fish to win a prize. Looking forward to hearing some fun fishing stories.

BLCA will partner with McDonald's Meats for our annual fundraiser selling brats and more at their Clear Lake store Thursday July 23rd - Saturday the 25th. We need volunteers to work the booth. More on that in the newsletter.

August General Membership Meeting Saturday the 8th: We are required by our by-laws to have an annual membership the 2nd Saturday in August. The meeting will be at the Palmer town hall. This is the annual review of finances, membership and activities.

Board of Director nominations: At the August meeting we take nominations and elect new board members. The 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 two representatives from each of the four lakes.

Have a great 4th of July holiday 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, 7/6 6:00(1st Monday)

Healthy Lakes Thursday, 7/2 6:30 (1st Thursday)

Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 7/13 7:00 (2nd Monday)

Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 7/21 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)

BLCA Board Meeting Saturday, 7/11 8:30 (2nd Saturday)

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 7/9 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.

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

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 AT PALMER TOWN HALL. THERE WILL BE A MEETING AND THEN AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL. NORMALLY THERE ARE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH LAKE. 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 5/31/2020

Income to date: \$22,023.46

Expenses to date: \$12,185.71

Net Proceeds: \$ 9,837.75

Rapid Response Money Market \$116,178.61

Checking Total Funds Held: \$ 4,430.32

Total BLCA Assets \$ 120,608.93

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 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

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.....

BLCA 3RD ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST FRIDAY, JULY 3RD AND SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

Your fish must be caught on either of these two days.

NO PRE-FISHING

Take two pictures.

First, a picture of your fish by a tape measure

Second, one with you holding the fish



Include your name, phone, email, and which lake it was caught on.

Submit your pictures and info to Ruth Thom at rathom@frontier.com.

Phone is 320-510-1784

THERE WILL BE 4 PRIZES OF \$25.00

Division A - 17 and under

Biggest fish (follow instructions above)

Best Fish Story – write a short story about your fish with a picture. Can be any size fish

Division B – 18 and up

Biggest fish (follow instructions above)

Best Fish Story – write a short story about your fish with a picture. Can be any size fish



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

THIS YEARS MEMBERSHIP TOTAL SO FAR IS 236.

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 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.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM COLE PETROSKE

1. Any
structure

places
in
the
water
overnight
and
not
extending
from
the
shore
must
be
permitted
by
the
Sheriff's
Office.

These
structures
may
include
swim
rafts/mats,
buoys,
slalom
courses,
etc.

2. Any
events
held
on
the
water
must
also
be
permitted.
Fishing
tournaments,
parades,
contests,
etc.

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

Yahoo.....Briggs Lake Chain will once again be participating in the cook out at McDonalds meats. It will be in July and calls will be made to get volunteers to work the booth for the day. If you would like to volunteer please contact Karen Jones at karenj55319@midco.net.



DIRECTORY

WINNERS OF THE DIRECTORY PHOTO CONTEST

1st place winner - Lacy Deppa

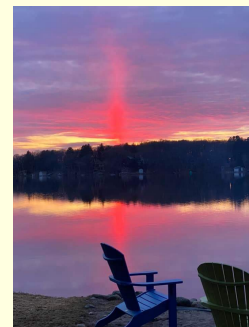
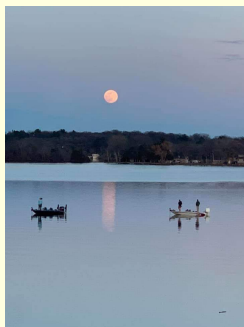
2nd place winner - Colette Warner and Trent Johnson

3rd place winner - Alicia Jacobson

Watch for your pictures in the directory that will be coming out very soon

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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