



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.

September Lake Report - The President's Letter

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Hi Everyone,

The feeling of fall is already in the air. The days are just a little bit shorter, it is just cool enough to have dew on the ground, and a few of the maples are already changing colors. My favorite season of the year is spring. I love the

anticipation of summer. My second favorite season is fall. Our lake place is only seasonal. It is not insulated. In October, we have to close it up for the winter. The movie "On Golden Pond" (I know this is an oldie for some of you) reminds me of our Briggs lake place. I can relate to the scenes of saying "Hello to the Lake" in the spring and "Goodbye to the Lake " in the fall.

The good news is we had a great summer at the lake.

At the August general meeting the BLCA board announced we made a donation to support the installation of an AED "automated external defibrillator" (SaveStation brand) on Briggs Lake.

If you're wondering what an AED is – and why they seem to be located in most offices and public buildings, you're not alone. In fact, because these devices are now commonly available, more people than ever before are curious about them. So – just what is an AED?

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Here is a brief recap on the project so far and my thoughts on how we, the BLCA, will do our part to promote the Save Station.

January ... The Board approved a \$3,995 donation to Peter Rengel to put a Save Station on his property. BLCA planned to promote the AED. Peter, a resident on Briggs Lake, attended the January meeting. He explained that he planned to put an AED on the lake shore side of his property. It is his property so it is his legal liability. At his own expense he set aside a designated area, installed solar power for 24 hour a day lightning around the unit. A representative from the Save Station company was at the meeting to demonstrate how the unit works, the upgrade features on this model, safety features and other benefits. This is a one time donation. Peter said If there are any additional or future expenses that would be his responsibility.

May ... Peter installs the AED. It is set up and ready to go. The plan is to train some board members and others on how to use the AED. In bold italics is a copy of an email from Peter letting us know the AED Save Station has been installed.

Good Morning Brad - As of Saturday the unit has been up and ready for use on my property. As you can see from the pictures we have placed in a noticeable area so those in need can get to it..

Couple things everyone needs to remember..

- When the case is opened it takes a picture of who took the device.
- it sounds an alarm and sends a text to up to 100 people to come up. Volunteer first responders.
- the unit will talk you through how to use AED if someone is in distress.. The unit will also not allow a shock if it is not needed..

I am truly grateful we have been able to be a part of such a great movement.. if we save one life with this AED we all have done our job here..

Please let me know when you would like to have small groups over to show them and do some training.. Brad you let us know of some dates and we will get it scheduled..

Thanks again for supporting the project and making it a success.. Have a great day. Thanks, Pete

June & July ... The virus changes everything. We delayed doing a major promotion / announcement on the AED until a training plan is in place. The plan was to let residents know about the AED. Schedule a get acquainted open house / orientation gathering at Peter's place. In addition, part of the program is we can have up to 30 people trained on using the AED. The training is by a certified professional and no charge to the participants. At the time, it didn't make sense to encourage any gatherings of any sort.

July .. Planning AED training sessions..... In July I reached out to Susie. She is a certified trainer for AED's. She is the one who will do training for our lake residents. I plan to attend a training session. If you are interested in attending a training session let me know. Below in bold italics is an email reply from Susie on what a training session would involve. I am thinking in person at the Palmer Town Hall would be best.

Recap: from Susie is :

- Presentation can be done in-person. We would need to social distance, max group size is 9 (with me that would be 10) and everyone would need to wear a mask.
- Presentation can be done via Zoom. I would drop off the equipment needed (CPR manikin, AED trainer). Those that signed up would grab the equipment, I would send out a Zoom email invite about 30 minutes before start time. After the presentation (either that day or next day) I would pick up the equipment. Class size for a Zoom presentation, 7 or 8. It's a little harder to teach using Zoom.
- The Presentation will be 45 minutes - 1 hour.

August and going forward. Last weekend I personally stopped by Peter's place and checked out the AED. I think the set up is great. In the future we may want to do some signage that is more visible from the lake. At the board meeting and membership meeting I plan to ask who would be interested in training on the Save Station and get an idea of times or days that might work . The training would be in small groups at the Palmer town hall. I will follow up with Susie and see if we can schedule some dates that fit her schedule.

I support this program because " you never know". What if I am walking through a mall, or somewhere else, and someone has a medical emergency that needs a defibrillator? I plan to be trained on how to use an AED and be ready to help if needed. Maybe as a result of Peters AED, a life somewhere else will be saved.

August General Meeting AED announcement. At the August meeting we had handouts on the Save Station brochure and pictures of the set up on Peter's property. I'm not sure where they are in the newsletter. I will leave that up Debbie, our newsletter editor.

Due to the virus, the attendance at the meeting was small. I can't say there was a strong response PRO or CON. There were some excellent questions raised at the meeting and follow up emails I got afterwards. Here are some of the questions.

Why didn't we place the AED at one of the boat landings? Well, that would have been my first choice too. The DNR is the one who decides what is placed at landings. That includes signs, docks, outdoor biffs, trash cans and more. So far as I know, they have declined placing any AEDs at any landings.

Do we plan to place AEDs on the other three lakes? No.

Is this AED available and findable 24/7? Yes. There is a solar powered light on the unit.

As you know, we are all volunteers doing what we think is best to keep our lakes healthy and work on things that will benefit our residents. We may not get everything 100% right. We are passionate about our lakes and the association.

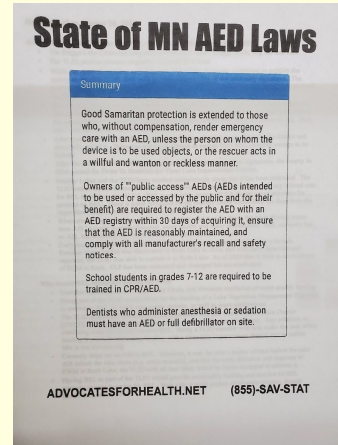
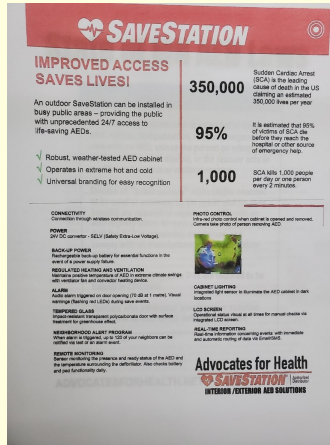
In hindsight, I admit the location of the AED is not ideal. I still think we did the right thing. If one life is saved, it is worth the donation we made.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or comments.

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.



Mark your calendar... For these upcoming meetings

- T LID Meeting Monday, 9/7 6:00(1st Monday)
- Healthy Lakes Thursday, 9/3 6:30 (1st Thursday)
- Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 9/14 7:00 (2nd Monday)
- Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 9/15 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)
- BLCA Board Meeting Saturday, 9/12 8:30 (2nd Saturday)
- Board of Adjustments Thursday, 9/10 5:30 (2nd Thursday)

PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE MEETINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING

Lake Association Members,

The SC COLA Board is pleased to make public today our new sherburnecola.org website.

We believe that you will find a lot of very useful content on the website, that compliments the information that was provided to members only in our annual SC COLA Directory-Reference.pdf in June.

Besides numerous instances of local and state contact information, there are a variety of other waters related resources. One example is the “Our Lakeshore Connection” lakeshore ecosystem video that Anoka SWCD created and has kindly granted permission for us to post on our “Educational Resources” page.

Finally, we encourage you to thank our business sponsors because they help us meet our goal (e.g. increased AIS prevention, water quality improvement). Please buy from them and tell them you saw their ad on the website or in the directory.

Thanks,

Patrick Plant, Chair
sherburnecola@gmail.com
763.441.6339

BE SURE TO CLEAN OUT YOUR MAIL REEPTICLES AND NEWSPAPER SLOTS SO A DIRECTORY CAN BE PUT IN. IF IT LOOKS NEGLECTED, WE WILL NOT LEAVE A DIRECTORY AND YOU WILL HAVE TO ARRANGE TO PICK ONE UP,

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

QUESTION....

HOW DO WE INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP ?

Here's an idea,,,when you get a new neighbor please let your lake rep know either by a text message, email or a phone call. That way one of us can introduce ourselves and tell the new resident about the BLCA and encourage membership, give them a welcome walker book and also a new directory. No one wants to increase our numbers as much as the board does and this would be a way for you to help us do it.

BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN FINANCIALS KERRI WELCH



Financial Statement for 8/31/2020

Income to date: \$24,923.22

Expenses to date: \$20,420.78

Net Proceeds: \$ 4,502.44

Rapid Response Money Market \$106,324.80

Checking Total Funds Held: \$ 6,130.68

Total BLCA Assets \$ 112,455.48

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.

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.

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

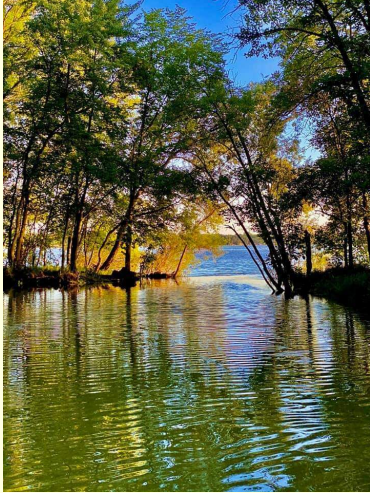
The owner or custodian of any dog shall prevent the dog from committing any act which constitutes a nuisance. It is a nuisance for any dog to habitually or frequently bark or cry at night, to frequent school grounds, parks or public beaches, to chase vehicles, to molest or annoy any person away from 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

THIS YEARS MEMBERSHIP TOTAL SO FAR IS 251.

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.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.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM COLE PETROSKE

1. Any
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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

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

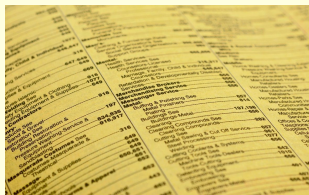
A seasonal parking ban will go into effect on November 15th of each year and shall remain in effect until April 15th of the following year. NO VEHICLE SHALL BE PARKED IN ANY PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY

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.

ELK LAKE RESIDENTS

Please watch for a mailing on what the DNR is proposing for Elk Lake and what the pros and cons would be if Big Elk joined the LID at a future date. Your Elk Lake Reps will host a meeting at the palmer town hall at a later date to talk with the residents about the LID. Then another vote will be a follow up to the meeting. Questions in the meantime please feel free to contact an elk lake representative.



DIRECTORY

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

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