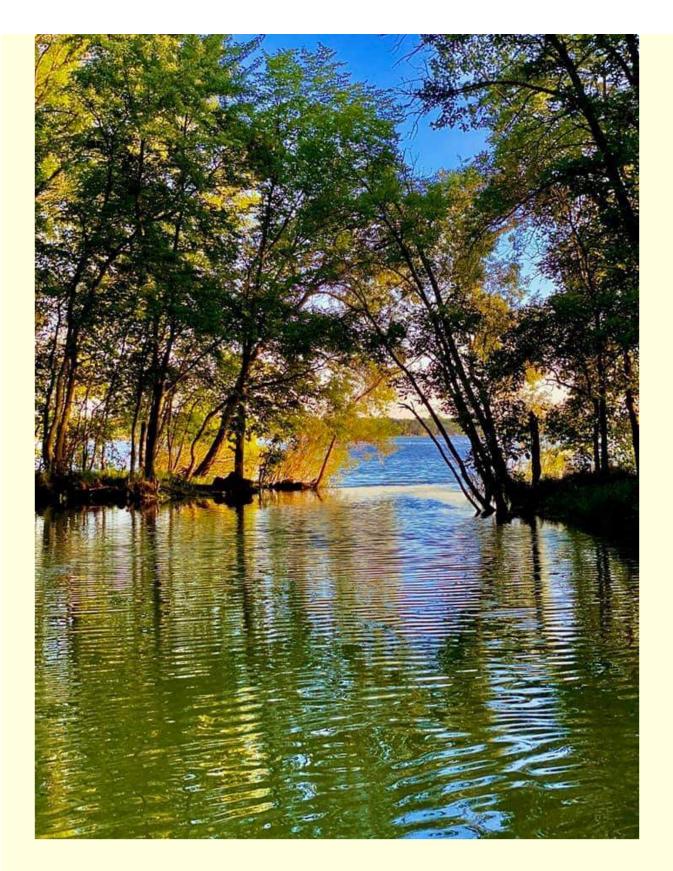
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Remembering the Past – Improving the Future ... promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain [Julia, Briggs, Rush and Big Elk] and the adjoining and connecting watersheds. October Lake Report - The President's Letter Brad Kipp email: bradkipp1@gmail.com cell: 612 810 6738

Hi Everyone,

One good thing about this time of year is the falling of acorns is over. I am not an oak tree expert. However, I swear we had a zillion more acorns fall this year than any of my other 20 years on the lake. Does anyone have a history on acorns? Oh Well, they are all picked up. There won't be any new oak trees growing in my yard.

The 2020 Palmer Township Directory has been printed and delivered. Frequently asked questions about this year's directory.

... Why was the directory delivered so late? Due to the virus and other issues, our printer had problems and let us down. We will find another vendor for 2021.

... I didn't get a directory. We only deliver the directory to an alternative box, like those for newspapers. We can not put the directory in a US Postal Service mailbox unless we pay the postage.

... Where can I get a directory? The Briggs Lake General Store. If you don't see them in the store, PLEASE ask. They are in the checkout area on the wall.

Due to the late delivery of the directory, we gave our advertisers a significant discount on this year's ad. It is our way of saying "Thanks and looking forward to your support in 2021". A big THANKS to our editor Roger Miller and his assistant editor Lynn Miller for meeting all the challenges getting the directory published and delivered.

This is a bad news good news story. Recently the dreaded milfoil weed was found in Big Elk lake. The good news is it looks like we found it early. Volunteers pulled the milfoil out by the roots. This is the same thing we did on Rush to get rid of the weed for the time being. We can't be sure the weed is gone for good. Debbie Stacey, our newsletter editor, has an article with pictures in the newsletter. I want to give a "SHOUT OUT AND THANKS" to Mike Flanery. Mike took the lead and rounded up the volunteers to pull the weeds. Mike is long time volunteer and very active in supporting our healthy lakes and on the board of directors for the TLID (Three Lake Lake Improvement District)

Last year in my October President's letter I wrote:

A few years ago the LAKE REPORT newsletter used to have a "Remember the Past" section. I think we should renew that column in the newsletter. Recently, I

was talking with a long time resident on the lake. We were talking about the high water. He told me that sometime in the 1980's we had a high water level of 6 foot over flood stage. Wow, that is twice the level of any high water this year. I have been on the lake since 2000. I didn't know that. I know of one board member who has a picture of their cabin from 1939. That would be cool to see. I invite you to send your "Remembering the Past" memories and pictures to Deb Stacey, our newsletter editor. Debbie.stacey@comcast.net

We are looking for some pictures and the story or a few words to go with the pictures. We will publish some each month.

I am disappointed to tell you that in the last year NOT ONE PERSON submitted a single article for a "Remembering the Past" article. I follow the Briggs Lake Facebook page. Not all of our lake people are on Facebook. I think our email list for the lake association is around 350. I know those not on Facebook would enjoy some pictures and your memories. The memories could be as current as this summer.

Thanks ... Brad

our 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.

Brad

Mark your calendar... For these upcoming meetings

T LID Meeting Monday, 10/5 6:00(1st Monday) Healthy Lakes Thursday, 10/1 6:30 (1st Thursday) Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 10/12 7:00 (2nd Monday) Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 10/20 7:00 (3rd Tuesday) BLCA Board Meeting Saturday, 10/10 8:30 (2nd Saturday) Board of Adjustments Thursday, 10/8 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,

Committes 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.

DIRECTORIES

All the directories have been delivered.

If you did not receive one it may be because your newspaper box had old things in it or it was not accessible. Extra copies are available from your lake rep or at the Briggs Lake Store.

IF we have a wrong number for you in the directory or if for some reason you were omitted, we apologize. Numbers were taken directly from your membership form. That being said, we are not perfect and may have made some mistakes. PLEASE PLEASE email Debbie Stacey who holds the master list and I will make the corrections on that list to make sure we have it correct for next year.

We encourage you to frequent the advertisers in the directory. They advertise with us to help defray the cost of the directory printing.

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.

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

The weekend of September 18th was a busy one on Elk Lake. On September 18th James Johnson, Aquatic Ecologist and Certified Lake Manager, found Eurasian Water Milfoil at the outlet on Big Elk Lake. Early detection and proper weed pulling is key to eradicating and controlling this weed. Immediately calls were made and Mike Flanery jumped into action, making calls, getting permits, and arranging volunteers to pull the milfoil that was found, On Saturday and Sunday Mike Flanery and 5 residents from the west side of Big Elk worked to get the milfoil that was found out of the lake. A big thanks to Mike Flanery and our dedicated volunteers for jumping into action. Pictures are below







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

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 pubic 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.

