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August Lake Report - The President's Letter

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Happy August,

It has been a HOT summer. Will the drought ever end? I was curious to see what the Old Farmer's Almanac predicted. Sure enough the prediction was "expecting summer 2021 temperatures to be hotter than normal once again." (2020 also was a record breaker). I didn't find a prediction about rain.

I know the hot days, lack of water and low lake levels have increased the algae bloom. This year is the worst I have seen in many years. These conditions are excellent for growing Purple Loosestrife. The bad news, although the purple flowers look pretty, they are an invasive species. We need to get rid of them. I got an email from Bre Bauerly. She lives on the bayou. Also she works for MNL

(Minnesota Native Landscapes). She knows her plants. Later in the newsletter is her email and some pictures of Purple Loosestrife. Now while it is flowering it is a good time to get rid of it. Thanks to Bre for sharing this information.

The August general membership is scheduled for Saturday the 14th at 10:00 AM at the Palmer Town Hall.

We are required by our by-laws to have an annual membership the 2nd Saturday in August.

This is the annual review of finances, membership and activities.

The budget for 2022 will also be presented for approval at the meeting. We are looking for input from the membership on how we manage and use our resources. You may make suggestions at the meeting.

If you could call or email me your recommendations in advance, I would really appreciate that.

Board of Director nominations: At the August meeting we present current board members volunteering for another term. Also we will take nominations for 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.

After the meeting we are serving a light lunch. There will be a variety of sandwiches, chips, cookies and water. Also we will have a drawing for some fun gift baskets. This is a nice time to meet and greet your neighbors.

Palmer Day is Saturday, September 11th. This is the townships biggest event of the year. The BLCA sponsored food booth will be back again. Just like the state fair we missed the great food last year. We need volunteers to work in the booth. There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting. You can contact Shelly Alger, our volunteer coordinator, to sign up. Email: [sdreimer@frontier.com](mailto:sdreimer@frontier.com) phone: 612 283 8362

We need help for the booth set up Friday afternoon. We need several shifts to cook and serve food on Saturday. Sunday morning we need more help for the clean up.

The parade is Saturday. Most years the BLCA has a float. Do we have a group volunteering to put together a float this year? Did anyone on the upper 3 lakes or on Big Elk save what they used for the boat parade. That would be a fun float. The BLCA will cover the cost of candy or other goodies you toss to the kids. Please call or text me ( 612 810 6738) if you have questions or interest.

We did a Facebook post asking for suggestions of other events or activities that might be fun and interesting. One suggestion is a Christmas light decorating contest. A couple comments say we don't offer much for young kids. Another idea was to have a warm weather event where kids could wear their Halloween costumes. Now there is a Palmer parade idea. Kids in costume tossing candy to the crowd.

Events like the December lighted parade around the lakes and Ice Day on Julia are events planned and organized by a few people on the lakes. The BLCA supports some events with donations, permits, if needed, and publicity. Instead of the BLCA planning an event and seeing if anyone comes, tell us about an event you want to plan and organize. We will work with you.

I appreciate the emails and calls I get with suggestions, questions and concerns. I try to respond to all. Recently I got a letter from "The Lake People". It was well written, pointed out some serious concerns they had and a request for action. I thought their points were valid. Sad to say the letter was anonymous with no contact information. I can't go forward with something like this unless I can talk "Live" to someone.

It's August. Summer's not over. Enjoy and have fun. Brad

Hi Brad, I don't know if this is newsletter worthy or not but there's a lot of purple loosestrife showing up along the bayou this year. I've only been here 3 summers and this is the first time I've noticed it widespread, including 2 plants on my own shoreline. I suspect it has to do with the water levels being down a bit and old seed bank showing up. Just wanted to mention it because it's probably also coming up in other areas along the chain of lakes!

Plants should be treated selectively with an aquatic approved herbicide, dug, or pulled out and disposed of in the trash - not compost. At the very least, plants including seed heads should be cut as low as possible and disposed of.

Some people think it's pretty, but it's extremely invasive and a prohibited noxious weed, so it should be controlled. Suitable native species alternatives are: Winged Lythrum (our native loosestrife), blue vervain, swamp milkweed, ironweed, monkey flower, obedient plant, and/or shrubs like button bush, red twigged dogwood, or steeplebush.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Bre Bauerly

4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE  
ELK WINNERS  
1ST PLACE JANET DEPPA  
2ND PLACE MIKE AND DEBBIE STACEY  
3RD PLACE SUE LELWICA

BRIGGS,JULIA, AND RUSH  
1ST PLACE STEVE AND CINDY BLOMMER  
2ND PLACE CORINNE DOWTY  
3RD PLACE SHELLY ALGER

**PICTURES ARE BELOW IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER**



There was no Healthy Lakes meeting in July

The next Healthy Lakes meeting is on August 5th at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

**AUGUST 14TH 10 A.M.  
BLCA AUGUST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**GUEST SPEAKER: DAN CIBULKA FROM SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION**

**TOPICS:**

- ..ZEBRA MUSSELS, WHY WE CHOSE PLATFORMS INSTEAD OF NETTING**
- ..GOLDEN CLAM UPDATE**
- ..SHORELINE RESTORATION DOLLARS**
- ..ANY UPDATES ON WATERSHED ONE PLAN**

A lunch of individually wrapped sandwiches, chips, cookies and water will be served after the meeting.

We will also have door prizes to give away

## **UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENTS**

TLID Meeting **Monday, 8/2** 6 pm 1st Monday of month  
Healthy Lakes **Thursday, 8/5** 6:30 pm 1st Thursday of month  
Palmer Township **Monday, 8/9** 7 pm 2nd Monday of month  
Clear Lake Township **Tuesday, 8/17** 7 pm 3rd Tuesday of month  
BLCA Board **Saturday, 8/14** 8:30am 2nd Saturday of month  
General Meeting **Saturday, 8/14** 10 am 2nd Saturday of month  
Board of Adjustments **Thursday, 8/12** 6 pm 2nd Thursday of month

## **SHERBURNE COUNTY HAS 6 COMPOST SITES**

For more information go to the county website and search for compost  
[www.co.sherburne.mn.us](http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us)

Please be conscious of what you take to the compost sites or we may not be lucky enough to have them

Did you know that there is a book on the history of Clear Lake Township? Lloyd (Bud) Stimmler and many other area residents have spent an incredible number of hours researching and assembling this book. If you would like to buy a copy, please contact Bud at 320-761-5793

There is \$\$\$ available through the Gentle Footprints Program to help defer the cost of plantings that will slow the erosion and runoff into our lakes. If you are interested in participating in this program you must be a sponsor of the BLCA and fill out the necessary forms which are on our website. This is an amazing opportunity for our lake association sponsors to do good things on the shorelines. Please contact Chuck Heinemann for more information at [caheinemann@midco.net](mailto:caheinemann@midco.net)

## **FROM JEFF FORESTER AT MINNESOTA LAKES AND RIVERS ADVOCATES**

Dear Friend,

As part of the settlement from the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe, some of the

money was set aside for loon recovery efforts in Minnesota.

Two MN agencies have received a part of this funding, the MPCA and the MN DNR. The Get the Lead Out effort MLR has helped support is a result of the funding to the MPCA. Many lake associations have rolled out lead tackle exchange programs through this program.

The MN DNR is ramping up their Loon Restoration Project. The MN Loon Restoration Project is targeting the following counties: Becker, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Clearwater, Itasca Aitkin, and Beltrami.

The focus of the project is fourfold:

1. Acquire critical parcels of shoreline on lakes that are ecologically important to loons. These lakes include historically important loon nesting sites, have been previously categorized as biologically significant, and contain populations of cisco (an important forage fish

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MN DNR is currently working with both the United States Geological Survey and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct surveys of key lakes that are important to loons in the eight county project area. Results of these surveys will be used to guide decisions and actions related to the four focus points listed above.

If you have any concerns/questions, please feel free to contact me (contact info below). In the targeted counties, there will be a role for lake associations to play in Loon Recovery Project.

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#### B.L.C.A. FINANCIALS AS OF JUNE 2021

Income to date \$ 31,649.40  
Expenses to date \$ 12,477.12  
Net Proceeds \$ 18,572.28

Operating funds checking \$ 28,167.00  
Money Market Rapid Response \$ 101,245.82  
Total BLCA Cash \$ 133,725.90

This is your current board with a few changes. Cheryl Larson, Kerri Welch, Brian Welch, Karen Jones and Wayne Smith are no longer on the board.

Shelly Alger has joined the board since this picture was taken.

Brad mentioned in his letter that we need more representation on the board. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** please contact Adele Munsterman

before the August General Meeting so she can present your name. Come join us....



SUBMITTED BY A LAKE MEMBER.....

Keeping up with the Jones' - A fish tale to remember

Our youngest son came up to help his dad put on a new screen door. They successfully accomplished that and decided to try some fishing for a couple hours before heading home.

He took the pontoon, some bait and headed out. He caught a few crappies and only had two minnows left.

he took the fattest one for one more cast off the end of the pontoon and he netted a 22 inch walleye- end of story. NO

He put the walleye in the basket with the other fish but the weight of the walleye untied the rope and the basket and the fish all sank to the bottom of the lake, 7 feet below.

He quickly assessed the situation, and not wanting to lost his walleye, stripped down to his skivies and jumped into the lake, found the basket with his toe, reached down and pulled up the basket with all his fish and put them back in the pontoon.

Above is a picture of his fish a picture of his fish.....AND SINCE HE WAS STILL IN HIS "SKIVIES" I CROPPED THE PHOTO





**IF YOU LIVE ON ONE OF THE 4 LAKES, AS A GOOD NEIGHBOR YOU SHOULD BE A SPONSOR OF THE BLCA.**

THIS ORGANIZATION DOES A LOT BEHIND THE SCENES FOR ALL 4 LAKES WHICH IS PAID FOR BY THE SPONSORSHIPS.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT YOUR SPONSORSHIP IN, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU MISPLACED THE FORM, PLEASE CONTACT DEB STACEY AT 19debjs52 FOR ANOTHER ONE

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM COLE PETROSKY**

Minnesota Statute 86B.121 requires a permit be issued before holding or sponsoring any scheduled or public race, regatta, tournament or other competition or exhibition, or trial race on water or ice, whether or not involving watercraft.

The statute further states that the County's issuance of a permit under this section does not make the County liable for any injury occurring at the event. The applicant shall provide a non-cancellable comprehensive general liability policy with Sherburne County named as an additional insured.

In addition to an insurance policy, proof of notification to the City or Township where the event is being held must be provided. This ensures that the City or Township is aware of the event. Be sure to discuss parking/land use issues with the City or Township. Please note that no more than 50% of a State owned public access may be used for an event. (MN Rule 6212.2700)

Other documents that may apply to your event include DNR tournament permits, food and alcohol vendor permits, pyrotechnic permits, gambling permits, etc. Be sure to include copies of these with the application. To obtain these permits contact the MN DNR or the Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer Department.

The application must be submitted to the Recreational Enforcement Division 30 days prior to the event. Delivery can be done in-person, by mail, fax, or e-mail. All other supporting documents and permits must be submitted 7 days prior to the event. Upon review of all documents you will be notified of approval or denial. Approved applications will be signed by the Sheriff and have a permit number listed in the upper right corner. The application and supporting documents must be on site and readily available during the duration of the event.

Watercraft being used for an event will be inspected by event staff before entering and upon leaving public waters to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

Events held on the ice are subject to adequate ice thickness. Generally, there will be no parking of contestant vehicles on the ice. Support vehicles and event structures may be placed on the ice but must maintain a minimum of 30 feet between vehicles and structures. If water rises above holes drilled in the ice or sagging is observed. All vehicles must be removed from the area immediately. To ensure safety for all, these requirements will be strictly enforced.

Failure to follow guidelines and requirements set forth by your permit will result in the cancellation of the permit

## **TEMPORARY STRUCTURES**

If you intend on placing any structure, buoy, or sign in public waters within Sherburne County, between sunset and sunrise, which does not extend from shore, you are required to obtain a permit from the Sheriff of Sherburne County. (MN Rule 6110.1800 & MN Statute 86B.111 Sub. 1) There is no fee for this permit.

To help expedite the issuance of your permit, please familiarize yourself with the following procedures and applicable regulations for the structure you intend to place in public waters. Accurately and completely fill out the application and accompanying page that diagrams your structure and its location. After completing the application and diagram, submit all pages to the Recreational Enforcement Division via in-person, mail, fax, or e-mail. Upon review you will be notified of approval or denial. Approved applications will be signed by the Sheriff and have a permit number listed in the upper right corner.

Requirements for all structures:

- 1) Structure must not create a hazard to surface use of the public water.
- 2) Permit number must be displayed on the structure at all times it is on public waters.
- 3) Permit numbers must be 2 inches in height and contrast the background.
- 4) Structure must have a light or reflective material visible from all sides that identifies the size of the structure.

- 5) Anchoring system must not create a hazard to surface use of the public water.
- 6) Anchoring system must not be detrimental to fish or wildlife habitat.
- 7) Structure must be removed by November 1st every year (March 15th for ice rink equipment).

Additional regulations for slalom courses.

- 1) Permit number must be displayed on both ends of the course.
- 2) Course area may not exceed 900 feet in length.

Additional regulations for private swimming areas. (MN Rule 6110.160)

- 1) Area may not exceed 2500 square feet (example 50'x50').
- 2) Area may not exceed 50 linear feet along lake frontage.
- 3) Markers must be placed no more than 15 feet apart along the perimeter.
- 4) Markers must have no less than six inches but no more than 14 inches showing above the waterline. Markers in the form of a cylinder must have a diameter of at least five inches and not larger than nine inches. Markers with a shape other than a cylinder may not have a length or width greater than 14 inches. Each such marker shall bear on opposite sides a one-half inch wide band of international orange color forming an upright diamond at least five inches in outside width, dissected vertically and horizontally by a one-half inch wide strip of international orange color. The border of the diamond and cross outline shall not be less than one-half inch in width. These markers may not be spaced more than 15 feet apart and must outline all of the swimming area.





Last but not least.....

Remember this and enjoy the heat of the summer. It doesn't last all that long.  
It seems like winter lasts forever.....

I THINK BRAD HAD AN EXCELLENT IDEA....

LET THE KIDS DRESS IN COSTUME AND THROW CANDY AT THE  
PALMER DAYS PARADE.....

INTERESTED IN THIS FOR YOUR KIDS?

CONTACT BRAD KIPP ASAP



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