



**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.

Report - The President's Letter

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Hi Everyone,

Happy Halloween,

Sunday we took our last boat cruise of the season around the lakes. It is always a beautiful time of the year. A lot of docks and boat lifts are already on shore and boats are being readied for storage. I remember the great Halloween Blizzard of 1991 dropping 28" of snow. Wow, was that 30 years ago?

Thanks to everyone that volunteered and participated in the Palmer Day activities. There are too many names to mention. The weather was perfect. A

great day was had by all. I wonder how many towns our size around the country have a parade that lasts almost an hour. I bet not many.

This month the BLCA will do our fall clean up along Highway 25 from mile marker 86 to 89. More details and a request for volunteers to help will be posted on Facebook soon.

Below is a repeat of a request I made in last month's letter. I only got a few replies. I could use a few more comments.

In the past the BLCA used our preferred vendor ,Lake Management, to control weeds on individual property shorelines. For several years weed control was spraying the shoreline. This year Lake Management opted out of the shoreline spraying. They offered a granule application that property owners could buy from them and apply themselves. I ordered the granules and used them. Lake Management let me know 60 properties on the four lakes ordered the product.

I need your input. DID THE GRANULAR PELLETS WORK?

Did you order granules from BLCA Lake Management ? Yes or No

Did you order a similar product from a different company? Yes or No

On a scale of 1 - 5 ( 5 is best) how do you rate weed control on your shoreline?

Please offer any comments or suggestions.

Please call or text me at 612 810 6738 or email me at bradkipp1@gmail.com

I encourage the "old fashioned" idea of picking up the phone and giving me a call.

It is really important I get some feedback so we can make plans for 2022.

It looks like the days are getting shorter and so are my letters. Happy fall. Enjoy the season.

Thanks, Brad

Summary of the Healthy Lakes Meeting - September 2, 2021

The Healthy Lakes group meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. This is a group of people that have an interest in the health of all four lakes. Everyone is welcome, you do not need to

join, come share your thoughts and interests.

We discussed the following:

- TLID update - Annual Meeting, new board member, purple loosestrife
- Big Elk Lake LID status
- Gentle Footprint Projects and Grants
- No wake ordinance
- Garbage Hauling and Yard Waste Drop Off
- Sherburne County Park update
- Healthy Lakes Goals 2021 Review

To see a more detailed report please check out the Healthy Lakes section on the BLCA website.

The next Healthy Lakes meeting is on October 7th at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

This is from Gina at the County when Brad asked her the status on the Weiss Property:

Thank you for asking about the Big Elk Lake Property – we do have a few updates:



1. Completed  
Master  
Planning  
Process

(A concept was developed based on

public engagement that we are

strongly considering – it is attached for

your interest)

2. Achieved Regional Designation through

the Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails

Commission

3. Received \$500,000 grant through MN DNR

towards acquisition

4. Legacy application pending for additional

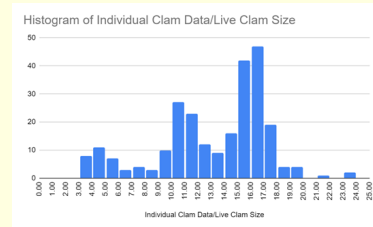
acquisition funding

## GOLDEN CLAM UPDATE

\*\*\*\*DAN CIBULKA AND VOLUNTEERS GATHERED AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF CLAMS AND SAID THEY COULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN THAT MANY WITHOUT ALL THE HELP.

The clams were measured and a histogram was created showing their distribution by size. Several age classes were easily apparent so it appears they got the data they were hoping for.

A preliminary chart of the data was sent and is attached.



## UPCOMING MEETING AND EVENTS

TLID Meeting **Monday, 10/4 6 pm 1st Monday of month**

**Healthy Lakes** Thursday, 10/7 6:30 pm 1st Thursday of month

Palmer Township **Monday, 10/11 7 pm 2nd Monday of month**

**Clear Lake Township** Tuesday, 10/19 7 pm 3rd Tuesday of month

BLCA Board Saturday, 10/9 8:30 am 2nd Saturday of month

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 10/14 6 pm 2nd Thursday of month

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)



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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A ZEBRA MUSSEL PLATFORM AT THE END OF THEIR DOCK OR ON THEIR LIFT.....

As equipment is pulled from the water be sure to check for signs of zebra mussels or other invasive species. Swim rafts, docks, lifts are often made of hard metals that provide a good surface for mussels to cling too. It is recommended that these forms of equipment be left out of the water to dry for 21 days prior to moving to a different waterbody.



**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

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE 4 LAKES, PLEASE CONTACT ME SO YOU CAN BE ADDED TO OUR DATA BASE**



## **HIGHWAY 25 CLEAN UP - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 10 A.M.**

If you are able to help with this month's highway 25 clean up please contact Ruth Thom at: [rathom@frontier.com](mailto:rathom@frontier.com)

Clean up will be Saturday October 9th at 10 am  
Meet at the Palmer Town Hall  
Bring your own gloves  
Vests and bags will be provided

Thanks in advance for your willingness to help out

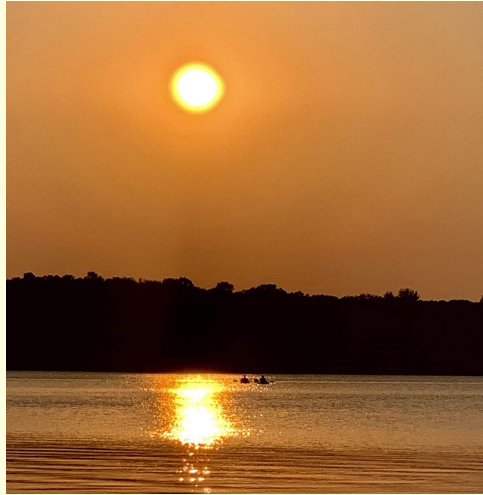
NOW A BEAVER HAS DECIDED TO BUILD A DAM AT THE OPENING OF THE CREEK ONTO ELK LAKE.....  
ANY BRAVE SOUL WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN UP LILLY CREEK?

I ASKED THE COUNTY WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP THE FALLEN TREES, WEEDS, AND DEBRIS FROM THE CREEK.

The answer was that the people who owned the property on either side of the creek should be doing the clean up. As we all know the Weiss property borders the creek and the county is currently looking at purchasing this property as a park. This could take years. In the meantime no one is cleaning it up and the dnr says since it is non navigable waters they are not sure what agency that would be.

SOOOO, if anyone has lots of muscle and then means to clean this up I am sure the people on all 4 lakes that used to kayak through there would appreciate it





IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF YEAR.....

Hope everyone has their docks and lifts in or ready to come in.

I love Fall. I certainly hate to think about what is coming next but the change of seasons is why we live here, right? That and our families of course.

We might have mosquitos and bugs and cold weather

BUT

The lake is always beautiful; winter or summer.



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