

Briggs Lake Chain Association

The Lake Report

August 2016

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 waters...

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Mark your calendar...

- 08.04.16 Healthy Lakes— 6:30
Palmer Town Hall
- 08.08.16 Palmer Twp Board—7 PM
- 08.13.16 BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM
BLCA General Meeting-10 AM
Palmer Town Hall
- 08.16.16 Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM

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Green Sheet Items:

Wanted:

Used wooden dock sections.
Do not need poles.
Dave 320-293-4070

I am looking for a used canoe or kayak / Dave Bokelman
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Check out our July 2nd fireworks on the following links on UTube:

Here is a clip of the finale of the show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JgxZwFwNdo>

Here is a clip of a pair of crossette cakes with crossettes on top.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-ZdxxsmuzM>

Here is another clip from Briggs Lake.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQ_jeSso-G8

Dan Merchant

(Editors' note: If your computer is like mine and you can't open the hyperlink by double clicking on it, try right clicking and choose the 'open hyperlink' option. Below is a picture for those of you receiving the printed version of the newsletter, wink!)



President's Letter

Wayne Smith was in the hospital prior to the publication of this issue and was not able to share his thoughts. He is home now and doing well & is planning on joining us for the August BLCA meetings.

I lieu of Wayne's letter here are some updates from the BLCA July Board meeting:

- Wayne Smith and Scott Ruiter attended a training session regarding how to take water samples for early detection of zebra mussel presence, allowing for rapid response by the DNR. The test will be done annually in July. SWCD is covering all expenses associated with the testing.*
- Fish Stocking Elk Lake: We didn't have the money necessary until March and the fry need to be purchased by Feb. We have set aside the money received and are prepared to stock it next year. Tom Eilers has been volunteering his time to this project over the years, thank you Tom!*

Please join us at the BLCA Annual Members Meeting on Saturday August 13, 2016 @ 10:00 am at Palmer Town Hall.

- Prizes for the boat parade winners will be awarded.*
- Nominations for new Board members will be presented.*
- We are hoping to have someone from SWCD come to give a presentation about AIS or septic concerns.*

“We rich nations, for that is what we are, have an obligation not only to the poor nations, but to all the grandchildren of the world, rich and poor. **We have not inherited this earth from our parents to do with it what we will. We have borrowed it from our children and we must be careful to use it in their interests as well as our own. Anyone who fails to recognize the basic validity of the proposition put in different ways by increasing numbers of writers, from Malthus to The Club of Rome, is either ignorant, a fool, or evil.”**

— [Moss Cass](#)

Palmer Township

The Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let **Kathy Miller** 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.

County Commissioners Approve Three Lake LID and Appoint First Directors

The Sherburne County Commissioners formally adopted the Three Lake Improvement District on June 14, 2014, and appointed the first LID directors on July 12, 2016. After 3 years in the making, with two different petition drives, the Three Lake Improvement District is now a reality!

At their regular June meeting the commissioners unanimously approved the 'Order To Establish' the Three Lake Improvement District. The Order spells out the findings [all of the steps to establish the LID], as well as the reasons to establish, possible programs and services, LID authority, LID financing and the board of directors.

As required in the Order To Establish, there are 7 LID directors, all property owners on the three lakes with a majority of Directors being residents. The following are the first set of Directors, appointed by the commissioners, with their initial terms:

Walt Munsterman	3 yr term	Rush Lake
Scott Ruitter	3 yr term	Rush Lake
Rich Carothers	3 yr term	Rush Lake
Harry Ernzer	2 yr term	Briggs Lake
Paul Hans	2 yr term	Briggs Lake
Steve Demeules	1 yr term	Briggs Lake
Jim Arbiter	1 yr term	Julia Lake

The LID directors are already busy getting organized and planning to hold the first annual Three Lake Improvement meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2016. This allows the LID to begin operations in 2017, with the first project focusing on the management of AIS [aquatic invasive species]. The LID Directors also determined the first LID officers:

Chair	Scott Ruitter
Vice Chair	Walt Munsterman
Treasurer	Harry Ernzer
Secretary	Steve Demeules

The LID directors also appointed Kenzie Phelps to be an advisor to the directors.

Look for a direct mailing in early August to all property owners on Briggs, Rush and Julia announcing the first annual LID meeting to be held on August 27, 2016 at the Palmer Township Hall. Directors will be introduced, the Three Lake LID reviewed, and the 2017 budget will be presented and voted on.

BLCA Healthy Lakes Committee



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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.

This 'n That

Please send news about BLCA members to **Marilyn Humble** so that a card may be sent for such things as illness or a death in the family.

Call her at 743-2741 or email her at:

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Big Elk Lake High Water Report, by Gary Anderson:

For the interest of the BLCA readers of the Lake Report, I have water level summaries for Big Elk Lake during the flooding the past two weeks. I started taking daily lake level measurements starting on Tuesday July 12, the day after the big storms ripped through our area and points north.

Bear in mind that I measured rainfall in our yard on Big Elk Lake of only 1.0 inches of rain during the Sunday and Monday storms on the 10th and 11th of July. But it was the much heavier rain that fell north of us in the Foley area where that area reported 5 or 6 inches of rainfall.

Between Tuesday morning, July 12th and Friday afternoon, July 15 (a three-and-a-half day period), the lake level of Big Elk Lake rose a total of 4 feet, 5 inches.

It was at 4:00 pm on Friday, July 15 that the lake level reached its highest point. Since then, approximately 8 days later on Saturday, July 23, the lake level on Big Elk Lake dropped just 2.5 feet from the peak level.

Just in case you were thinking YOU were having a bad day...



Photo submitted by Dan Merchant of a northern with his 'catch of the day/ lifetime' washed up on shore...