



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.

November Lake Report - The President's Letter
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Hi Everyone,

Record snowfall in October. You have to be kidding. I haven't raked up all of my leaves yet. I can hear the "snowbirds" loudly lamenting, " Why didn't we leave for Florida, Texas or Arizona sooner?". All the robins were smart enough to head south last week.

In mid October Debbie Stacey, our Lake Report newsletter editor, sent out an

addendum to the October letter. Another invasive species was found in Briggs lake. The invasive golden clam (aka Asian clam) was found at the Briggs boat access. Her complete article can be found on the website.

BriggsLakeChainAssociation.com.

Also in October we talked about milfoil being found in Elk. In both instances early detection and a quick plan of action will reduce the severity or possibly eliminate our unwanted invasive lake species.

Who is watching our lakes? There are a lot of volunteers working behind the scenes supporting and improving our lakes. The BLCA formed a committee to write and apply for grants to fight the milfoil in Elk. Another group is working with Sherburne SWCD (soil water & conservation district) on the golden clams. But, we are always looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, just contact a board member.

The 3 lake LID (Lake Improvement District) of Briggs, Rush and Julia consists of all the property owners on the upper three lakes. Their website is on BriggsLakeChainAssociation.com

The Sherburne County COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) group is working with us and sharing information on healthy lakes. COLA is a group that represents the nine lake associations (13 lakes) in Sherburne county. Their website is SherburneCola.org.

In this issue you will find a list of the current 2020 / 2021 of BLCA board members and our smiling faces. Feel free to contact any of us with suggestions, thoughts, concerns or questions.

Now that it looks like winter here are two upcoming events. The Lighted Train on the Chain will be Saturday, December 5th. More details on that in the newsletter. This is the 3rd year Robert Sinclair and his group has organized and led the parade. I am sure Robert will post additional details on FaceBook soon. A big THANKS to Robert and his team.

Mark your calendar, Ice Day on Julia is scheduled for Saturday February 6th. Details and information on that event will be coming in January. A big THANKS to Forest Brothen and his team for planning and organizing the event. I believe this is the 3rd year for this event as well.

You may have noticed a theme of volunteers, events, planning and healthy lakes. In anticipation of our annual membership drive starting in January, my December President's letter will focus on specific needs and opportunities to be more active around the lakes.

Be Safe, Social Distance and try to stay warm. Thanks ... Brad

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Mark your calendar... For these upcoming meetings

T LID Meeting Monday, 11/2 6:00(1st Monday)

Healthy Lakes Thursday, 11/5 6:30 (1st Thursday)

Palmer Township Meeting Monday, 11/9 7:00 (2nd Monday)

Clear Lake Township Meeting Tuesday, 11/17 7:00 (3rd Tuesday)

BLCA Board Meeting Saturday, 11/14 8:30 (2nd Saturday)

Board of Adjustments Thursday, 11/12 5:30 (2nd Thursday)

PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE MEETINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for all the friends I have met here in Clear Lake

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY THANKSGIVING.
GOBBLE, GOBBLE



COLA....COLA....COLA....COLA

What is the Sherburne County COLA?

A COLA is the coalition of lake associations, and we are lucky enough to be a part of one. The BLCA has been a charter member from the beginning in 2017. The following is a introduction of what the SC COLA is and how it can benefit us.

Working together, we can improve and protect our precious natural resources. We aim to provide a dialog between lake associations, various organizations and local and regional governments to achieve our goals.

Mission:

- The Sherburne County Coalition of Lake Association's (SC COLA) mission is

to:

Protect and enhance the quality of our lakes, rivers, fish and wildlife habitats; preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and waters; and promote their safe and responsible use.

- Sherburne County COLA's mission supports and enhances the work of our members to promote and protect the interests of lakeshore property owners, lake associations, local government, public and private partners, community members and future generations.

Vision:

- Protecting our lakes, rivers and waterways today and tomorrow

Strategies to achieve our Mission and Vision:

- Efficiencies - Taking advantage of products and services at a lower group-based price, such as chemical testing, monitoring, signage, restoration, invasive species and aquatic plant management, etc. In addition, knowledge sharing about new funding opportunities.

- Community Outreach and Education - Educating the broader public on water quality, shoreland management best practices and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), with opportunities or materials for all ages. Also provide educational resources to city and county officials.

- Information Sharing - Share best practices, AIS management strategies, lake issue related problem solving, funding opportunities, social opportunities, newsletters, and a directory of lake contacts within and across groups.

- Capacity Building - Actively seek to assist members with recruitment, public relations, board development, and other activities.

- Advocacy and Partnering - Form a unified voice to garner the support of elected officials and increase their attention to waters related issues, impact local and state policies and funding, build relationships with MN COLA, MnDNR, MPCA, Freshwater Society, MN Lake and River Advocates and others.

The SC COLA has a new website that is worth taking a look at sherburnecola.org

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

IF YOU HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR PLEASE LET YOUR LAKE REPRESENTATIVE KNOW. WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THEM AND GIVE THEM INFORMATION ON THE BLCA ALONG WITH A DIRECTORY AND WELCOME WALKER BOOK.

Briggs Lake Chain Association

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Not Pictured but coming soon.

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Briggs ... Big Elk ... Julia ... Rush

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BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN FINANCIALS KERRI WELCH

Financial Statement for 9/30/2020

Income to date: \$25,516.65

Expenses to date: \$22,068.03

Net Proceeds: \$ 3,448.62

Rapid Response Money Market \$106,337.95

Checking Total Funds Held: \$ 5,264.07

Total BLCA Assets \$ 111,602.02

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.



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