



## Briggs Lake Chain Association

**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**

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Happy August,

It's been a HOT and dry summer. Who would have guessed that would happen after our rainy cool spring? I suppose on average we are about right.

A reminder that everyone is welcome to attend our monthly board meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting at 8:30 in the Palmer Town Hall.

**The August general membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Palmer Town Hall.**

We are required by our by-laws to have an annual membership meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August. This is the review of the finances, membership and activities.

The budget for 2023 will be presented for approval at that meeting. We are looking for input from the membership on how we manage and use our resources. You may make suggestions at the meeting, however, if you could call or email me or our treasurer Diane Tiegs in advance we would really appreciate it. Diane's email is [blcatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:blcatreasurer@yahoo.com)

**Board of Director nominations:** At the August meeting we present current board members volunteering for another 2 year Term. ALSO we will take nominations from the floor 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.

**Guest speaker will be Gina Hugo.** She will be doing a presentation on the status of the new park on Big Elk. Gina is the Parks Coordinator with Sherburne County Public Works. She is very much involved in the planning to make the park a reality.

After the meeting we are serving donuts, coffee, water and soft drinks. Also we will have drawings for some fun gift Baskets.

**Palmer Day is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.** This is the townships biggest event of the year. The BLCA sponsored food Booth will be back again. We need volunteers to make this a success. There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting. You can contact Shelly Alger, our volunteer coordinator, to sign up. Her email is [sdreimer@frontier.com](mailto:sdreimer@frontier.com) or you can phone Her at 612-283-8362. We need help for the booth set up Friday afternoon, for several shifts to cook and serve on Saturday,

And on Sunday morning to do the clean up work.

The parade is Saturday. Most years the BLCA has had a float. Do we have a group volunteering to put together a float for this year? Did anyone on the lakes save what they used for the boat parade> That would be a fun float. The BLCA will cover the costs of candy or other goodies you toss to the kids. Please call or text me if you have questions or an interest. Events like the 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 would like to plan and organize. We will work with you.

It's August. Summer is not over. Enjoy, have fun, and be safe. BRAD

FINANCIALS

Income to date: 24,216.33 Expenses to date: 15,625.92



Operating checking: 21,782.20 Money market: 101,720.29 Total Cash: 123,502.49

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HEALTHY LAKES JULY MEETING SUMMARY

There were 11 lake residents in attendance. We discussed the following:

- **BLCA meeting update:** Cameron G, reported that the BLCA June meeting was well attended
- **TLID update:** Nancy H. reported that the TLID board is currently working on developing the budget for 2023 and Preparing for the annual TLID meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August. Letters will be mailed by the end of July. We have Four members who will be running for three open board positions. PLM sprayed for curly leaf pond weed in Briggs and Julia but were limited dur to high water. We have a discussion on why Rush was not sprayed. With The rushing water on the south end of Rush it would not have been effective. When the survey was made, there Was only a very small patch on the north end of Rush. The DNR would not have permitted that section.
- **Big Elk LID status** – a letter is being revised to be distributed to Big Elk Lake residents regarding establishing a LID.
- **Gentle Footprint Projects and Grants:** Chuck H. reported that 3 projects have been planted with two more waiting to be completed this year. Chuck would like someone to step up and take this program over next year. He will help during the transition

- **2021 Water Quality Data:** Walt M. said collections are continuing. Ge mentioned that is we suspect blue-green algae we can have that tested as well.
- **Sherburne County Park update:** nothing new
- **Other:** Gary A. reported that Eurasian milfoil was found again in Big Elk lake at the south end but in a smaller quantity than last year.

**THE NEXT HEALTHY LAKES MEETING IS ON AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE PALMER TOWNSHIP HALL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> BOAT PARADE**

- We want to give a **BIG THANKS** to Gary Anderson for leading and coordinating the parade on Big Elk. We think this is at least the 6th year he has been the lead Captain.
- We want to give a **THANKS** Victor & Naomi Kimball for leading the parade on Briggs. They are newer to the lake. We appreciate them getting active in lake events.
- **MORE THANKS** to Debbie Stacey, our newsletter editor, and Pamela Simonson, our Facebook editor, for getting the word out and letting everyone know there was a rain delay.
- Another **THANKS** To all of the boat parade judges. It is a tough job. They have to sit around and probably sip margaritas while they Wait for the floats to come by. 😊

**The winners of the board parades are:**

**FROM BIG ELK:**

- **1st Prize \$100** Boat #5. Freedom. Janet Deppa.
- **2nd Prize \$75** Boat # 7 Under the Sea. Deb Stacey.
- **3rd Prize \$50** Boat #8. Mickey Mouse. Roberta Clifford.

**FROM THE UPPER 3 LAKES:**

- **1st Prize \$100** Boat # 8 Mermaid Pirate Ship, Jordan Maiers & Amanda Royseth
- **2nd prize \$75** Boat #5 Mexico Fiesta. Terry O'Hara

THERE WAS NO 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE ON THE UPPER 3 LAKES

Here are two pictures of the lucky winners collecting their checks. No other pictures were submitted:

**2<sup>nd</sup> place on Big Elk**

**Stacey granddaughters Maureen and Amelia**



**3<sup>rd</sup> place on Big Elk**

**Roberta Clifford and grandson**



Some of the boats that I have pictures of:



Successful mcdonald's meats fundraiser. Our share of the profits  
\$1424.65 plus \$330.00 in tips.....

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Anyone interested in putting their boat parade float in the Palmer Days parade?



contact Brad Kipp ASAP



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Update on Big Elk LID status:

The letters have gone out to the Big Elk Lake owners about joining the TLID of the upper 3 lakes, forming their own LID and trying to find board members for that, or self-funding any work that needs to be done on the lake and dividing the cost between all lake owners. I am awaiting the answers from the lake owners.

Debbie Stacey