

BRIGGS LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2022 LAKE REPORT



To promote the care, improvement and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain and adjoining and connecting waterways. The Briggs Lake Chain of lakes includes Briggs, Julia, Rush and Big Elk lakes near Clear Lake in Sherburne County, Minnesota.

PRESIDENTS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

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Hi everyone,

In Minnesota I guess the unofficial start of fall is Labor Day weekend or maybe the State Fair.

In Palmer, the real start of fall is Palmer Day. Yea, it is always a fun day and weekend.

Palmer Day is Saturday, September 10th. Due to the date conflict, there will not be a BLCA Board Meeting on the 10th.

The BLCA has a food booth in the pavilion as a fundraiser. We could use some help setting up on Friday, workers in the booth on Saturday, and clean up on Sunday morning. **Here is a link to Sign Up Genius to see where we need help and to volunteer.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4DABAA28A7F49-palmer> or contact Shelly Alger-Peyton via email at sdreimer@frontier.com or call or text her at 612-283-8362. It's not too late to join the team.

The BLCA will have a float in the Palmer Day parade. It is going to be fun and you will be dancing to the music. I can't give any more hints. Watch for us and give us a big thumbs up.

This summer we changed our weed control vendor for all the lakes to PLM. PLM did the weed control in the deeper part of the upper 3 lakes. The dollars for weed control in Briggs, Rush and Julia is paid from the TLID (Three Lakes Improvement District) funds. The dollars for individual shorelines on all 4 lakes is paid by the property owners.

There were many challenges this year. First, we had the record high water in May. Spraying had to be delayed because it wouldn't be as effective in higher water. The next concern was whether it was too late to spray weeds

after the delay. Apparently, the best time to spray is just when the weeds are starting to sprout out of the lake bottom. PLM did the planned application with a few adjustments.

The shoreline weed control was made available to all 4 lakes, In the past Big Elk was not part of the program. Our past vendor thought the current of Elk River would wash away the chemicals and it would not be effective or worth it. PLM said they had success in other lakes like Big Elk and they would offer all the lakes the program.

I need your input. If you used PLM for shoreline weed control, on a scale of 1-5 (with 5 being the best) how do you rate the results of weed control on your shoreline?

. Have you done the shoreline weed control in years past?

. What lake are you on?

. If the same program is offered in 2023 will you do it?

What is your opinion on the health of our lakes, weeds, invasive species, water clarity, fish and wildlife in general? Please offer any other comments or suggestions. Please call or text me at 612-810-6738 or email me at bradkipp1@gmail.com. I also 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 2023.**

We are pleased to welcome Tom Nordin on Big Elk as the newest member of the BLCA Board of Directors. There are still open board seats on Julia and Rush.

Our mission statement is:

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It's not too late to join the BLCA Board team for 2023. Please reach out to any Board member.

Looking forward to Palmer Day. See you at the parade and in the Park

Brad

ELK LAKE RESIDENTS:

PLEASES GET YOUR LETTERS RETURNED ABOUT JOINING THE TLID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.....Need to have either a yes or no from each property owner. Any questions, email me at debjs52@yahoo.com

THANKS, DEBBIE

There will be no September BLCA board meeting because of Palmer Days.

See you at the food booth on September 10th



BLCA Financials:

Income to date:	24,216.33
Expenses to date:	15,625.92
Net proceeds:	8,590.41
Operating fund checking:	21,782.20
Money Market:	101,720.29
Total BLCA Accounts:	123,502.49

A BIG THANK YOU TO DIANE TIEGS FOR ALL HER HARD WORK



Currently there are 226 sponsors of the BLCA.

That is a small number compared to how many enjoy our lakes and call them home.

If you have not joined the BLCA please do so. The form is on our website.

It's a \$40.00 sponsorship fee and you get a lot for that small amount.



Summary of the Healthy Lakes Meeting - August 4, 2022

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:

- BLCA meeting update
- TLID update
- Big Elk Lake LID status
- Gentle Footprint Projects and Grants
- 2022 Water Quality Data
- Sherburne County Park update
- Educating our members and visitors regarding lake stewardship/seeking more support from the Sherburne County Sheriff's office in enforcing safe boating practices

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

The next Healthy Lakes meeting is on Sept. 1st at the Palmer Township Hall at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!

DO WE WANT TO RE-START THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AROUND THE LAKES? WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE THE LEAD FOR YOUR AREA? If interested, please contact Brad Kipp.

If you have not received your current directory, please contact a Board Member, or stop in at the Briggs Lake General Store where they have a supply to hand out.

At our August general membership meeting Gina Hugo from Sherburne County gave a presentation on the proposed park on Big Elk complete with maps and proposed park spaces. It was very interesting. The park will be in 3 phases with most of it completed within 20 years. There is a 1-5-year plan, a 6-10 year plan and a 10-20 year plan.



Palmer Day BLCA
concession stand will be selling Donuts starting at 9 am. Starting at 10
they will be offering burgers, hot dogs, fries, cheese curds and soda