



## 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

## MARCH 2023 LAKE REPORT

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### March Lake Report - The President's Letter

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Greetings Everyone,

This has been a Minnesota winter for all of us to remember. It has been a long time since we had one like this. No need for me to recap the "chilling details". Will it ever end?

Ice Day on the Chain was a huge success this year. A big THANKS to Forrest Brothen and his team of organizers and volunteers who made this event happen for the 6th year. There are too many names to list individually. Also, THANKS to all the sponsors and vendors who supported Ice Day.

There is a sign of spring from the DNR. All fish houses in the Sherburne county area must be removed from the lakes by Monday March 6th. You still have a few more weeks walking on the ice to catch one last "big one". The vast majority of fishermen and lake enthusiasts truly care about our environment, the quality of our lakes and the wellbeing of the creatures that inhabit them. **BUT ... The garbage and waste that anglers leave behind is becoming a bigger problem. It's disgusting, there's no doubt about it. It seems like a simple solution, that everybody should take off what they bring on the ice.**

I reached out to Cole Petroske, with Sherburne County Sheriff's Recreational Enforcement Department, and asked him what citizens can do to report offenders.

#### Coles reply:

**Fish house litter is a big problem and getting assistance from the public will help law enforcement combat this issue.**

**Citizens can send photos, a location of the fish house, and any identifying information to the Sheriff's Office or MN DNR. My contact information is listed below.**

All non-portable fish houses need to have a valid shelter license displayed. Wheel houses are considered non-portable. A portable fish house is a shelter that collapses, folds or is disassembled for transportation.

March 6th at 11:59 PM is the deadline for removal. Residents are encouraged to check fish houses early. Due to the freeze/thaw conditions this winter, some houses may require additional work to remove. Having a house frozen into the lake is not a valid reason to not meet the removal deadline. Law enforcement may confiscate, remove or destroy any ice structure and its contents if not removed by the deadline. Also, shelters may not be left at a public access.

Take care, Cole ....Sherburne County Sheriff's Office Recreational Enforcement: Cole Petroske  
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Elk River, MN 55330 <https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us>  
Office: 763-765-3570 Cell: 763 238 2495  
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In last month's letter I commented that PLM is our vendor for shoreline weed control. Also, there were some posts on Facebook on the subject. A permit is needed. PLM orders the permits. This week I got an email letting me know my permit is approved. If you ordered PLM spraying and don't get an email by the end of March confirming the permit is approved, reach out to PLM directly. Feel free to call, text, or email me if you need my assistance.

I encourage anyone who wants to be more involved and active in our lake association to come to a monthly board meeting. Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month 8:30 AM at the Palmer Town Hall. We have openings for board members representing Briggs, Rush & Julia. Big Elk is fully represented. Do you have any questions, suggestions ... PRO or CON you want to present to the board? If you can't make a meeting, once again, you can give me a call or send me an email. I will let the board know your comments and include that in our minutes.

Think of Spring and Happy St Patrick's Day ..... Brad

### FINANCIALS THROUGH JANUARY 2023

Income to date: 11,778.28 Expenses to date: 3,996.12



Operating checking: 19,400.90 Money market: 102,809.79

Total Cash: 122,210.69





THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN REALLY BAD WITH THE MESS LEFT AFTER ICE FISHING. THIS IS A GREAT REMINDER THAT WHATEVER YOU LEAVE ON THE LAKE AFTER YOU ARE FINISHED ICE FISHING DROPS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE WHEN THE ICE MELTS.....PRETTY SOON....NO FISH....NO ICE FISHING....UNSWIMMABLE LAKES



Do you have a French drain on or near your property????

Healthy Lakes is trying to identify the location of all storm drains around the lakes so that we can recruit volunteers to make sure they remain clear of debris and can function as intended. These drains were installed many years ago to prevent flooding, erosion, and excess run-off to our lakes.

Brad and Ruth Thom have volunteered to find and make a map of their locations. Please contact them if you have any information.

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