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From the President by Darrel Mitchell



Social distancing is the new phrase in all of our vocabularies. It's crazy to think that we are living in the time of a historic pandemic. Hopefully you all are staying safe and healthy. Fortunately, there are things we can do to reduce the spread of this virus, including washing your hands, wearing a mask, sanitizing personal items regularly, and practicing social distancing. If we all do our part, we will be able to see the end of this sooner. As of now, Minnesota has the lowest per capita COVID-19 infection rate in the nation. Experts speculate this may be due to winter weather that sticks around and forces us all to stay inside or maybe due to the state's rural landscape. Now that the weather is warming up, Minnesotans tend to flock outside and enjoy the nice weather. Fortunately, Governor Tim Walz expanded outdoor recreation opportunities to golfing, hunting, hiking, boating, and fishing.

While writing this, I realized that a time may come when we ask people we are inviting over about their health, i.e. if they have been sick or have a fever. I began to realize that when we invite someone to the lake who is bringing their boat, it's a good idea to ask them about the "health" of their watercraft. Because similar to how the virus is spreading, aquatic invasive species (AIS) can be spread rapidly, causing harm to municipal water supplies, recreation, agriculture, aquaculture, many other businesses, and human health. However, we can help stop the spread of AIS by following these steps:

- 1) **Clean** – This entails cleaning off visible plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving the water access.
- 2) **Drain** – motor, bilge, livewell, and other water containing devices before leaving water access.
- 3) **Dry** – everything for at least 5 days or wipe with a towel before reuse.

According to Minnesota Sea Grant, less than 1% of Minnesota's waters are infested with AIS like zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil. With diligence we can make every effort possible to keep Boulder Lake AIS free! I encourage you to practice social distancing on your boats while being mindful of invasive species to ensure the health of others and the health our our lake.

Best Regards and I hope to see you on the lake soon!

Darrel Mitchell

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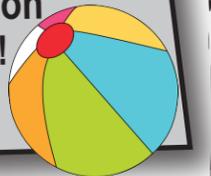
Road Cleanup • Sat., May 23rd
9 a.m. meet at access

Fall

Road Cleanup • Sat., Sept. 19th
9 a.m. meet at access

Annual Picnic & Meeting

Saturday, July 25th
Jenny and Ryan Olson
to host a beach party!



**Keep
your Crawlers
Under Control**



How did we get here?

A short history of the Boulder Lake Association

~By Bob Stubbs~

I love this lake and want to pass on a little history of the Boulder Lake Association while I still can. At age 95, I like to joke, that, in the parlance of baseball. "I'm now in extra innings" and taking life a day and month at a time. In 2005, a couple other lake residents and I agreed that the founding of a Lake Association would be a proactive measure to protect the pristine quality of Boulder Lake and its shoreline. In other words, we wanted to leave the lake in the same or better condition for future generations. After all, that is what attracted many of us to choose Boulder Lake as our home or seasonal home in the first place.

We would accomplish this mission by educating lake residents, rather than through enforcement of the Hubbard County Shoreline Ordinance. Three of the founders (Lynn Berry, John Holtey, and I) also recognized the need to counter the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). This was when Eurasian Milfoil was the only recognized invasive species and lakeshore residents had rural route box numbers instead of the road names like Friendly Bay Drive and Fair Haven Lane. Today there are many more identified invasive species which pose a serious threat to Boulder Lake quality.

Fortunately, Lynn Berry's wife worked for the DNR and procured copies of the publication, "How to Start a Lake Association". Using this as a guideline, we started drafting bylaws. Instead of starting from scratch, we obtained copies of bylaws from other area Lake Associations and incorporated those sections which best fit Boulder Lake. Yes, we have bylaws. Unfortunately, we've been forced to violate our bylaws due to lack of finding members willing to serve as board members and officers. The bylaws called for a two-year limit for officers and the allowance to serve a second two-year term. This is my 15th year as secretary and our current treasurer has been in the position for at least 10 years. The good news is that a next generation of lake residents have moved to the lake and as of July 2019 are now officers and board members. Fortunately, they are just as dedicated to preserving Boulder Lake as the founders of BLA. I encourage all new lake residents to become association members because we are family and we take care of each other.

The many acts of kindness shown to my wife, Bertyl, and I are too numerous to mention.

"I'm now in extra innings" and taking life a day and month at a time."

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Boulder Lake News!

Boulder Lake 2019 Financial Report 12/31/2019

-Kevin King, Treasurer

1/15/19 Checkbook Balance	\$3,862.75
2019 income	\$1,460.00
Total	\$5,322.75
2019 expenses	-\$835.48
Balance as of 12/31/19	\$4,487.27

Expense

1. COLA Dues	\$112.00 (28 members @ \$4 each)
2. AIS inspections	\$400.00 (Hubbard County Soil and Water)
3. Newsletter	\$125.62 (Steve Greene)
4. Water testing	\$197.86 (Hubbard County COLA)
Total expense	\$835.48

Income

Dues (28 members)	\$560.00
AIS inspection donations	\$900.00 (special project funds)
Total income	\$1,460.00

These funds are designated as follows:

1. Special Projects	\$1,941.00
2. General Fund	\$1,921.75

**Round of
APPLAUSE!**



With heaps of gratitude, we say thank you to Bob Stubbs for his 15 years of service as a founding member of the Boulder Lake Association. Bob has not only been an advocate for Boulder Lake and its residents, but a giver of all kinds as a community volunteer. All Boulder Lake residents are better off because of the generosity of Bob and his wife Bert, in both time and resources. Cheers to you, Bob!

OUR DUES AND DONATIONS
Help Support: COLA DUES
newsletter supplies water testing

AIS inspections
Aquatic Invasive Species
Aquatic vegetation mapping



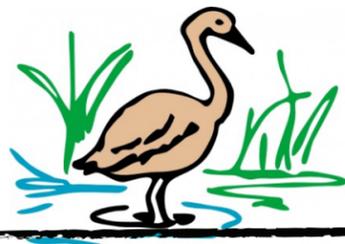
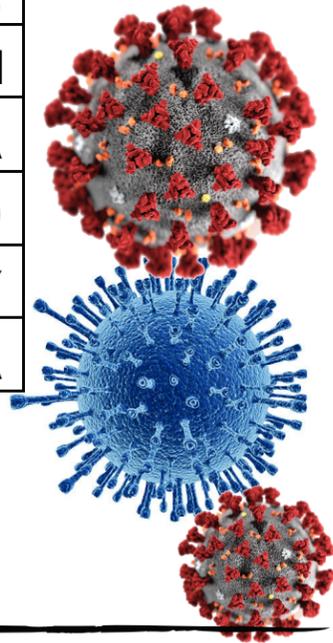
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Help protect our lakes remember!

CLEAN! DRAIN! DRY!

ILLEGAL GILL NETTING ON BOULDER LAKE

Suspects Caught!

Many of you are aware that we have had at least two instances last year where gill nets were found on Boulder Lake. One was reported on May 15th, and another on May 21st. The nets were located and removed both times by the DNR. They contained a number of dead fish including Walleye, Pike and Bass. We are happy to announce that the individuals responsible have been caught and dealt with!

On **May 15th** the DNR received a voice mail from a local fisherman, Tim Williams, about 2 nets that he had discovered on the west end of Boulder Lake.

On **May 17th** the DNR contacted Williams and he told them he had found the two nets while trolling, and that they had both live and dead fish in them. He didn't know who had set them, and did not see any activity in the area. A second complaint was also received on the 17th from lake association member Joe Reko who had just arrived from his home in Colorado. He saw a fisherman go up to the nets and talked to him about them, and the dead fish in them. Disgusted with the illegally caught dead fish Joe called in the complaint.

At about 4:00pm on the 17th, the DNR arrived at Boulder to investigate and found the two nets both with live and dead fish in them. Pictures were taken and both nets were hauled in and taken to the public access where they were stretched out and documented. Nets were 100 feet long, had weights on the bottom, and neon yellow horizontal floats on top. The nets appeared to be new, and contained 27 rough fish (Suckers and Bullheads) 9 Walleye, 1 Northern Pike, and 2 Largemouth Bass. The gill nets were seized and placed in an evidence freezer.



May 24th, the DNR received another call from Lake Association member Daniel Marks. He reported that a couple of sections of gill net were wrapped around his dock with dead fish in them. The DNR came out and investigated the next day and found two sections of gill net wrapped around docks, about 50 feet apart, in about the same area as before. The nets contained several dead and rotting fish, and appeared to be the same brand of net used before. The nets were removed and taken back to the DNR Fisheries office in Walker for processing. The nets contained 38 rough fish, 1 Walleye, 4 Northern Pike, and 2 Largemouth Bass. Fish were decomposing and appeared to have been in the nets for over a week.



The very next day after the nets were removed from Boulder lake, around 10pm on **May 26th**, Sgt Jeff Stacey from the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office received information that three people, possibly Asian arrived at Shallow Lake with an inflatable boat, and were seen going out on the water with no fishing poles and wearing garbage bags for rain jackets. It should be noted that at this time it was completely dark, and the weather was heavy rain fall and 40 degrees.

Sgt Stacey arrived in the area and found one vehicle, parked at the Shallow Lake access. He sat in the area and waited for the boat to come back. At approximately 10:30pm, he observed the boat coming back to shore. All he could see were little flash lights coming across Shallow Lake. He waited until he observed the truck startup and back down toward the landing, and then approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Feng Lin.

Sgt Stacey asked Feng what they were doing as he could see no fishing poles and they were letting the air out of the inflatable boat. Feng stated "no English", Feng appeared to be Asian and spoke Chinese. Sgt. Stacey asked Feng if he set a gill net on the lake, Feng nodded indicating they had. There were three people in the boat. The driver of the boat, Hong Bing Lin and two passengers, Jia Jun Lin, and Feng Lin. None of the three could speak English so they made contact with Feng Lin's sister, Nikki Chen, who was able to translate over the phone for Sgt Stacey. It appeared that Hong Bing was in charge of the operation. Sgt Stacey then told Feng to go get his net and bring it back. Feng after some time, re-inflated their boat put the trolling motor and gear back in it, and headed back out on the lake. There were no lights on the boat, they used flashlights, and head lamps to see where they were going.

At approx. 12:30am the boat came back containing commercial gill nets. They again made contact with Nikki and translated to Feng. Feng stated the nets were theirs and they had just setup the nets tonight before Sgt Stacey arrived. Feng stated they have not set any other nets and this was the only lake they set the net on!

Kids Corner!

Most Amazing Lake in the World

by Isabella Olson, age 10

Hi, my name is Isabella Olson. When I was little I used to come to Boulder lake at my Grandpa and Grandpa's cabin. But now me and my family have our own cabin really close to theres. I always loved jumping off the dock in the summer and playing in the sand. Last year my friend Grace, me, and my sister Gracie dug a big hole in the sand. Then we all sat in the hole together, pushed the sides of the sand in and buried ourselves. What a wonderful summer had! Boulder Lake is one of the most best places to be because you can always...go on a bike ride, take a snack break at Muskie Waters, go for a swim, or even just relax in the sun. I know that right now I am talking about all the stuff you can do in the summer, so now I'm going to talk about the stuff you can do in the winter.



"Future members of Boulder Lake Association"

In the winter we usually have this event called "Fire and Ice" that is hosted by the McNamee's (Grace's family). At Fire and Ice you can watch as the men build ice sculptures. Every year there is a certain ice sculpture they make and last year they made a merry-go-round. Also at fire and ice you can go snow tubing, ice skating or enjoy a nice cup of hot cocoa. If you now are still wondering why Boulder Lake is such a great place, you shouldn't be, because its all here to tell you how good it is!



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Boulder Lake Association Nevis MN



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Top 5 Reasons To Support Having a Lake Association

...(as I have come to understand it)

~By Jenny Olson, Vice President

#5 Protect our lake. We have a beautiful, clear and healthy lake that we want to protect! The lake association takes several proactive measures to ensure the pristine quality of Boulder Lake, such as:

- Water testing for clarity and PH levels
- Funding inspections at the Boulder Lake Public Access for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- Zebra mussels veliger (larvae) monitoring
- Special projects such as lake vegetation mapping
- Advocating and educating lake residents on healthy lakeshore stewardship

#4 Represent and Advocate for our lake. By having a Lake Association, we are a single point of contact to represent and advocate for the best interests of Boulder Lake and its residents. For example, the DNR has a point of contact for issues on the lake such as the recent illegal gill-netting activity and provides Boulder Lake with recommendations on fish stocking, based on fish sampling surveys of fish type and quantity. Boulder Lake has a representative on the Hubbard County COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations). The lake association is a point of contact when parties petition the county for changes to the area roads or changes to lake runoff that would impact Boulder lake or surrounding areas.

#3 Preserve Boulder Lake history. It is not just the lake and surrounding landscape that is special and beautiful. The history of the lake and how it has evolved over the years is part of what gives it the unique qualities and feel that it has today. We are committed to preserving that history, and the residents that put such effort into being good stewards of the lake and lakeshore, which gives us the gift we enjoy now. Watch for cool stories in the newsletter, and share *your* stories with us that we can capture for the future!

#2 Give Back. We aspire to have not just a healthy lake, but healthy community around it. For the past 15 years, The Boulder Lake Association has “adopted” the roads around us to keep the area clean of garbage and debris. Volunteers from the lake participate in “Ditch Clean up” in the spring and fall. It may sound dirty, but it’s a fun way to reconnect with lake residents and give back to the lake community – join us! We experience many stories of neighbors pitching in to help other neighbors, which is one of the most critical ways we keep this lake community alive and well, and for which we are often most grateful.

#1 Build Community. Building and sustaining a sense of community on this small and precious lake, is a core tenant of the Lake Association. Great examples are the occasional “Crappie Hour” meet-ups at local restaurants and the annual Lake Association meeting and picnic in July -- great ways to get to know other members of the lake. Welcome packets are distributed to new residents to the lake to get them acquainted with the lake and best practices for maintaining a healthy lake. We are making it easier to share information and build community virtually and year-round by investing in the Facebook group as well (be sure to join so you can stay up to date!). Life at the lake should be fun!

Consider becoming a member of the lake association (or renewing!) and supporting the lake association efforts with your engagement and membership dues.

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Sgt Stacey took possession of the net and made an effort to identify Hong Bing but could not understand them. He then followed them to their residence where Hong Bing provided a New York ID. Sgt Stacey explained to Nikki that the MN DNR would be getting in contact with them for setting the gill nets. Nikki stated that she understood and said they were from China where it is legal to use gill nets to fish. Nikki said Hong Bing did not realize it was illegal for him to set the gill nets. Nikki said they have lived in the Park Rapids area for approximately three years and operate the Chinese restaurant, Four Seas, in town.

While speaking to Nikki, Sgt Stacey noticed a white chest freezer in their garage. It is known that people using gill nets often catch an abundance of fish and are usually in possession of large amounts of fish over the MN possession limits. Sgt Stacey made contact with DNR Conservation

Officer Mark Mathy in regards to the gill nets. CO Mathy stated he had recovered three gill nets off Boulder Lake around May 17th 2019. CO Mathy stated the gill nets Sgt Stacey recovered from this incident. It should also be noted that Boulder Lake and Shallow Lake are both off County 18 and within a couple of miles of each other. It should also be noted that these gill nets were not brand new and had been used before.

This case was forwarded to MN DNR CO Mark Mathy for follow up and investigation. On **May 27th** CO Mathy CO Swedburg and CO Peterson executed a search warrant at the residence while the local Sheriff office assisted with perimeter security. Hong was in the yard when they arrived and Nikki Chen acted as a translator. CO's Mathy and Peterson interviewed Hong with the assistance of a language line interpreter. While CO Swedburg searched for items listed in the warrant. Hong stated he was not aware that using gill nets is a violation, and did not mean any harm, he had no fish on the premises from the lakes or netting activity. Initially Hong claimed he had no idea about the nets from the prior week on Boulder Lake and insisted anyone can buy nets online. But after pointing out that all the nets were similar and had the same type of floats which also had Chinese writing on them, he decided to tell the truth. He admitted to setting four nets a few days earlier but was not sure of the exact date or what lake they were on, only that when he came back to retrieve them, they were gone. No fish were found in the freezer in the garage or in the restaurant dumpsters when searched, two older nets with similar floats were taken as evidence along with a vinegar bottle that may have been used as a marker. The rubber raft, trolling motor and battery were not taken.

CO Mathy advised Hong that he would be forwarding his findings to the Hubbard County Attorney's Office where formal charges would be brought at a later time. Records show that Hong, Jia Jun, and Feng didn't ever possess a fishing license.

Court case was on 12/12/2019 all three were found guilty of illegally taking fish with nets, traps, trot lines, or snares. All three lost their fishing privileges for 3 years and were sentenced to 91 days in Hubbard County Jail (stayed for 2 years) with 2 years' Probation. Hong Bing was fined \$1250 while Feng and Jia Jun were fined \$955 each.

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The Wallden Family History Boulder Lake

1964-Present

~By Larry Wallden~

My father was the oldest of a family of 11 children living on a small timber farming property in the North Eastern part of Sweden.

It was a small farm property which was mostly timber. It covered a few hundred acres and focused primarily on very rough furniture construction. This was not a very viable business during the European depression years of 1904 – 1920. Being the oldest of the family during the depression years, he quit schooling at the age of 12 to assist the family through some difficult times. At the age of 17, he came to the United States where he had one uncle living in Duluth Minnesota. He stayed for three or four years, falling in love with northern Minnesota because of its similarity to the North Eastern part of Sweden. He then moved to Beloit, Wisconsin where he got a job working for Giseholdt a company that produced medium to large sized metal cutting machinery. There he obtained his credentials as a wood pattern maker for their foundry operation. After a few years in Beloit, he met my mother who lived in Rockford Illinois just south of Beloit. A few years later they moved to Peoria, Illinois where he went to work for Caterpillar Tractor, working there for 40 years before retiring.

Our family consisted of father/mother and three boys, all of whom were educated through university levels.

An interesting point was that in his 50s my father went back to high school and got his high school diploma at the same high school his sons had attended during the 50s and 60s. He was quite a man, always driving forward and finding ways to improve. Our mother had passed away in her mid-40s and my father remarried a lovely woman name Bernice when he retired from Caterpillar at 64. He and Bernice came to the Park Rapids area on their honeymoon and together decided that they would look at some property in the area. They found the property on Boulder lake which was purchased in 1964 at an estate sale. It needed a considerable

amount of finishing work as it was only framed in at the time. Within a short period of time after purchasing the property, he had made a number of positive changes to the property outside and inside the cabin. The little red and white cabin is tucked in between Knotty Pine Resort and Linda Wurm's beautiful home on Boulder Lake just off of Rt. route 18.



1964 was also a life changing year for myself and my wife Pauline and my Caterpillar career. It was the year Caterpillar started our career of working overseas. This took us on a journey that lasted for 26 years in various assignments in our 39 years with Caterpillar. Living on five continents and living in seven different cities around the world. Eric Wallden (my father) passed away in 1989 at the age of 87 years old. He always wanted the property to remain in Wallden's family ownership. Each year he would come to Minnesota in the middle of May with his black Labrador and return back to Peoria middle of October. Blackie is another interesting story--- as a puppy he would wander up and on to R route 18. Yes, he got run over and the best I can remember dad was looking for him for about three or four hours, eventually finding Blackie in the ditch with broken legs, ribs and very badly injured. But dad would have none of that-- he had the dog bandaged up and cared for that dog for at least 3 to 4 months before the dog could get up and move around. The interesting part was after that the dog was by his side constantly whether in Peoria or Minnesota and when my dad passed away in 1989 the dog was still moving with a limp on a local farm outside of Peoria, Illinois. My dad loved to garden, so prior to my dad's arrival in mid-May each year his good friend Mr. Johnson whose family owned a small farm on Lake Beltaine, would come every Spring and spread cow manure, and disk it into the piece of property which lies at the top of the property ---between the old centerline of the old Rt. route 18 and the new roadbed of the present new R route 18. People always wonder why that piece of property was elevated 1.5 to 2 foot above the drive coming down to the cabin. That was the Johnson family's contribution to the property.

As our good friend Linda Wurm tells the story, she would see my father many days working his vegetable garden between 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM. The vegetables that he wouldn't consume himself locally, he would either take back to Peoria in October or make the rounds of the Boulder Lake neighborhood and provide them with fresh vegetables. Chester Peugh a good friend, would visit him frequently from Lake Beltaine and would try to coax my father to go fishing, go to dinner or to the Masonic Lodge in Park Rapids. Chester was credited for teaching by two sons (now 48 and 50 years old) how to fish in a number of lakes in the Nevis and Park Rapids areas. Each year for the last 10 years (Derek) my oldest son and my two grandsons (Connor and Graham) come from Vancouver, BC and spend a couple weeks with Pauline and me at Boulder Lake. The only real tragedy that we had over a 30-year period was when a tornado went through the property and tore down about 10-15 good size spruce trees. Another project that Dad took upon himself to cut the trees down and burn them in a pile on the old road path of R route 18. Each year, when we returned to the United States on home leave, we (my boys & I) would come and spend two weeks with my father and today my son and grandsons spend a week to two weeks at the cabin with us during late July and early August. They have become quite good fishermen as they started when they were only four years old. We are essentially fish "catch and release" people with the exception of one fish fry a visit with crappie, perch, small walleye and bass, Along with them we usually go to the cabin three or four times a year. Over the years we have always had people looking after the property when we are not there. In the past, it was Gordy Johnson and Tom Davis and today we are lucky to have similar services being looked after by Roland Kako who is constantly doing something and maintaining the property as my father would have liked us to do.

