



BIG SAUK LAKE ASSOCIATION *INFORMER*

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President's Letter:

Prior to introducing myself, I'd first like to publicly thank Tim Weir for his years of service as the President of Big Sauk Lake Association. I know that all members of BSLA agree that your leadership has been very much appreciated, and the association is better off due to your efforts.

My name is Mike Disher and I'm the newly elected President of BSLA. One of my duties is to write this little update for each newsletter to give you a summary of some of the happenings around the lake and of your lake association.

My wife (Debbie) and I are retired and although we've been summertime weekend warriors at Big Sauk Lake since the 1970's (earlier for her), we just built a new home on the mid-western shore of the north basin of Big Sauk Lake in 2017. We love it here, and we care deeply about making Big Sauk Lake the very best it can possibly be, and about helping us all be able to enjoy the activities we all love. Whether it is fishing, boating, swimming, enjoying the amazing sunrises and sunsets...or some other activity...I encourage everyone to get involved to help preserve and improve this incredible gift we all enjoy.

Aside from being the current President, another one of my jobs is to keep the website updated. (You can find our site at <http://bsla.org>) So if you have any ideas of what would make the web site more useful, feel free to drop an email to bigsauk@gmail.com and we'll gladly give you an ear.

I've also developed an interest in aquatic invasive species, including those pesky zebra mussels we just discovered in Big Sauk Lake this past fall. I try hard to keep updated on those issues to the best of my ability and time. Should you discover what you think is the presence of an invasive species in Big Sauk Lake, feel free to contact me by email either at bigsauk@gmail.com, or to my personal email mike@dishernet.com.

One important development you should know about is that after discussions at our annual meeting and subsequent board meetings, BSLA will no longer be responsible for the two emergency weather sirens on the north and northeast side of the lake. This is not a business lake associations should be in, and with our dues at only \$25/year for both business and individuals, it is a stress on our budget we can't afford to continue. Local townships have been advised, so if you wish these to be maintained, feel free to contact your township board and let them know your wishes.

It is my pleasure to let you know, in case you haven't followed the news or our Facebook feed, that BSLA in conjunction with Rex Campbell, Tim Adams and others, was successful in recent weeks in removing over 19 tons of invasive common carp from Big Sauk Lake. These fish destroy a fishery and their nurturing vegetation in multiple ways, so it's wonderful to see these efforts bear fruit. A huge thank you to BSLA Vice President Jeff Mayer, who worked as the coordinator of the event as it happened, and Tim Weir who helped arrange all the necessary agreements and permits.

In closing, this is the time of the year we begin our membership drive. We encourage you to fill out the application here in this newsletter, and to encourage your neighbors to make sure they do the same. The more participation we get from the lakeshore owners and interested parties, the better job we can all do of helping to "Make Big Sauk Lake a Better Place".

Until next time,
Mike Disher,
President



MEMBERSHIP by Mike Blenkush

On these two pages is a listing of BSLA Residential and Business members who paid membership dues for the calendar year 2018. Big Sauk Lake Association (BSLA) continues to enjoy a strong participation level from property owners around the lake. In 2018, 248 or a little over 50 percent of Big Sauk Lake property owners joined BSLA and carried the financial and volunteer time burden for our lake. However, there are approximately 246 other properties that were not represented in our membership.

If you were a BSLA member in 2018 and plan on extending your membership in 2019, **THANK YOU!** And please encourage your neighbors to also support the BSLA so that we can all continue to enjoy the activities around the lake and invest in its future. If you were not a member in 2018, please consider joining. We are working to protect ALL PROPERTIES around the lake, including yours.

THANK YOU for your support of Big Sauk Lake and the Sauk Centre community!

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 our success!**

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Big Sauk Lake Association 2019 Membership

(\$25 per Year: Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 2019)

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address if Different Than Above: _____

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Please cut out and include with your payment to:
BSLA, Box 282, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

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Upcoming Big Sauk Lake Events

Big Sauk Lake Association ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, May 25, 2019

8 am—Breakfast Served By Youth Group

8:30 am—Business Meeting/Director Elections

WHERE: First Lutheran Church,
(304 Elm St. S. & Sinclair Lewis Ave.)

Please enter via southwest entrance to basement.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Eric Altena, DNR—Area Fisheries Manager

Hope To See You There!

Sauk Centre Conservation Club

3rd Annual Fishing Tournament - Fundraiser

- Saturday June 8th 2019 on Big Sauk Lake.
- Two person teams.
- \$100 per boat with a 50 boat limit.
- Cash payout 1st through 10th place and door prizes.
- A catch-photo-release tournament so no fish will be killed in order to preserve the lake for future generations.
- For more information and/or registration forms contact:
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