

Little Birch Lake Association

"An Organization Dedicated to Water Quality"

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Dates To Remember

Annual Meeting
June 3, 2006

9:30 A.M.

Boat Parade

July 4, 2006

1:00 P.M.

Golf Tournament

July 22, 2006

Road Clean Up

Sept. 2, 2006

1:00 P.M.

Fishing Tournament

Sept. 9, 2006

7:00 A.M.

Dinner Dance

Sept. 9, 2006

5:30 P.M.

President's Letter

Well it's that time of year that we have all been waiting for. Our lake is teaming with wildlife and there is more on the way. Bud has told me that we again have three pairs of loons on the lake and we are just waiting to see if they all find a nesting platform and raise a family.

As many of you know, the ice went out real fast on a Friday morning. It took all the way until the next Wednesday evening before the Fuechtmann boat was on the water wake boarding. I noticed that when someone wiped out they kept their hands and head above water. My guess is that they did not really like the 37 degree water.

The board of directors has been very busy over the winter months. We have been to many meetings covering many different topics. It seems that there are seminars through out the state on many subjects that can help us improve the quality of our lake and we try to have someone attend as many of these meetings as possible.

Along with the meetings the board has been trying to acquire additional funds to help with the cost of spraying for Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed. Through the efforts of different board members we were able to raise an additional \$ 1600.00 from three different local organizations.

Another large step that we have taken is we are now on the world wide web. We hope to have many different subjects of interest for everyone on the web site along with pictures and more.

We have many several guests scheduled for our annual meeting that will be covering different subjects. We will also have a Little Birch Lake Handbook that we will be handing out to all our lake residents. It would be helpful if you picked it up at the meeting and then we could answer any questions that you may have. I hope to see a lot of you at the meeting as there will be a lot information covering many different areas.

I hope to talk to many of you at the annual meeting or on the lake this summer.

Daniel J Goihl
President
Little Birch Lake Association



Treasurers Report

In 2005, the board of directors voted to raise dues from \$20 to \$30 in 2006. As of May 12, 2006, there were 189 paid members and 7 sponsors resulting in \$5,670 in paid dues, \$1,330 in member donations and \$700 from sponsors totaling \$7,700 income. The association also qualified and received \$2,400 from the State of MN for attending several seminars and to offset costs for a property owner's manual. We also received a \$500 donation from MN DarkHouse Association, \$1,000 from the David Marshall Foundation and \$100 Electric.

Expenses so far are limited in 2006 to basic administration mailings and the upcoming property owner's manual. The board \$7,500 for the spraying of milfoil- if required in 2006. In 2005, only the \$7,500 budgeted was used.

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Summary of Accounts

Balance 5/1/06

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts	
9 Month CD	\$30,489.47
Checking	\$13,090.40
Savings	\$36
Money Market	\$2.78
Water Test	<u>\$5.19</u>

Total Assets 43,588.20

Liabilities

Filter Strips	<u>\$500.000</u>
Total Liabilities	\$500.00

OVERALL TOTAL \$43,088.20

Fisheries Report

On Little Birch Lake last year we stocked 800,000 walleye fry in the spring, our fall electro fishing results were the best ever at about 20 per hour (That is not that high compared to our best fry stocked lakes which can be over 100 walleye per hour), and we stocked 381 pounds (1,905 fingerlings) of large (5 /lb.) OTC marked walleye fingerlings that were surplus to the Research program. We have submitted a project proposal to OTC mark the fry and possibly also the fingerlings that are stocked in the future. We have also changed our walleye stocking strategy for Little Birch Lake. We now will stock walleye fry in even years and walleye fingerlings in odd years. This will allow our gillnet assessments to better define which type of stocking is producing the best results. It will also tell how well our fall electro-fishing is measuring fry stocking success. We also have changed the fingerling stocking rate so that we can insure more numbers of fingerlings are stocked when large fingerlings are used. This will include a target number of 8,300 walleye (this number is based on a 30 / lb. average fingerling size), or 548 pounds (2 lbs. / littoral acre) if large fingerlings are used, which ever comes first. So we will be out again this spring to stock 800,000 walleye fry (3,000 / acre).

Jim Lillenthal

Members as of 5/10/06

ANDERSON, DWIGHT & SHARON
 ANDERSON, DICK & LANITA
 ANGEL, JOHN & PHYLLIS
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 BEBUS, LARRY & JILL
 BERSCHIED, ARNIE & CLARA
 BITZ, DAVE & LORRAINE
 BITZ, KEVIN & NANCY
 BITZ, LOREN & KELLY
 BJORLO, GERRY & JOANNE
 BLAESER, DAVE & ERMINA
 BLAIS, TOM & PAT DENNE
 BORNEMEIER, KEITH & MARTHA
 BOUCHER, DON & LAURA
 BOWMAN, KIRK & EDITH
 BRAUN, ALAN
 BREITENBACH, ROBERT & RHONDA
 BREWER, STAN & ANNETTE
 BRICKWEG, PAUL & DIANE
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 BROPHY, JON & HEIDE
 BRUGGENTHIES, ROMAN & JOAN
 BUCHANAN, BRUCE & SHIRLEY
 BUSSMAN, TODD & STEPHANIE
 CARLBLOM, DAN & SUE
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 CARSTENS, PATRICIA & RICHARD
 CASEY, PATRICK & DONNA
 CHOCK, TOM & DARLENE
 COLLINS, KEN & MARGARET
 COLLINS, MICHEAL & DIANNE
 CONLAN, TOM & DOROTHY
 DALY, DICK & BARB
 DAYTON, CHARLES & SUE
 DELONG, AL & MARY
 DOETKOTT, CHAD & VICKI
 DUNLAP, DONALD & DARLENE
 ELFERING, KELLY & LORI
 ELFERING, KYLE & AMY
 ERDMAN, MARK & SUMMER
 ETHAN, ALBERT & BERNADETTE
 FAIRCHILD-EHM, JOHN & AUDREY
 FASCHING, REX & LINDA
 FORKRUD, GERALD & DOROTHY
 FRANZ, TODD & ELLAN
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 HAIDER, TERRY & COLLEEN
 HALLER, DON & GEORGIE
 HALLER, MIKE & SUSAN
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 KLAPHAKE, GILBERT & SALLY
 KLASSEN, BOB & RITA
 KLUEMPKE, JERRY
 KOCIEMBA, BRUCE & DEBBIE
 KOCIEMBA, ERNIE & DENISE
 KOCIEMBA, JOHN & LINDA
 KOYLINSKI, ROBERT & ALICE
 KRAKER, JIM & JANE
 KRAMER, BUD
 KRAMER, MICHEAL & CAROL
 KRMPOTICH, PAUL
 KRUIZENGA, KRAIG & JOLENE
 KRUMSIEG, JANET
 KRYCH, JOHN
 LANGLEY, DAN & DIANE
 LANSNER, PETE
 LUETMER, AL & MAUREEN
 MAGNER, RONALD & DIANE
 MAUS, BOB & KRISTIE
 MAYERS, ERVIN & MONICA
 MEHR, JERRY & CAROLE
 MELLET, BOB & SUE
 MELLING, CARL & KATHY
 MEYER, MARK & KAREN
 MEYER, TOM & LINDA
 MILLER, GORDY & THERESA
 MOENING, BILL & JOAN
 MOENING, BUD & PAT
 MOOSBERGER, LLOYD
 MUELLNER, RAY & BARBARA
 MURPHY, PAUL & ROBERTA
 NATHE, TOM
 NELSON, CHARLES & LUCY
 NOACK, JOE & RUTH
 NOACK, MIKE & MARY
 NOACK, TOM
 OJA, DARYL & NANCY
 PANUSKA, STEVE & JOAN
 PERSON, JAMES & BECKY
 PETERMEIER, BEN & MARY
 PETERMEIER, MIKE
 PETREK, PAUL & RENEE
 PFEFFER, DUANE
 PFEFFER, LEROY & EMILIE
 PRASCH, JIM & ELIZABETH
 PRASCH, RAY & MARY
 PRASKA, DAN & EDITH
 PURINGTON, DARYL & ELIZABETH
 RAUSCH, DOUGLAS & LORI
 RAUSCH, JIM
 RAUSCH, PETER & SUSANNE
 RAVELING, ARDYCE
 REHFUS, JOHN & ELIZABETH
 RELLE, MARK & LEAH
 REVERMAN, ALLAN & SUSAN
 RICHARDSON, VIRGIL & MARTHA
 RICKLICK, JIM & CAROLE
 RIELAND, RICK & AMY
 RIES, DICK & MARILYN
 ROSS, JIM / MARCIA VORONYAK
 ROTHFORK, PETE & PATTI
 RUDOLPH, ROBERT & MARY (RON)
 SACKETT, DORIS & SANDRA
 SACKETT, DORIS & SANDRA
 SALZMANN, DON & BRIDGETT
 SAND, COREY & SARA
 SANDVIK, RICK & PATRICIA
 SAWYER, JEFF AND KAREN
 SCHENEMANN, GARY & VICKI
 SCHLICHT, MIKE & JULIE

SCHMELZER, RICHARD & MYRTLE
 SCHNELL, SAM & BETTY
 SCHRUPP, LES & KATHY
 SCHWEITERS, KURT & MARY
 SCHWEITERS, TOM
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 SWANSON, ERROL & JOSEY
 TEASDALE, MIKE & NANCY
 TIEMAN, JOHN & LORI
 TIEMAN, MELVIN
 TIEMAN, PAUL & KAREN
 TOENYAN, GARY & SANDY
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 WEIDNER, HARRY & LOIS
 WELLE, KEN
 WENTLAND, GERARD & MARGARET
 WESSEL, ANTHONY & DEB
 WESSEL, DENNIS & JODY
 WESSEL, RALPH
 WESTENDORF, JULIA
 WILSON, BOB & MARIAN
 WILSON, PETER & LUCIA
 WOLLAK, ERNIE & TERRI
 YELLE, TELL C. & WANDA
 YOREK, KRISTY
 ZACHMAN, BRUCE & JOLENE
 ZITZOW, RON & JANET

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World Wide Web

The Little Birch Lake Improvement Association is now on the web. You can check us out to find out all the board members, important dates and projects as well as different photos of the lake and different lake activities.

Our address is Littlebirchlake/mnlakes.org. We hope to update our site on a regular basis. If you have a photo or something else that you share with every one please contact Anthony Wessel at Little_Birch_Laker@yahoo.com and if we will see what we can do about it on our site.

We are also going to put the most current newsletter on the this is a good way for you to receive the newsletter and you do not receive the newsletter in printed form through the mail, please con-

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Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is set for Saturday June 3rd at St. Joseph's church in Grey Eagle at 9:30 am. We have three guest speakers for the meeting. The Todd County Water Patrol will be there to answer questions along with Patrick Selter from Professional Lake Management. We will also have a professor and a student from SCSU to talk about their plans for the summer on the lake.

We will also have our Little Birch Lake Handbook to distribute to all lake residents available at the meeting. A lot of work went in to this handbook and there is a lot of information to help and to answer questions on and about the lake.

This is a good time to talk to the Board of Directors and to give your input on which way you think we should move in keeping our lake in the best shape we can. We hope to see you there and we will have lunch after the meeting at the church

SCSU to Help LBLA

We are excited to have Ms. Jodi Fernilius, a senior at St. Cloud State working with the Lake Association this summer on a number of projects. She is receiving support and guidance from Professor Mitch Bender.

During the summer, she will be collecting a number of additional water samples from various locations on the lake and running them in the university laboratory. Pete Linsner and Jodi will be photographing the entire lake shoreline and archiving it for reference in the future. A central database with all of the information that has been collected on water samples and water clarity will also be developed and we hope to post the information for all to the on the lake association website <http://www.mnlakes.org/littlebirch/>

Jodi and Professor Bender will be joining during the annual meeting. Be sure to say hello and welcome them to Little Birch Lake. We hope to establish a long term working relationship with SCSU which is aimed at improving the lake water quality and fishing.

Stephen F. Gudgell

Board Members

Dan Gohl President

Gene Sullivan

Anthony Wessel

Pete Linsner Vice President

Tom Altendahl

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Steve Gudgell

Jon Brophy

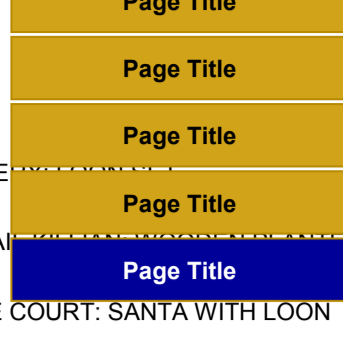
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BUD AND PAT MOENING: WINDSOCKS
JIM AND CAROLE RICKLICK: MAPLE SYRUP
MELROSE SENIOR CITIZENS, MARLENE WESSEL: QUILT



New Sign

This past winter we had time to take down the old sign at the public access. We had it sand blasted and repainted. If you have not put your boat in the water yet, take a look at it when you are there. If you missed it stop by and take a look as it turned out pretty nice. It was painted by P J Signs of Grey Eagle and they did a nice job.