



Big Pine Lake Newsletter

Spring 2023

Big Pine Lake Property Owners Association, Aitkin MN

From the Board President

Hopefully everyone is ready to enjoy some time at the lake!

I have continued to attend the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) monthly meetings. There is still no viable option to eradicate the Zebra Mussels. There are, however, some experimental trials looking at options. Copper Sulfate does eradicate them, but causes damage to the lakes ecology.

An invasive species to watch for is Spiny Water Flea. They have been detected in Mille Lacs, so we fear them being transported to Big Pine Lake. It attaches to fishing line and looks a lot like cotton.

The board approved a 'bulk membership' option with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Association. MLR does a great job lobbying on behalf of lake shore property owners to protect lakes and rivers in MN. Please look for more in this newsletter on our new relationship with MLR and how you can participate. Thank you to Dick Weber for fostering our relationship with them.

Our spring board meeting is coming quickly, please plan to attend May 20th at the Chapel. We are planning to carry on our traditional events in 2023, see this newsletter and Nextdoor for updates and additional information.

Please share the newsletter with any lake neighbors or friends who did not receive it. Have them email Marie Segar at segars@comcast.net to get on the list.

Last year we had 81 of 178 properties as active members of BPLPOA. Lets spread the word and get new and old members signed up! Lets break 100 members in 2023!

Hope to see you at the lake!
Tom Hubbard
BPLPOA President

2023 Events

Spring Board Meeting
Saturday May 20th 9AM
Big Pine Chapel

Spring Clean up
May 20th 10:00AM
(after Board Meeting)
Meet at the Junction

Annual Fishing Contest
July 1st
8 AM registration
10 AM-Noon Fishing
At Moore's

Boat Parade
July 1st
4PM start at the island

**Summer Board Meeting
(Annual Membership meeting)**
July 22nd 8:30 AM/ 10 AM
Big Pine Chapel

Pig Roast Pot Luck Picnic
August 5th 4:30PM
at Segars
RSVP segars@comcast.net
Or text 651-246-0182

Fall Board Meeting
September 16th 9 AM
Big Pine Chapel

Fall Highway Clean up
September 16th 10 AM
The Junction

Highway Clean up

Thanks to Steve & Suzie Shulte for organizing!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join the Big Pine Lake Property Owners Spring Highway Cleanup on Saturday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the former Junction/Marathon station. The more people that join in, the faster it goes! If you haven't done it before, give it a try. This takes about an hour from start to finish and is a great way to meet new and old neighbors. Please bring your own gloves.

Thank you!

Spring Clean up
May 20th 10 AM

Fall Roadside Pickup
September 16th 10AM



Annual Fishing Contest Saturday July 1st

No age requirements
8 AM registration
10 AM-Noon Fishing
Noon weigh-in
and measurements at
Laurie & Mike Moores
Prizes awarded!



BOAT PARADE Saturday July 1st

Superhero Theme!
Decorate your watercraft in a superhero

4PM line up at south end
of the island
Boats will slow cruise
around the lake.

Registration info to come



2022 winners, The Wagners "Margaritaville"

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers agreement:

After years of working with Jeff Forester at MLR and seeing the amazing work they do, your board entered into an agreement which BPLPOA will provide a free MLR membership to each of our members. MLR has long been the strongest public advocacy group, supporting issues around and interests of property owners and businesses regarding Minnesota's preeminent natural resources.

As part of this agreement, Big Pine lake property owners association members will receive the MLR bimonthly newsletter for free. The newsletter will come electronically to your Big Pine Lake email, or another email of choice. You can continue your direct membership with MLR to additionally support their needs, but this membership is provided to you through the BPLPOA membership.

You may select to opt out of the MLR membership on the attached BPLPOA membership form. We encourage all members to take advantage of this relationship to receive valuable communications and receive up-to-date information regarding your lake property investment.

Thank you to Dick Weber for his work in facilitating this agreement. We are excited to provide such valuable information to our members.



Join us on
Nextdoor!

Nextdoor is a great way to stay informed about what's going on around Big Pine Lake—whether it's a local event, sharing safety tips & concerns, lost and found, selling or giving away treasures, or getting recommendations! There are so many ways we can help each other and this is an easy way to communicate. Follow the link below or google nextdoor Big Pine Lake to join.

<https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/bigpinelake--aitkin--mn/>



- We will bring the pig, you bring a side and a chair! BYOB, water provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join Big Pine Lake Property Owners Association!

Name: _____

Lake address: _____ Aitkin, MN 56431

Email: _____ Lake Phone _____

Home/Mailing Address: _____

New Member Renewing Member

Membership Dues: \$35.00

Please remit payment to:

Invasive Species donation: _____

Big Pine Lake POA
Co: Sharon Esnough
44703 238TH LN
AITKIN MN 56431

Total check: _____

Due June 15th

I wish to opt out of MLR membership

Boat Parade
Line up on south side of island
July 1st 4:00PM

Pig Roast Picnic
All Welcome!
August 5th, 4:30PM
44875 238th Lane
Bring a dish to share
BYOB

Fishing Contest
Saturday July 1st
Registration 8 AM-10 AM
Fish from 10 AM-Noon
Weigh-in at noon
Laurie & Mike Moores



Association Meetings at Big Pine Chapel
Spring board mtg-May 20th at 9:00AM
Summer Mtg- July 22nd
8:30AM board & 10AM membership
Fall Board-September 16h 9:00AM

Roadside Pickup
Spring: May 20st 10AM
Fall: Sept 16th 10 AM
Meet at The Junction

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