

Big Pine Lake-Property Owners Association

Spring News Letter

April 2026

From the Board:

Hopefully this newsletter finds you healthy and ready to enjoy some time at the lake!

As many of you know, the dam on Big Pine Lake is in disrepair. TSA should be complete with the modeling and working on the draft of plans for the rock weir dam. They expect that to be complete by Spring at which time it will go out to contractors for bidding. Construction is expected to take place in the Fall of 2026. (They expect Fall to be the lowest water level, which will make the construction a little easier.

The Lake Steward Program was well accepted on Big Pine Lake.

We have many opportunities to get involved at the lake. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and contribute to the community. See below and [the website](#) for ways to get involved!

Please share this newsletter with your neighbors and invite them to join by reaching out to a board member or visiting our website and filling out the form.

See you at the lake!

2026 Calendar

Spring Board Meeting
Saturday, May 16th 9AM
Big Pine Chapel

Spring Clean up
May 16th, 10AM
Meet at the Junction

Fishing Contest
Saturday, July 4th
8AM-10AM registration
10AM-Noon Fishing
Noon- prizes and hotdogs
23568 450th Ave-Moores

Summer Meetings
at Big Pine Chapel
July 18th
8:30AM Board
10AM Membership

Picnic Potluck
Saturday, August 8th
4:30PM @ Low's
43795 245th Lane

Fall Board Meeting
Saturday Sept 19th, 9AM
Big Pine Chapel

Fall Highway Clean up
Saturday Sept. 19th
Meet at the Junction 10AM

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July 4th Fishing contest

FISHING CONTEST

2025 Fishing contest was a hit with 125 participants. This is a fun way to teach and practice catch and release as well as meet some lake neighbors for some fun.



2026 DETAILS:

8:00-10:00AM Registration

10:00-12:00 Fishing

12:00 Prizes and hotdogs at the Moores!

Thank you to the Moores for hosting this awesome event!

Highway Cleanup

Join your fellow lake residents for the Big Pine Lake POA Highway Cleanup!

Many hands make light work!

Gather at the old Junction parking lot, corner of 169 and 18 at 10:00AM. It takes about an hour from start to finish. Bags provided, please bring your own gloves.



**Spring Cleanup
May 16th**

**Fall Cleanup
September 19th**

Lake Steward Program

The Big Pine Lake Property Owners Association (BPLPOA) has an active Lake Steward Program, open to all current members, in collaboration with Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates. This initiative aims to assist property owners in learning how to implement sustainable shoreline practices. Evaluations will be performed upon request by trained volunteers. Participants can earn a Lake Steward sign and help maintain a cleaner Big Pine Lake.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Due to 56% of Minnesota's surface waters being impaired, local engagement is crucial. With 500 Lake Associations and around 100,000 members advocating for improved water quality, joining the BPLPOA Lake Steward Program contributes to statewide water management efforts.

Register today by taking the online [Lake Steward Quiz](#) or filling out the [Contact Us](#) form on the Big Pine Lake website.

Big Pine POA Expenses

In alignment with the association's mission, Big Pine Lake-POA allocates membership dues towards various expenses, including:

- Membership in Minnesota Lakes & Rivers
- Liability Insurance
- Membership in ACCLARA
- Carp fence installation to deter Asian carp
- Chapel rental for meetings
- Fishing contest organization
- Website maintenance
- AW Research (water sampling)
- Support for the Garrison Fire Department
- Signage and educational initiatives
- Analysis of weed beds

Annual Picnic Potluck

Saturday August 8th
23795 245 Lane
(Look for the waving man from the lake)

We will provide the meat
Bring a dish to share

RSVP to
jerryjlow@gmail.com

Get Involved!

Opportunities to engage with your neighbors through Big Pine Lake-POA:

Seeking board members

- three regular board meetings per year
- one membership meeting per year
- special meetings as needed
- Officer positions available
- assist with lake association events when available

Lake Steward Program

- **Inspections** -Help provide requested lake front evaluations.

Contact Board President, Tom Hubbard or Board Members, Dick Weber, and Jerry Low.

For additional opportunities to get involved at the lake, visit the association websites [volunteer page](#) [HERE](#)



Big Pine Lake spirit wear will be coming soon. The link will be emailed in our spring update and posted to website and social media.

Association Picnic Potluck

Sat. August 8th 4:30PM

The Low's
43795 245 Lane
(2nd Driveway in on Terrymore Rd)

Fishing Contest

Saturday July 4th
Registration 8:00AM
Fish 10AM-noon
Prizes and lunch at noon
Laurie & Mike Moore's
23568 450th Ave

Association meetings

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- Summer meetings: July 19th 8:30 Board, 10:00 Membership
- Fall: Sept 19th, 9AM
Held at the Chapel

Road side clean ups

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Fall: Sept 19th, 10AM
Meet at the Junction



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