

# Attention Big Fish Lake Members:

The Big Fish Lake Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2019, (later then usual) at the Collegeville Township Hall starting at 8:30 AM

Come meet the Stearns County Water Patrol Department and see what the Law Enforcement wants to do for us!

**Election of Officers** 

We have openings for those that would be interested in serving on our BFLA Board. Nina Steil is stepping down and Allen Schmitz is willing to step aside for a new member if you're interested. It is for a two-year term and we meet about once a month in the fall and winter. Please contact me if you're interested. Thank you!

BFLA is having a Capital Campaign Drive to help us detect, monitor and deal with AIS. A wonderful five minute video and details will be presented.

Also, learn about Aquatic Invasive Species; how to spot them and how to report them. Get hands on experience to learn about Zebra Mussels, Starry Stonewort, Eurasion Milfoil and others. Watch your shore for us so that detection is done sooner than later! Keep in mind that property values are known to go down around 15% due to AIS! Let's all help to keep our lake clean from future infestations.

This Summer we will be having a

"Find your Mussels" Day on Saturday, July 13th. This will be explained at the meeting and we will help you identify Zebra Mussels. We need to do this to help our research team and to report to the U of M.

Steve McComas, from Blue Water Science, who helped us discover the Zebra Mussels last fall has suggested that you can hang a device off the end of your dock to possibly look for the mussels in your area. Just get a 2" wide x 2' long white PVC pipe, drill a small hole in it, attach with a wire and hang it from your dock. The mussels will stick to hard surfaces if they can. This is not a fool proof detection but it is inexpensive and will be helpful in the future. Again, this will be discussed at our annual meeting.

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For those of you who are interested, it will go down in history on our website that the ice was off the lake completely on April 22, 2019. Thank you to Matt Peters for always watching for that event! Please see our website address below.

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Note: If any of you have your red and white "Clean, Drain, Dry" signs from last year, please put them out again. If you need new wire stands, I have some so call me if necessary. We really appreciate your help with this!



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# Lost and Found

This Spring after the ice went out, there was a jet ski mat that sits in the water found at the south end of the lake. Please claim as soon as possible by calling 320-248-9191. Thank you!



Please welcome our newest members to the BFLA! We are so happy to have them be a part of our paradise.

Tom & Trish Bruce Don Nett Tracy & Janet Siemers Mike & Jena Swanson

Reminder: The BFLA Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 15th, so, please mark your calendars.

As always, it is such a pleasure to be your President!

Gratefully,

Kit Ferber President

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