

# Big Birch Lake Association NEWSLETTER



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## Association revises buffer strip payment conditions

By Robert Kutter

The BBLA has a long history of paying farmers for buffer strips of land adjacent to Adley Creek which runs from Goose Lake into Big Birch Lake.

Since state law changed, buffer strips of land along Adley Creek are now paid for by the state and not the association. Buffer strips are agricultural land planted with grasses that help prevent runoff from cropland reaching the lake.

The association now pays for some buffer strips along little tributaries that drain into Adley Creek. After offering new contracts to a few farmers this past summer, the buffer strips will be inspected this fall.

Association board members will inspect the strips, and if they are found to be in violation, no payment will be

made. Inspectors will use a checklist to record compliance with the BBLA buffer strip conditions.

The association will pay \$250 per acre, with a minimum of one acre, to farmers for buffer strips. The payment provides farmers compensation for small parcels of land taken out of crop production to help improve the water quality on BBL.

### Calendar



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## Access receives usage and name change

By Robert Kutter

The St. Rosa Access hereafter will be known as the Hoffman Access recognizing the family that gave the land for the access.

When the access was originally built, it was next to what then was called the St. Rosa Resort. The resort is long gone, and the access has undergone some changes.

The BBLA worked with Millwood Township to change the usage of the access because the steep driveway and the crumbled cement planks in the water make launching a boat hazardous.

The BBLA had Herdering's Inc. cover the access with 3/4-inch rock. A

barrier with two poles and a chain was also installed. Signs are posted about when the access can be used.

The Hoffman Access may be used for emergencies including retrieving wrecked boats, boat lifts, storm damaged material, etc. It will also be available for use when the lake is ice covered.

The BBLA believes the access was the place where zebra mussels were introduced into the water based on the trajectory of their movement across the lower basin.

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**Mission Statement: The purpose of the Big Birch Lake Association shall be to improve and protect water quality, to advance the propagation and habitat of fish and to protect the welfare of all wildlife in Big Birch Lake and adjacent areas.**

## Obituaries of Lake Residents

The **Rev. Roger Van Dorn Phillips** passed away peacefully with his family at his side on May 22<sup>nd</sup> following a brief illness from aggressive Lymphoma at the age of 85.

Roger was born to Dr. Roger E. Phillips and Maud "Larrie" Larkin Phillips on October 8, 1937 in Philipsburg, PA. After graduating from Edgewater High School in 1955 and the University of Florida in 1959, he taught Social Studies at Colonial High School. Roger was commissioned a Naval officer in 1962, was captain of two LSTs in Vietnam, and left the Navy in 1971. He met his wife Rosemary singing in the Virginia Beach Civic Chorus in 1970, a hobby, they both enjoyed singing in the Forever Young Chorus until September 2022. After returning to Orlando, Roger became a Certified Property Manager and in 1984 he and Rosemary formed Attwood-Phillips, Inc., which they owned until retirement in 2007. They bought a lake home on Big Birch Lake in Minnesota in 1989 where they would eventually spend six months of the year. Roger was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota in 2004 and served at The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan while at the lake and supplied at various parishes in the Diocese of Central Florida during the winter months.

Roger is survived by his loving wife Rosemary Burger Phillips, his sister Amy Phillips Grant; son Michael Ford (Melissa); daughters Kelly Best (Joe) and Lisa Eberlein;

## BBLA Financial Balance Sheet

	Aug 31, 23	Aug 31, 22
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Checking/Savings		
1006 · Checking Account #2	2,500.27	0.00
1060 · Certificate of Deposit	124,027.83	0.00
1005 · Checking-CMCU	569.32	1,103.36
1010 · Share Account-CMCU	35.90	35.90
1015 · My Goal Savings	4,036.22	4,032.95
1020 · Money Markey-CMCU	29,159.30	37,420.48
1050 · Cert of Deposit-12 Month #1	0.00	111,334.23
1055 · Cert of Deposit-12 Month #2	0.00	10,644.61
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>160,328.84</b>	<b>164,571.53</b>
Other Current Assets		
1080 · Initiative Foundation Fund	48,216.30	45,337.93
1499 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>48,216.30</b>	<b>45,437.93</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>208,545.14</b>	<b>210,009.46</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
1200 · Building & Land	35,300.00	35,300.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>35,300.00</b>	<b>35,300.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>243,845.14</b>	<b>245,309.46</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Long Term Liabilities		
2550 · Reserve		
2551 · Aquatic-Invasive Species	100,000.00	100,000.00
2552 · Future Buffer Strips	14,495.72	14,495.72
<b>Total 2550 · Reserve</b>	<b>114,495.72</b>	<b>114,495.72</b>
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>114,495.72</b>	<b>114,495.72</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>114,495.72</b>	<b>114,495.72</b>
Equity		
3990 · Unrestricted Net Assets	134,031.55	133,848.96
Net Income	-4,682.13	-3,035.22
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>129,349.42</b>	<b>130,813.74</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>243,845.14</b>	<b>245,309.46</b>

grandchildren Kinsley, Carson and Brynna Ford; Sean (Victoria) and Kevin (Jessica) Best; Ford (Abby) and Stella Eberlein; Will (Carissa) Simmons; William Simmons; and Seth (Rachel) Simmons; great grandchildren Ash and Ian Best, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Marian Phillips Simmons; father-in-law John D. Burger; mother-in-law Dolores Vos Burger; son-in-law Martin Bradford Cox; grandson Nolan Patrick Best; granddaughter Brielle Caroline Ford; sister-in-law Sandra Burger; brother-in-law Richard Grant; brother-in-law John Burger; and nephew-in-law Daniel Burger.

**Obituaries** continued on page 4

# Sliter Island, a 10,000 year-old treasure

## Did the road have Minnesota's first roundabout?

I got up at 7 a.m. and looked out my second story bedroom windows on Aug. 27 and saw Sliter Island shrouded in fog. With just the top of the island peeking through, it seemed to float midair. As the fog began to lift, a fishing boat slid through the fog. In a matter of minutes, the fog vanished, and the island was firmly standing as always.

The island has been standing tall and lean for about ten thousand years. Formed when the last glaciers moved through the area, when the birch lakes came into being. Humans have always been fascinated by islands, and like me, most people around the lake can see either Sliter Island or Hammarsten Island or both from their vantage point, and thus appreciate the beauty islands add to their visage.

The island got its name from the Sliter family, who first owned the island. The Sliter family, who came to the area with the development of the railroad, had several land holdings around the upper bay in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. My parents purchased their farm from Mrs. Estelle Sliter in 1957. The farm is located on the North Shore, where about 40 feet of lakeshore and a gravel road separated the farmland from the lake.

Estelle Sliter's maiden name was Thompson, and she was from Grey Eagle. The Thompson family owned various businesses in the early days of Grey Eagle including a well known general store. I recall Mrs. Sliter as the elderly lady we would visit at her cabin near the island. In the 1950's she lived in Alhambra, California, and would drive her new Buick to the lake every summer. Her cabin has since been replaced but the guest cabin still stands.

Gertrude Hird purchased the island from the Sliter family. The Hird family owns lakeshore on the North Shore of the lake. The island is now owned by Gertrude Hird's grandchildren. Hird

even had a California license plate that read "1<sup>st</sup> Isle" in some combination of letters and numbers. Many on the North Shore referred to the two islands as first and second, the order in which they are located from that vantage point.

The most curious thing about Sliter Island is why people built a road to it in the early 1900s. The remnants of the road were very evident in this summer's drought. Some old photographs show the road had a turnaround half the distance to the island. It is possible that this was Minnesota's first roundabout.

What reasons did folks have for building the road? (No one I ever talked to knew the firsthand story of the road to the island.) There is something in human nature that wants to inhabit a place



**This photo of "Sliter Isle" was used on a postcard to advertise Big Birch Lake. Imagine what ingenuity it took to build this "driveway" to the island. Photograph provide by John and Janet Roe.**

surrounded by water. Perhaps the more forbidden the greater the desire to seek the destination. Was it simply because the island was there, and they wanted easy access to it? They could easily have reached the island by rowboat. What would they have done once on the island? It would be difficult to climb due to the steepness to say nothing of the thick trees and brush. It is pretty cool to think the island has stood uninhabited for 10,000 years, mostly untouched by human activity. I like to think of the



## Kutter's Column

island as the one piece of land in the area unchanged in 10,000 years.

That is not to say humans have never been on the island. A few years ago, I reported the story of some teenage boys who camped on the west end of the island in the 1960's where there is a little patch of semi-flat land. As children, my cousin and I walked to the island in the winter and tried to climb the steep hill, but we were no match for the snow-covered hill.

Think about the effort to build the road. The water was shallow, of course, but

boulders had to be hauled to the site, most likely with the use of horses, to build the foundation. Then tons of small rock and gravel were hauled in to create the road-bed. On the shoreland side, a gateway to the road was erected with stone pillars, a curved metal sign that read "Sliter Isle" in letters painted silver and a divided swing away gate that hung from the pillars. One can view a similar gateway into the older section of Lakeview Cemetery on the North Shore. Overall, it was a gallant effort that took hundreds of hours to complete.

Apparently, the people who built the road did not grasp the power of nature. Fluctuating water levels,

wind, rain, snow and ice destroyed the road over time. The remnants of rock that remain are favorite perches for pelicans and gulls.

When the water is high in the spring, the old road bed is invisible, and many a fishing boat and motor has been damaged by hitting rocks, and some people have been thrown overboard by the rough ride on the old road bed.

What a pleasure it is to look out daily and see why heaven seems closer in a house beside the water.

*(See additional photos of island on page 10)*



**Don A. Dinndorf**, formerly of Albany, passed away September 18, 2023 at the St. Benedict Senior Community in St. Cloud. He was 92.

Don was born in Albany November 23, 1930 to Alex and Helen Dinndorf. He attended the University of Minnesota's School of Pharmacy, graduating in June of 1953. He married Margaret Studanski in December of that year, then left for Anchorage, Alaska, to fulfill his ROTC commitment. He trained at Fort Richardson for the Army Medical Corps and came back to Minnesota in 1956. In 1960, he returned to Albany to work with his father, Alex, at Dinndorf Drug. He took over the family business in 1968 and worked there until his retirement and sale of the store.

He and Margaret had four children. They later divorced. He married Floss Klapperich in 1977.

After his wife's death in August of 2019, Don moved to the home of his son and daughter-in-law (Don J. and Vi) in St. Augusta, where he lived for two and a half years, eventually moving to St. Benedict's Senior Community in St. Cloud. The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at St. Ben's for their warm and excellent care during Don's final months.

Don was active in many local civic organizations, including service on the Albany City Council, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Albany Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion, Seven Dolars Parish Council, the Central MN Health Planning Council, the Albany Sportsman's Club, and others. As a volunteer for the Big Birch Lake Association, he helped monitor water quality for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for 15 years and helped place an always-successful loon nesting platform every spring for many years.

As a pharmacist, and a former smoker, he was the first pharmacist in Minnesota to ban the sale of cigarettes in his store in the early 1960's. He served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State Pharmaceutical Association for many years, was elected vice-president, and finally, served as president for 1985 - 1986. In 1991, he received the association's highest award, for service to the community.

Don is survived by his children Don J. (Vi) of St. Augusta, Jeanne Birr of Avon, Patricia (Tony) Burns of Albany, Steven (Callie) of Savage, eight grandchildren, five great grandchil-

dren, his sisters Dorothy (Bob) Mushel, Little Falls, and Renee (Terry) Hartman of Hastings. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers and many relatives and friends who will welcome him home.

Memorials can be made to the Big Birch Lake Association or Seven Dolars Parish.



In this photo, Don Dinndorf is taking a Secchi disk reading to determine water clarity. Dinndorf and Gene Waldorf established the chemistry protocols used by the BBLA for examining water quality.

## Latest research on zebra mussels

By Deb Johnson

The Minnesota AIS Research Center (MAISRC) presented their full day online Fall Showcase on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Showcase gives lay people a chance to listen to the cutting-edge AIS research that is being done by their scientists, many of them from the University of MN.

There is some interesting ongoing research on zebra mussels at MAISRC. Nearly 300 lakes in Minnesota are invaded by zebra mussels. Big Birch Lake residents understand zebra mussels increase water clarity and increase the lake vegetation production near shore. In the first series of MAISRC experiments, the effect of a low dosage of copper on zebra mussel attachment to surfaces was studied. It was determined that the copper especially reduced the ability of the floating zebra mussel larvae (veligers) to settle on lake surfaces, and it prevented them from growing into adults. However, these copper treatments were only effective in an area for two years, and then the zebra mussel population rebounded, and another copper treatment would be necessary. Also with the added copper, other native mussel populations and the plankton, that young fish eat, temporarily decreased. Another negative of the treatment is that the copper would be forever bound in the lake sediments.

The second series of experiments involve continued research into the use

of genetic RNAi, called RNA interference, to target essential zebra mussel genes. These special RNA pieces are inserted into algae. Then the modified algae would be eaten by the zebra mussels. Hopefully, the foreign RNAi would trick the zebra mussels into silencing their own critical genes.

There are many challenges to overcome in this genetic research. Here are a few: first, zebra mussels are very difficult to grow and maintain in a lab. Second, scientists need to find the preferred zebra mussel food (an algae) to deliver the RNAi. Also, scientists need to find the most effective zebra mussel genes to "knock out," from at least 150 gene possibilities. Lastly, scientists need to find out how the RNAi would affect other organisms, especially native clams and mussels that would eat the same food. Based on all these unknowns, it may be several years before the RNAi research is ready for practical use.

Even though some AIS research may take years to develop practical treatments, we are fortunate to have such a high-quality research center in Minnesota where scientists are tackling some of the toughest AIS problems.

# Accomplishments of the past year highlighted at annual meeting August 19

By Robert Kutter

The BBLA Annual Meeting began by highlighting the accomplishments of 2023.

Establishing a 10-year agreement with Millwood Township for the management of Hoffman Access was first on the list. (See the access story on page 1.)

Currently the access is open only to foot traffic. Boaters are not allowed to use the access except in the case of emergencies.

Since the access was determined to be the point where zebra mussels entered the lake in 2014, the BBLA Board believes it is good to have one less access to monitor, not to mention the dangerous condition of the access at the water.

The BBLA created a relationship with Stearns Bank which donates \$1000 per year to non-profits

The installation of weed stick stations at the three DNR accesses was another project completed. The stations are available to boaters to use for removal of weeds from boats leaving the lake access.

Deb Johnson, chair of the AIS Committee, reported on the weed stick stations. Todd County helped pay for weed stations. Todd County has also been supplying inspections for three accesses throughout the boating season.

The Minnow Bag project with Little Birch Association and Todd County Soil and Water was another successful project of the association.

On September 8th, a representative from Little Birch, Deja Anton, from Todd County Water and Soil Conservation, and board member Craig Tweedale visited all the bait shops that participated with the minnow bags supplied by BBLA, SWCD, LBLA.

Anton conducted an official survey to gauge the success of the initiative.

All bait shop owners were very receptive

to the brief survey, were surprised by the follow up visit. Except for a few recommendations from the shop owners, Tweedale said it was a positive experience for the bait shop owners and the customer.

A new buffer strip agreement was established with land owners. (See the story on page 1.)

Road ditch and ice cleanup were again successful projects of the association.

Other projects worthy of mention included weed sampling at all accesses, maintenance of wood duck houses,

Hydro thrusters are not illegal but if they disturb the bottom of the lake that is illegal. They are not allowed for removing vegetation and require a permit. One cannot change the lake bottom without a permit.

Silgjord explained the difference between emergent and submergent vegetation. A property owner can rake an area in the water depending upon the amount of shoreline.

Weed rollers also need to be permitted. There are areas of the lake where they would not be permitted due to bottom sediment.

Deja Anton and Adam Ossosfort from the Todd County Water and Soil and Conservation District, which includes planning and zoning, presented information on why there are regulations for lakeshore—to protect the people and the water for health reasons and to eliminate conflicts between lakeshore residents.

Each county sets up a comprehensive plan for lakeshore usage within 1000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of the lake. Variances to the plan's rules are possible in some cases according to Anton.

Criteria need to be met to get a variance from the county, said Deja Anton, district manager Todd County Conservation District.

The district has cost share opportunities and technical assistance for the people on the lakes in Todd County.

Questions about the phosphorus load going into the lake were answered by this one startling statistic. One pound of phosphorus produces 500 pounds of algae. People who use phosphorus on lawns need to find legal alternatives.

The presenters also talked about how buffers and grasses on lakeshore property and farm fields prevent runoff into the lake water.

Anton said we don't want to accelerate the age of the lake by helping it deteriorate. Vegetation in the water hold the sediment in place which in turn help keep water clear.

Lawns are not buffer zones.



**Deja Anton, guest speaker at the BBLA Annual Meeting, spoke about shoreline regulations and the problems created when property owners don't follow the rules. Photo by Robert Kutter**

placement of the channel buoys, the ladies luncheon, the golf outing and wall-eye stocking.

No new members were elected to the board for 2023-2024, and the annual dues remains at \$50 per year.

Local DNR Conservation Officer, Caleb Silgjord talked about the problem with using hydro thrusters to move filamentous algae in the water. While the thrusters are not illegal, if not used properly they disturb the lake bottom when used to remove plant vegetation. Silgjord also talked about filamentous algae which is natural but not protected lake vegetation. It can be raked and removed from the water. Any chemicals people want to put in the water to control vegetation requires a permit from the DNR.

## Plant-Checking Teams deserve thanks

The nine aquatic plant-checking teams inspected the Big Birch Lake access 24 times over the past summer.

No new invasive plants were found at any of the five accesses. The twenty volunteers deserve a big "Thank You" for all their efforts, not only for the past summer but for volunteering each summer through the past several years.

**Thank You to all of you!**

*Accomplishments continue on page 8*



## MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 2023

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Everding, Matt & Missy Kotzer	Kuehne, Ron & Midge	Rieland, Mike & Mary	Westbrock, Bruce
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Opatz Metals & Roloffs	Holdingford
Kutter Agency Inc.	Grey Eagle
Magnifi Financial - GE	Grey Eagle



### GOLD

Freeport State Bank	Melrose
Rahns Oil & Propane	Melrose
Spiritiz Liquor	Melrose



### SILVER

Pooch's Corner Pub	Freeport
Double R Saloon Inc	Grey Eagle
Central MN Realty-Brandon Kelly	Grey Eagle
Hinman Lawn Service	Grey Eagle
Neville Hardware	Grey Eagle
Guy Waymore's Musc Emporium	Grey Eagle
Lake Country Storage LLC	Grey Eagle
Kraemer Lumber Co Inc	Melrose
Meadowlark Country Club	Melrose
Munson Feed Co Inc	Melrose
Kemper Excavating	Melrose
North Risk Partners	Melrose
Proliant Dairy Inc	Melrose
Melrose Plumbing & Heating Services Inc	Melrose
Main Street Title & Closings LLC	Sauk Centre



### BRONZE

Shattuck's Hub Supper Club	Burtrum
Hennen Lumber Co Inc	Freeport
Hennen Floor Covering Inc	Freeport
Nancy's Bait & Tackle	Grey Eagle
Update Buiding Supplies, LLC	Grey Eagle
Engelmeyer Land Services LLC	Melrose
Mayers Inc	Melrose
Econ-O-Wash Laundromats	Melrose
Melrose Bakery	Melrose
Dan Schmidt Printing Inc	Melrose
Grey Eagle Gas & Grocery-Sinclair	Melrose
Melrose 1 Stop-Sinclair	Melrose
Tim Kampsen Agency	Sauk Centre
Centre Powersports & Marine	Sauk Centre
Hoffman Tree Service	Sauk Centre
All Stars Sports Bar & Grill	St Rose

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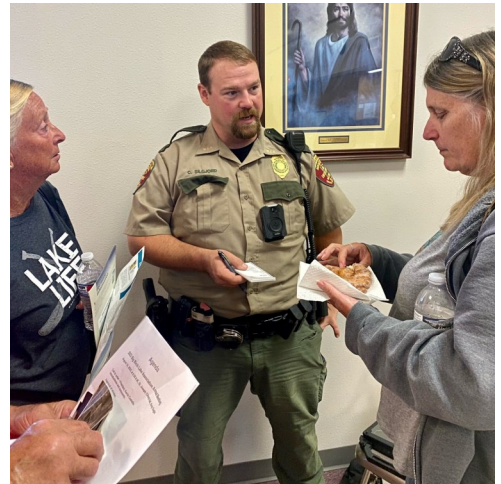
The upland zone of a lakeshore is where we build and where storm water originates. Sites with more native habitat are more beneficial to the lake. Anton suggested to make changes on your own property by using native grasses because their roots go much deeper thus holding the soil and moisture. Rain gardens help slow runoff. There are also no mow grasses available.

Wave action and ice action will wear away shorelines that are not stabilized by grasses and vegetation that holds soil.

Anton talked about loans the county has available to help with erosion protection. She reminded the audience to

talk to county offices before doing any alteration to the shoreland.

Questions asked at the end of the meeting concerned water drawn from the lake for watering lawns and the laws around the use of wake boats. The audience was reminded to call law enforcement if they see activity on the water that appears to be illegal.

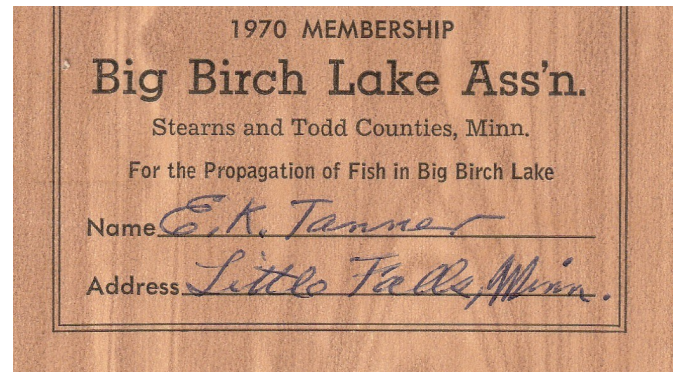
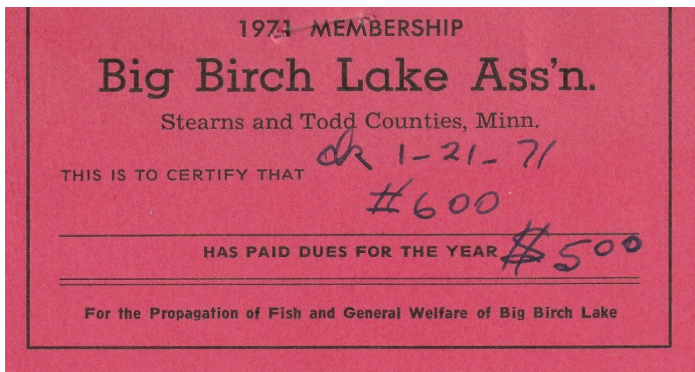


**Conservation Officer, Caleb Silgjord, answered questions from annual meeting attendees. Photo by Robert Kutter**



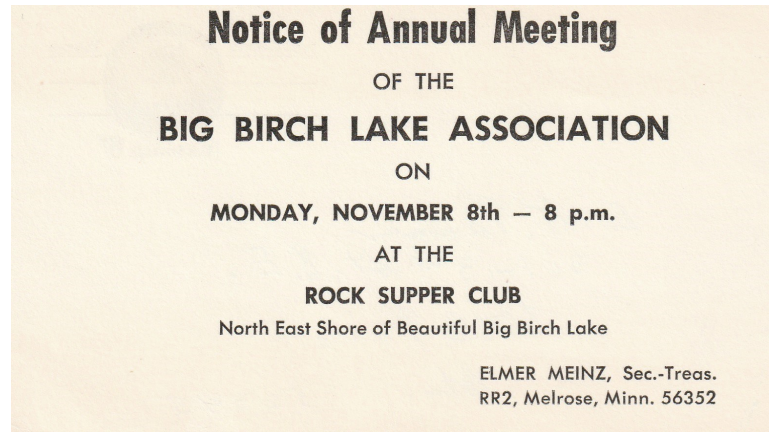
**BBLA Board members assembled for the annual meeting on August 19, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle.**





BBLA member Lucy Tanner contributed these items to the BBLA archive. Upper left is a membership card for the association from 1971. Notice the dues were \$5.00. The upper right membership card is from 1970. Each card has a variation of the organization's mission. The post card on the right gives notice of the annual meeting which was held in November. I wonder what the attendance number was at a November meeting.

We appreciate Tanner's tangible items from the past, they connect the organization to its infancy. The current organization was begun in 1969.  
—Robert Kutter, editor



## Snowmobile warning

With the low water on the lake this past summer, snowmobilers need to be concerned about the old road bed to Sliter Island this coming winter.

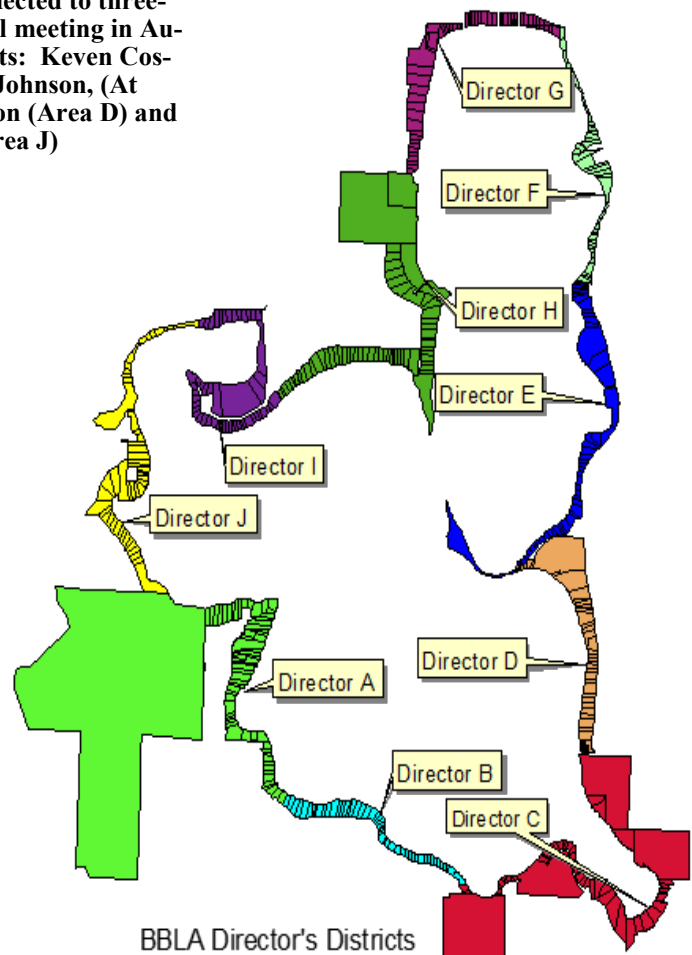
Crossing the exposed roadbed this winter with a snowmobile will be dangerous. Please warn others about it.

The rocks buried under snow will be hazardous to cross.

Board members reelected to three-year terms at annual meeting in August were incumbents: Keven Costello, (Area C) Deb Johnson, (At Large) Blake Johnson (Area D) and Craig Tweedale. (Area J)

## Jet ski inspections

Jet skis removed from the lake at an access need to be started for completion of an inspection. Larry Bebus, access inspection coordinator, reminds owners that engines need to be started very briefly and that such action does not harm the engine. Please accommodate the inspectors when removing your jet ski from the lake.



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