

# Big Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

P.O. Box 3, Sawyer MN 55780

<http://biglake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/>



## How does the BLIA help you and our lake?

- Maintenance of trailer/pontoon, if you had to rent a pontoon trailer it is around \$50/day, the cost of a trailer is around \$4,500.
- Maintenance and placement of buoys
- Test water clarity
- Subsidize and host the annual meeting dinner
- Create and distribute yearly calendar
- BLIA website (new)  
<http://biglake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/>
- MLR membership (new)  
<https://mnlakesanddrivers.org/>
- Judge and provide prizes for pontoon parade
- Communicate and promote our community

### Welcome Wagon

Reminder for new people on lake, welcome lady Penney is ready to welcome any new people...  
Penney Prevost-dandaprevost@a.com

## Important Dates

- June 10th, photos due to [owensjennifer08@gmail.com](mailto:owensjennifer08@gmail.com)
- June 19th, BLIA board meeting, Big Lake Golf Course, 7 PM
- July 5th Pontoon Parade 3PM  
Meet North end of lake near public landing. Make a complete circuit to ensure your pontoon gets judged.
- July 17th, BLIA board meeting, Big Lake Golf Course, 7 PM
- 1st Weekend in August-Big Lake Garage Sales
- August 7th BLIA board meeting, Big Lake Golf Course, 7 PM
- August 9, Annual dinner and meeting
- September BLIA board meeting, Big Lake Golf Course, 7 PM
- September 13 Road Cleanup, 9:00 meet at Big Lake Golf

## Pontoon Trailer

The pontoon trailer is available to **BLIA members** at no cost. The trailer is located at Joe and Arlene Kelley's back lot, 3144 Magney, and can be picked up when available. **It is VERY important to sign in and out on the provided clipboard, including your phone number. Please return the trailer within two hours.**

### CALENDAR MISPRINT

We found out that there are a couple of months that are not correct in the calendar. If you went to the dinner in August or ordered one separately you can get a reprint. Community Printing is rerunning them (at no charge to us) because of the mistake. If you'd like to arrange to pick up a replacement leave a message or text with Jen Owens (218)428-5392.

### Calendar Pictures

We will select pictures for next year's Big Lake Calendar in June. We must have your pictures by **June 10th**. Send to Jen Owens ([owensjennifer08@gmail.com](mailto:owensjennifer08@gmail.com)). Identify with your name, date of picture and location. Please put "Big Lake Calendar" on the subject line. Please consider sending in a few photos, we didn't have many submitted last year and would like to see as many members represented as possible so duplicates in the calendar can be avoided as much as possible. Reminder: use landscape orientation and best quality to avoid blurring when enlarging.

### Dues

It is uncertain when dues were last increased, but it is certain that in 1987 they were \$20. Things were much less expensive in 1987, a Snickers bar was \$0.45, now it is \$2.25. We don't think we need more than quadrupling dues is a good idea but we would like to raise them to \$30/family, \$20/single and \$10 new member. This will be discussed and voted on by the membership at the annual meeting on August 9th. Maintenance costs for the buoys, pontoon and pontoon trailer along with the need to replace the pontoon trailer are reasons for the requested increase.

All members will get the first newsletter via snail mail, emails will be sent to membership that requested that for the upcoming newsletters. Newsletters will also be posted to our new website <http://biglake.mnlakesanddrivers.org/>

If you are not getting emails and would like to please send a message to [owensjennifer08@gmail.com](mailto:owensjennifer08@gmail.com) or call/text 218-428-5392.

### News Around the Lake

- Ice in December 1st, ice out April 14.
- Buoys in May 6th. Thanks to Mark Vandermeiden, Mike Martin and Paul Randolph.
- Big Lake Women's Book Club, if interested contact Karen Anderson 651-324-6346.
- **HISTORY BOOKS:** Karen Anderson will be taking on the task of keeping up and adding to the History of Big Lake Book. If you have any stories or interesting facts to share please contact Karen at (651) 324-6346 or [karenbiglake22@gmail.com](mailto:karenbiglake22@gmail.com) There is a page on the new website that will host the history.
- Meat raffle every Tuesday through summer at Big Lake Golf Course starting at 6:00.
- Big Lake Golf Course will serve breakfast every Saturday and Sunday through summer, 8:30-11:30.

### Board Members

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Paul Randolph, President              | 651-208-2438 | Joe Kelley        | 218-879-6171 |
| Laurie Bennefeld, Secretary/Treasurer | 218-878-0848 | Tom Martinson     | 218-391-9088 |
| Jen Owens-newsletter                  | 218-428-5392 | Carol Nelson      | 218-251-1471 |
| Karen Anderson                        | 651-324-6346 | Mark VanderMeiden | 218-390-3522 |
| Sarah Wefelmeyer                      | 218-591-7606 | Brian Shockley    | 218-310-1239 |
| Lynn Stoyanoff                        | 218-391-5912 | Ray Worgren       | 218-879-7084 |

### Board Meetings (all welcome)

Thursdays: May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 7th and September 11th  
at 7 PM at Big Lake Golf Course.

