

IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE LAKE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT:

Many of you may be unaware of changes in two association offices. President, Bruce Campbell, resigned citing personal reasons. The association by-laws provide for the Vice President to assume the office of President in a smooth transition. Therefore, I, Bud Nielsen now move from the office of Vice President to President and Rob Auel has agreed to serve as interim Vice President. I look forward to the challenges of the presidency and hope to continue in the role of strong positive leadership. Bruce Campbell has served us well as President and I hope he will continue to be involved with the Ida Lake Association. Thank you Bruce and good luck!

The Board of Directors have already decided to promote more social activities for association members. As the adage says "All work and no play, etc."- so we have planned a family outing at Pilgrim Point Camp, golf outing, and a dinner at the Corral in Nelson. More information is included in the newsletter.

I am sure there are many association members that have time and talents to share who do not want to commit to being a District Director. We will be forming committees to make these advances a success and will be looking for volunteers. More specific information will be presented later, but anyone who would like to volunteer may contact his or her District Director or me.

Here's to a fun summer for us all. Bud Nielsen, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2005 at the new Ida Township Hall. The township hall is located at 4700 County Road 6 NW, near the junction of Douglas County roads 22 and 6. Hope to see all of you there.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues in the amount of \$20 are payable on an annual basis. **Please check your mailing address label to verify your district number and the last year for which your dues have been paid.** Included in this newsletter is an insert for Annual Dues and Fees payment. Please complete this form and mail the form, with your check, to Ida Lake Association, PO Box 175, Garfield, MN 56332-0175.

IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBER DAY:

Our first Member Association Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 from 1 – 5 p.m. at Pilgrim Point Camp and Conference Center. This will be a celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Ida Lake Association. We hope it will be successful and if so perhaps it can evolve into an annual affair. **HEY, DOES THIS SOUND LIKE FUN OR WHAT? MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

This is a privately owned church camp facility, therefore, no tobacco or alcohol use will be allowed.

It is intended that this will be a family oriented activity with food, nonalcoholic beverages, fun, games, and social interaction for all to enjoy.

Pilgrim Point, literally a point jutting out into Lake Ida, has 6000 feet of sandy shoreline. A designated swimming area includes a raft and a water slide with a lifeguard on duty. A large playing field accommodates a variety of sports and games. There is a sand volleyball court and children's playground

A dining hall that can seat 130 people comfortably will be ours to use. We will also have tables and chairs available for out door dining.

This is a rather large undertaking; therefore, many committees with eager volunteers will be needed. The following are committees currently being considered. Pick one and plan to help out. Please contact President Bud or your District Director and volunteer.

Procurement: Establish the menu items, contact vendors, make authorized purchases, and plan for storage if needed, transports items to the campsite. Coolers and ice will be needed.

“Grill Team”: Provide grills and do the cooking.

Dining Hall: Set up table items, clean and assist as needed.

Outside Tables and Chairs: Arrange for table and chair rental and delivery to camp.

Grounds: Make and set signs for directions, monitor games and swimming.

Games: Arrange for and deliver sport and other game equipment.

Clean up: Always the most popular but so very important.

FUTURE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:

Future Board of Directors meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month April through September. The meetings will be held at the new Ida Township Hall.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR NEEDED:

District 17, located in the vicinity of Betsy Ross Road SE, is in need of a District Director to represent this area on the association board. Property owners in the area should give serious consideration to filling this very important position. Please contact President Bud Nielsen.

IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING:

The Board of Directors would like to host a fun, family golf outing this summer. Rob Auel has volunteered to chair this event so if interested please call Rob at (320) 846-1110. Further details will be published in the next newsletter.

“OPEN LINE”, KXRA RADIO 1400 A.M.:

The Douglas County Lakes Association has airtime on “Open Line” between the hours of 9 – 10 a.m. the second Wednesday each month. Association members and professionals from the DNR, Douglas County Land and Resource Management and others make presentations concerning lake related issues and also respond to call-in questions and comments. Be sure to tune in.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION EVENT:

The Board of Directors has planned a very special recognition dinner for Saturday, August 27, 2005. The event will be held at the Corral in Nelson with social hour and cash bar beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be chicken and ribs at a cost of \$11.00 per person including tax and gratuity. This evening is being planned for the special recognition of past President Bruce Campbell and his wife Lucrezia. Please plan to attend as an expression of your appreciation for their dedicated service to the Ida Lake Association.

EXOTIC SPECIES ARE ON THE MOVE:

The big three aquatic exotic species getting the most immediate attention in Minnesota are: Eurasian watermilfoil, Curleaf pondweed, and zebra mussels. These aquatic non-native species hurt our lakes. They cause ecological, recreational and economical damage. Eurasian watermilfoil has been found in 160 lakes, curly leaf pondweed is known to be present in over 700 lakes, and zebra mussels in two inland lakes, plus other invasive aquatic plants and animals that arrive in Minnesota.

Because we cannot eradicate these species once in a lake, we should more actively work to stop them from getting into lakes in the first place.

PLAN NOW FOR SPRING:

As thoughts turn toward spring and yard work, all of us need to remember to be good stewards of our lake water. There are several things to keep in mind:

- Any lawn fertilizer used around the lake **MUST** have a middle number of **-0-**, which is zero phosphorus. This is now Minnesota law and benefits our lake water greatly.
- Be sure any weed killer that you use is Rodeo, a lake friendly product that is also non-toxic to fish.

These products are both available locally. In addition, please remember as you do lawn clean up, that you are prohibited from burning in areas 100 feet or closer to the shoreline, or in areas that will eventually drain directly into the lake.

IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The spring meeting of the Ida Lake Association will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2005, 9:00 a.m. at the new Ida Township Hall. The Board of Directors will meet at 8:00 a.m. The township hall is located at 4700 County Road 6 new the intersection of Douglas County roads 6 and 22. Please plan to attend.

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