

## **IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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### **From the Prez:**

Greetings, and it is another beautiful day at Lake Ida. I have served as the lake association president for the last three years and as vice-president for several years prior to that. They were enjoyable years, but it is time to move on. After a new president is elected in August, I will be able to serve on the board as Director-at-Large to continue to represent the association on committees such as the Water Plan Task Force, Ordinance Review, etc., which are vital to protecting our lake.

Rose Maloney, our long-standing secretary, has also said she wishes to step down and not be re-elected this August. Please consider nominating yourself or anyone else you deem to be good candidates for these positions. These nominees do not necessarily have to be from the board of directors. Nominating committee members are: Sharon Underhill, 834-3776; Don Carlson, 846-0423, dcar1020@aol.com; and Al Hoeben, 834-3120, ahoeben@startribune.com. Please contact one of them with your nominees, or send them to our mailing address. Get your nominations in early so we don't have to wait until the last minute to come up with viable candidates.

The spring general meeting will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Ida Township hall located at the intersection of county roads 6 & 22. Please attend. The 2007 membership dues may be paid at the meeting if not previously paid.

Districts 2, 7, 8, & 15 need directors or co-directors. The time obligation is really minimal. Attending once-monthly meetings from April through September, updating property ownership change information in your district, and membership directory delivery about every third year are really the only main duties, which are shared between the director and co-director. Please contact me or your district director if interested in volunteering. Directors from odd-numbered districts will be elected at the August 25<sup>th</sup> membership meeting to be at the Ida Township hall at 9:00 a.m.

### **HELP PROTECT OUR LAKE:**

Several people have contacted me with concerns about improper disposal of yard waste. It seems yard waste is being dumped along the stream which flows from Lake Milona into Lake Ida. This is the area along Big Horn Bay Road. The same thing is being done along the wetlands and stream near Oak Ridge Lane. Both of these areas are along waterways that flow into Lake Ida and will carry nitrogen and phosphorus from this yard waste and both promote algae growth. Lake residents and lawn service personnel have been observed using leaf blowers to blow yard waste into the lake. These activities are detrimental to the lake and **ILLEGAL!** The boating guide on page 32, and the fishing regulations on page 13 both state it is **ILLEGAL** to litter or deposit refuse into state waters and I am sure yard waste is considered refuse.

If you are already bagging your yard waste to haul across the road to dump it, put it in your vehicle instead and take it to Pope Douglas Waste Management located at 2115 So. Jefferson. They are a very valuable resource and have dumpsters for yard waste, metal, hazardous materials, used oil and old gas and many recyclable items. There is NO COST to use this facility. Or, ask your garbage hauler if they will haul away your yard waste. If you are mowing but not bagging, please mow so the debris is directed away from the lake and advise any yard service to do the same. It only takes a little common sense to protect our lake. How can we criticize others of not respecting our lake when some of us may be guilty of similar behavior.

**BURNING RULES:**

Douglas County ordinance prohibits burning within 100 feet of the lake. The exception would be a recreational campfire in a container no greater than three feet in diameter which will contain the ashes so they can be properly disposed of.

**MEMBERSHIP PICNIC:**

This year's membership picnic will be July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. at Pilgrim Point Camp. Please return the attached response form no later than July 9<sup>th</sup> so we can estimate supply purchases. The form may be mailed to our P.O. Box, or given to your district director. We will have the usual menu, brats, etc. and life-guard supervised swimming at the designated swimming beach. Bring the immediate family by boat or car and have a great time. The camp does not allow smoking or the use of alcoholic beverages, so please respect that.

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2007 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP PICNIC RESPONSE FORM. Please complete and return by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Mail to: Ida Lake Association, P.O. Box 175, Garfield, Mn. 56332-0175,  
Or, give it to your district director before that date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Good Fishing,  
Bud Nielsen, President