

# ILA News



TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SERENITY, QUALITY, AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF LAKE IDA

## 2018 Spring Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2018 Spring Meeting **Saturday, May 26 at 9 a.m.** at the Ida Township Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Directors plan to meet at 8 a.m.

Dave Rush, Land and Resource Director of Douglas County, will be our guest speaker. He will speak on variances, conditional use permits and the new vacation rental ordinance.

We realize this is a family holiday, especially for lake owners, we promise to keep it short and we'll provide the coffee!

We look forward to seeing you at the **Ida Township Hall, located at 4700 County Road 6 NW**. Take stake in your lake – and help keep Lake Ida looking healthy, beautiful...and blue!



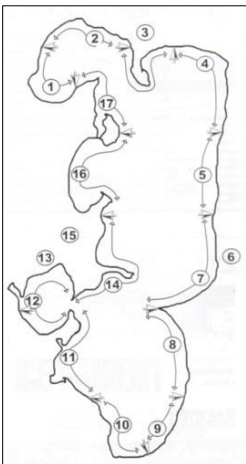
## President's Note

The ice is out! So we can all rejoice in planning for another summer of fun and relaxation at the lake. Part of the planning takes place at our Spring Membership Meeting. Hope you will be there to provide ideas and input.

At the meeting we will have a number of positive and ongoing activities to report on including several water quality improvement efforts, invasive aquatic plan control, and fish stocking.

Last July, I attended a presentation by Dr. Michael McCartney, Research Professor and the lead zebra mussel researcher of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) at the University of Minnesota. He spoke about the possibilities of using genetic modification as a possible prevention or elimination of these invasive mussels. The Star Tribune published very good articles all about zebra mussels in two parts, Sunday and Monday, which featured some of Dr. McCartney's research. Search the web for: *Star Tribune Zebra Mussels*. Here are the links: [July 30, 2017 article](#) AND [July 31, 2017 article](#)

Thank you for your membership and interest in our lake environment. I also thank the board and others who have made a success of this association.



Take care, Dick Sudmeier, President Ida Lake Association

## About Us ~ ILA

The Ida Lake Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Dues and donations may be tax deductible per IRS Publication 526. ILA is a member of the Douglas Count Lakes Association. Ida Lake Association is comprised of 17 districts, consisting of two District Directors for each district, representing and serving the property owners of Lake Ida.

It is important to get to know your neighbors and your District Directors – together we can keep our lake healthy and enjoyable for generations to come. Get to know your District Director May 26<sup>th</sup>!



## ILA News

Last year The DNR found more Curly Leaf Pondweed in our lake. The ILA will treat 22 acres this spring and have another survey in the summer. Good news - Douglas County Land and Resources Management gave ILA a grant for 75% of the cost of treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed this year.

Betsy Ross Road project is almost complete. It has successfully redirected water that was washing sediment into the lake.

Ditch 23 engineering and feasibility study is in progress by the engineering firm, but the final report will not be done until next spring, we think.

The Carp Edema Virus, the Japanese name “Sleepy Carp Virus”, has been found in Minnesota. It seems quite lethal to carp.

## Summer Fun!

Join in some fun without ever leaving your lawn chair! The **10th Annual Lake Ida Fourth of July Boat Parade** will take place Wednesday, July 4 (more information to come). Watch from shore, or decorate your boat and fall in line. Make sure you are a part of the tradition and fun celebrating at the lake!



**4th Annual Big Ole SUPathon**  
Fri. July 13<sup>th</sup> - Sat. July 14<sup>th</sup> - Alexandria

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Lake Ida will be a part of the **4th Annual Big Ole SUPathon** is a Stand Up Paddleboarding event, designed to strengthen the connection between the people and the lakes of West-Central Minnesota while raising funds for local 501(c) charities. We have been asked to provide some volunteers with pontoon boats to assist during their Lake Ida crossing. Details at the May meeting.



## Stocking ~ Donate to the Cause

The previous 2-years the Ida Lake Association was unable to stock walleyes. Our supplier had no fish available. The funds were banked and will be spent over the next two-years. Most of the funds for stocking does and will come from dedicated fisher folks and local Sports Clubs. Last year the MN DNR chose to stock fry in the lake versus fingerlings. In the fall Electro -Shocking was conducted to test the survival of the spring fry stocking. ONE yearling walleye was found!

The request was made to the ILA Board to commit to a 1,000 pound per year fingerling fall stocking program. This is a 3-year commitment with local supplier

that has guaranteed us the supply. The board voted and agreed.

Not all association members agree with additional funds for stocking. There are several critical projects that will require ILA monies. It is important that we, who benefit, step up and help raise the additional funds needed to support this project. Time will tell if we are able to keep the 1,000 pound per year commitment after the 3-years.

We all need to understand that there is little natural walleye reproduction in Lake Ida. The pan fish and the huge schools of shiner minnows will consume any fry that do hatch. We do not understand the long-term negative effect that Zebra Mussels will have. Ida had very few walleyes when this area was first settled. It was stocking that created the excellent walleye fishing.

## Boating Regulations

Do not let “dangling legs” hang in the water when the pontoon is moving forward. Being flipped into the water could result in a run-over with tragic results. It is the law!

All children under ten (10) years old must wear a life jacket (Personal Flotation Device – PFD).

Boats with enclosed fuel or engine compartments must carry a fire extinguisher.

Boats must carry a “wearable” personal floatation device for each occupant.

Water-skiers, boarders, tubers and jet skiers must wear a lifejacket.

### **Jet Ski Regulations:**

Jet skis must operate at closed throttle (no wake speed) when within 150 feet of a dock, shoreline, swimmer, raft, or a non-motorized or anchored water craft or through emergent or floating vegetation.

No jet ski operation is allowed between 1 hour before sunset and 9:30 a.m.

No one under 13 years old may operate a jet ski and those under 18 must have a permit or be accompanied by an adult.

## **Beach Work**

Planning beach work or a landscaping project near your shore line or bank? Please contact Douglas County Land and Resource Management at 320- 762-3863, to ensure that your project is in compliance with county regulations. Though major projects may require a conditional use permit, the departments will issue permits for smaller projects.

## **Do Not Burn Near the Lake**

We are all anxious to be outside enjoying the lake and even hosting a bonfire with s’mores! Douglas County Ordinance prohibits burning within 100 feet from the lakeshore. The only exception is a recreational wood-burning campfire. Make sure you locate your fire pit at least 50 feet away from the lakeshore and remove ashes from the fire pit to prevent the ashes from being blown or washed into the lake.

Did you know that burning leaves or wood near the lake destroys the organic matter releasing the phosphorus, which could be washed into the lake? Phosphorus entering lakes and rivers feed the growth of algae, bacteria, and other tiny organisms. Water bodies require some nutrients to be healthy, but too much can be harmful. When lakes receive an overabundance of nutrients, they can become polluted by excessive amounts of algae. Die-off and decomposition of algae blooms can reduce dissolved oxygen and suffocate fish and other aquatic life. Some forms of algae (blue-green) may produce toxins that can be harmful if ingested by humans and animals.



## **Annual Due\$**

As a property owner on Lake Ida (760 of you!) you have a major interest in the well-being of your lake. The property values are directly affected by the water quality. The Ida Lake Association has a vested interest in helping keep our lake clean and healthy. It is important as a resident on Lake Ida that you are a financial supporter of the Ida Lake Association. With the invasion of zebra mussels, curly pondweed and Eurasian milfoil it takes effort and dollars to maintain good water quality.

Please make a commitment to support water quality and protect your property values by joining the Ida Lake Association. The annual membership is only \$25! Attend the Annual Meeting May 26th or remit with the form included in this newsletter. Remember... This is your Lake Ida!

## **Memorials**

In addition to the annual dues member contributed, we received several memorial donations since those posted last May, primarily for loved ones who have departed.

### **In Memory of:**

(son) Jeffrey Dahl from John & JoAnn Dahl  
Trish Drenttel from Cliff & Margaret Drenttel  
Don Mattson from Margaret Mattson  
George Marthaler from Paul & June Lombard  
Steve Stroh from Ben & Kathleen Stroh  
Sheryl Brakken-Feely from James & Shirley Brakken  
Clyde & Bealah Peterson from Barbara Peterson & Artie Malesci  
Patty Lorsung from Darrell Lorsung  
Don Carlson (Dad) from Nancy Carlson & Blaine Kalahar

Marcella Hein from Cecil & Beth Hauri  
Joe Burdeau from Elmer & Terry Kobbermann  
Donna & Bill Bruflat from Rod, Barb & Deb Bruflat  
Casey Rosen from Sara & Gregg Luedke  
Ed Karl from Greg & Wendy Schultz  
Tom Vickerman, Sr. from DeWayne & Dorothy Bisek  
Harold Hayer from Richard & Janelle Sundberg  
Malcolm McLean from Bernie & Becky Shea (daughter)  
Malcolm McLean from Terry & Elmer Kobbermann  
Marv Metzler from Paul, Pam & Joe Tauer  
Marvin Metzler from Marvin Metzler Family  
Marvin Dahl from Frank & Bozena Mach

# Become a 2018 dues paying member!

## Ida Lake Association Annual Dues and Fees Statement

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (list any and all e-mail addresses you wish to be used for ILA business only): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: \$25.00

Memorial: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for: \_\_\_\_\_

Walleye Stocking: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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