

Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association News

Spring/Summer 2016

BRRLA PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Greetings,

I would like to welcome all of the non-resident Buffalo, Rice, and Rock lake property owners back for the summer season and to say hi to the residents that make this your permanent home! I am very excited about the next few months and I am personally looking forward to some relaxation and fun at the lakes.

The BRRLA board is excited about our new structure and our beach captains are getting geared up to come out and visit everyone in their designated area. They will be introducing themselves and handing out a packet that contains some great information about the association and our lakes. I again want to encourage you all to consider joining the association and become a part of our lake community. So look for a knock or ring on your door in the near future by your beach captain.

I also want to reinforce that if you have any ideas or suggestions that could help make the quality of life on Buffalo, Rock, and Rice lakes better for all, please don't hesitate to contact your designated beach captain or any of the board members, including myself. It is our goal to continue to work on improving communication amongst our community and to help educate all of our members on various topics that relate to our lakes. While we are not a 'policing' organization, we will consider your suggestions and use them as a way to improve life on our lakes the best we can.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you at our upcoming lake association meeting. And don't forget about our 4th of July boat parade. We have asked prior BRRLA President, Roger Levos, to be our Grand Marshal this year.

From our family to yours, have a safe and wonderful summer season at the lakes!

Sincerely,

Kevin Wolf
BRRLA President

Annual Meeting & Potluck

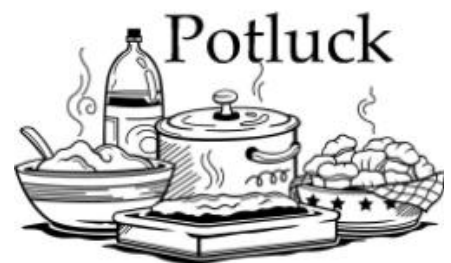
**The Association's
Annual Meeting &
Potluck will be held on**

**Sat. June 18th
10 am**

at the Richwood Winery

****Everyone is asked to
bring a dish to share****

**Sloppy Joes, water, lemonade,
plates, napkins, and silverware
will be provided**



Topics will include:

- Election of Board Members
- COLA Report
- July 4th Boat Parade
- By-Law Changes
- Association T-shirt/Sweatshirt
- Passage way between Buffalo/Rice/Rock



Board Positions Up For Election

Secretary

Beach Captain for Chippewa Shores (Buffalo)

Beach Captain for Access Road (Buffalo)

Proposed By-Law Changes

A review of the BRRLA by-laws determined a need to make some changes to Article V, Officers and Board Members. These proposed changes will be voted on at the annual meeting. To clarify – the current language in the by-laws is stated first followed by the proposed changes. The changes are then highlighted in bold.

Article V Officers and Board Members

Current: Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Proposed: Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, **Past President, Communications Director and COLA representative.**

Current: Section 2. Five Board Members shall represent separate areas of the lakeshore. At least one shall be a seasonal property owner.

Proposed: Section 2. **Nine Board Members, also known as Beach Captains (BC), shall represent the separate areas of the lakeshore. There will be six (6) from Buffalo Lake, two (2) from Rock and one (1) from Rice.** At least one shall be a seasonal property owner.

Current: Section 4. C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of all annual, board and special meetings of the Association and shall manage all routine correspondence of the Association.

Proposed: Section 4: C. The Secretary shall record and maintain minutes of all annual, board and special meetings of the Association and shall manage all routine correspondence, **including the newsletter**, of the Association. **The Secretary will maintain the mailing lists of all lake owners and association members.**

Current: Section D. The Treasurer shall maintain all revenues of the Association and shall disperse expenditures as designated by the Board or the general membership.

Proposed: Section D. The Treasurer shall maintain all revenues of the Association and shall disperse expenditures as designated by the Board, **Association President** or the general membership.

Current: Section D. Item 2. The Treasurer shall present a yearly report of income and expense at the annual meeting of the Association.

Proposed: Section D. Item 2. The Treasurer shall present a yearly **itemized** report of all income and expenses at the annual and board meetings of the Association.

Proposed: Adding Item 3 to Section D: **An annual audit of the Treasury shall be conducted. Members of the audit committee will be designated by the President with the report being presented at the Annual Association Meeting.**

Proposed: Communications Director: **The Communications Director shall maintain the website and Facebook Page and be the Editor of the Association Newsletter.**

Section 5: Term of Office

Current: Officers shall serve a term of two years and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority.

Proposed: Officers, **including Beach Captains**, shall serve a term of **three** years and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority.

4th of July Boat Parade

Join us for the 4th of July boat parade on Buffalo Lake! It will start at 10am and lineup will be by Tom Bresnahan's (northeast corner of the lake, near the public access). We had a great turn out last year and hope we can have even more participants this year! Check out pictures from last year's parade on our website!

<http://minnesotawaters.org/buffaloricerocklakes/>



NEWS FROM COLA

Thanks to Andy Wieland for attending the Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) meetings and keeping us informed!

2016 COLA meetings began again this year in April. The first meeting of the year was very productive. Guest speakers included representatives from the Minnesota DNR and Becker County, including the Soil and Water Conservation District, recycling department, and Sheriff Todd Glander.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month and run through October. These meetings are open to all members of the BRR lake association. Additional information related to COLA meetings can be requested through email at buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com.

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention activities have ramped up for the summer. Public lake access inspections began in May, and boat/trailer AIS decontamination units are now in use. County decontamination units are mobile but in general will be located at Detroit and Melissa lakes. Real time location of all Minnesota AIS decontamination units can be found on the DNR web site.

Becker County continues to implement the shore land on-site sewage treatment compliance program. Buffalo and Rock lakes are on the list for this program. Property owners with septic systems that have not been inspected in the past 10 years may be required to have those systems inspected. It is anticipated that Buffalo and Rock Lakes will go through this process within the next three years. Our association will follow the status of this program and continue to provide updates.

Find additional information and stay up to date on COLA activities through Facebook by searching Becker County COLA or on the website at www.beckercola.org.

DON'T FORGET

- ✓ Consider joining the association or becoming more involved
- ✓ Attend the annual meeting and potluck
- ✓ Start thinking about the 4th of July boat parade
- ✓ Like us on Facebook & share your pics and info on our page at [Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association](#)
- ✓ Pass along any ideas or suggestions by emailing us at buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com
- ✓ Check out our website at <http://minnesotawaters.org/buffaloricerocklakes/> to find meeting minutes, Board member contact info, pictures, and other info

It's time to join or renew your membership!

The annual membership dues are used for the following expenses:

- Membership in Becker County COLA and Minnesota Waters
 - Website, newsletters, and other mailings
 - Refreshments for annual meeting

BRRLA Membership Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Lake Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Check applicable lake: Buffalo Rice Rock

Dues are \$20 for property owners and \$10 for renters.

Make your check payable to Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association (BRRLA).

Bring membership form and dues to the annual meeting

or

**Mail to: Buffalo, Rice, and Rock Lakes Association, c/o Jennifer Turnwall
P.O. Box 48, Richwood, MN 56577**