

Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association News

Spring/Summer 2018

BRRLA President Comments

Greetings!

I would like to welcome back all of our seasonal residents and say hello again to the year round residents of Buffalo, Rice, and Rock lakes. I would also like to take the time to welcome all of the new faces that have chosen our lakes as either their permanent residence or a getaway retreat. We are glad to have you and we look forward to getting to know you.

This was a most unusual spring with the late melt, but the weather has done its best to make up time and get to summer. I knew we were headed in the right direction when we started to see the loons return, and boy have they been active!

I would again like to encourage all residents of our three wonderful lakes to consider joining our lake association and continue to work on getting as connected with your neighbors as you can. From our website to our Facebook page, there are many easy ways to stay connected. The more connected we are, the more secure we can all feel about our surroundings. The lake association beach captains will be coming around again this year to say hi, so don't hesitate to ask any questions of them that you may have about the benefits of belonging to the lake association.

I am looking forward once again to the Buffalo Lake 4th of July boat parade this year, and I encourage everyone to join in. For those residents of Rice and Rock lakes that don't want to bring a boat over for the parade, we would love to invite you to come over and watch the parade. It has grown into a very fun event.

Also, my wife Brenda and I would like to personally invite all of the residents of Buffalo, Rice, and Rock lakes to Buffstock 2018, an annual music event we have been holding for the past few years. You can bring lawn chairs, coolers, and sunscreen and join us for a day of music, relaxation, and good company. We have musicians who perform throughout the day. You can bring your own food but we also arrange for a food truck as well. There is no admission fee, but we do have a free will offering in which all proceeds go to the Dorothy Day House and Food Pantry in Moorhead, Minnesota. It is being held on Saturday, August 11th - we would love to see you there!

Again, welcome back and I wish a safe and enjoyable summer to everyone on Buffalo, Rice, and Rock lakes. We are blessed. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Kevin Wolf
BRRLA President

**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Annual Meeting

**Sat. June 16th
9:30 am**

(Registration begins at 9:15)

at the Richwood Winery

Topics will include:

- Membership
- Clothing Reorder
- Buffalo/Rice Passageway
- Lake & Loon Monitoring
- 4th of July Boat Parade
- Election of Beach Captains -
Buffalo Run & Campground
 - COLA Presentation
 - Door Prizes



**Immediately following the
meeting we will enjoy a potluck!**

Sloppy Joes, lemonade and water
will be provided

Hope you can join us!



Upcoming Community Events

Yard Sale Benefiting the Humane Society

A Community Yard Sale to benefit the Humane Society of the Lakes will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 10 to 4 at the Richwood Winery. Anyone interested in selling their wares can purchase a 10 x 10 spot for \$30 (\$20 of the cost goes to the Humane Society.) You will need to bring your own table. Not interested in having a table, but would like to donate your items to the Humane Society, drop them by the winery on Friday, June 1 from 1 to 6. This is a rain or shine event. Lunch will be available from 11 to 3. For further information contact debk@richwoodwinery.com

Blood Drive

United Blood Services will be holding a blood drive on Saturday, June 30 at the Richwood Winery from 12:00 noon to 4:15 pm. Appointments can be made by visiting the United Blood Service website (<https://www.bloodhero.com>). Make a difference in people's lives by giving blood, give life!

Buffstock 2018

Kevin & Brenda Wolf are hosting Buffstock 2018! This live music event will be held on Saturday August 11th, 2018 starting at 1:00 p.m. at 29561 Buffalo Run. Bring lawn chairs, coolers, and sunscreen and enjoy a fun day of music! Free will donations are collected and all proceeds go to the Dorothy Day House and Food Pantry in Moorhead. Contact Kevin at 701-540-2050 if you have any questions.

Board Positions Up For Election

During our annual meeting on June 16th we will be electing beach captains for Buffalo Run and the Buffalo Lake Campground. Beach Captain duties may include the following:

- Assist in maintaining accurate database for assigned area
 - Promote membership in lake association
- Provide information packets to neighbors in assigned area

Terms are a three year commitment, and it's a fun way to meet people and be involved in our lake community! Please contact us at buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com or contact any of the current Board

Explore the Passageway

Did you know that you can kayak between Buffalo and Rice lakes? The channel was cleaned last summer and provides access between the lakes. Kayakers have been known to see beaver, muskrat, otter and an array of different birds.

Come and enjoy a leisurely ride and take in the scenery!

4th of July Boat Parade

Join us for the 4th of July boat parade on Buffalo Lake! It will start at 10am on Wed. July 4 with the lineup in the northeast corner of the lake, near the public access. We've had great participation the last few years with lots of boats, spectators, patriotic decorations, and fun! Everyone is invited to participate!



Becker County COLA Update

The 2017 Becker County COLA meetings and the 2017/2018 COLA Executive Board meetings have provided informative guest speakers, interesting discussion topics, educational materials, trips to AIS (aquatic invasive species) and water quality conferences, as well as a new Becker County COLA website that should be available by mid-June.

Discussion highlights from our meetings:

- Shoreline restoration Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
- Decontamination sites in Becker County
- Starry Trek (we looked for Starry Stonewort in some area lakes)
- Impact of proposed new mining site in the Boundary Waters
- Tamarac Wild Life Refuge. Its purpose and the need for volunteers
- Four Executive Board Members attended the AIS III Summit in Brooklyn Center
- Water Quality Conference at Breezy Point Resort attended by two Executive Board Members
- One Executive Board Member attended the MNCOLA meeting in Hutchinson
- Aquatic Invasive Species books were purchased for each Lake Association by Becker COLA
- A new Becker County COLA website will be available mid-June 2018
- We have allocated \$500.00 to the MN AIS Research Center (MAISRC) conference to be held in Detroit Lakes at M-State on Friday, June 8
- For our July meeting, we plan on renting two pontoons and touring Big Detroit Lake viewing shorelines and looking for AIS. There will be a meeting held at the Holiday Inn at our normal time after the tour.

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

Do you have questions or looking for suggestions from others?

Don't forget the various resources available to communicate with and get info from our lake neighbors and the association!

- ✓ Like us on Facebook & share your pics and info on our page at [Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association](#)
- ✓ **Join us on Nextdoor!** Nextdoor is a private (closed group) social network site that is another way we can all stay connected and communicate!
- ✓ Pass along any ideas or suggestions by emailing us at buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com or visiting with your beach captain
- ✓ Check out our website at <http://minnesotawaters.org/buffaloricerocklakes/> to find meeting minutes, Board member contact info, and links to numerous websites/resources.



It's time to join or renew your membership!

Annual membership dues are used for the following expenses:

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

BRRLA Membership Form

Name _____

Check here if current member with no changes to addresses,
email, or phone number

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 Becky Burns
431 Harwood Dr. S., Fargo, ND 58104**