

# Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association News

Spring/Summer 2021

## BRRLA President Comments

### Greetings!

I would like to take the time to welcome all the seasonal residents back to our beautiful lakes we know as Buffalo, Rice, and Rock. After each of us navigated our way through the COVID pandemic in our own ways I know that Brenda and I felt blessed that we were able to 'escape' our four walls in Fargo and spend more time at the lake throughout the year. This definitely helped us keep our sanity.

I would like to invite and encourage each of you to join us at our annual lake association meeting being held at the winery on Saturday June 26 at 10am. This is a great chance to gather with our neighbors and to learn more about the many opportunities available to get involved with our lakes. I look forward to seeing you there.

I am also looking forward to our 4th of July boat parade again this year. Each year this event keeps getting better. It is fun to see the creative decorations on all of the watercraft.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow lake association board members who have made my term as President the past few years so enjoyable. As I transition out of this role I would like to congratulate and welcome Bryan Olschlager to the role of BRRLA President following our June meeting. We are excited to have Bryan - he will do an awesome job!

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer at the lakes. Enjoy these beautiful lakes that we have been truly blessed with.

Kevin Wolf  
BRRLA President

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting  
will be held on

Sat. June 26th  
10:00 am

at the Richwood Winery

### Topics will include:

- Election of Board Members
- COLA Report
- Clothing Order

Following the meeting a picnic type lunch will be served by the Association. Please RSVP the number attending to [buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com](mailto:buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com) or call/text Deb at 651-283-7930 by June 21.



**Special Fishing Regulations for Buffalo Lake:** The MN DNR lowered the daily sunfish limit for a number of lakes, including Buffalo Lake, as a part of an initiative to protect and improve the size of sunfish. The new daily limit of sunfish for Buffalo Lake is five.

## **We need your help to keep the association going strong!**

**During our annual meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> we will be electing four officers and seven beach captains! If you are interested in contributing to BRRLA's success, please consider serving on our Board.** 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](mailto:buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com) or contact any of the current Board members if you have any questions about the open positions!

### **Officers**

**President** - Presides at all annual, Board and special meetings and shall represent the Association at all official functions. *Vice President Bryan Olschlager will fulfill the President role. See proposed by-law change below.*

**Vice President** - In the absence of the President, fulfills the duties of the President. Fulfills other duties as designated by the President, the Board or the general membership.

**Treasurer** - Maintains all revenues and disperses expenditures as designated. Presents a yearly itemized report of income and expense at the annual meeting.

**Communications Director** - Maintains the website and Facebook page and serves as the editor of the newsletter.

### **Beach Captains**

Beach Captain duties may include the following: Maintain accurate owner database for assigned area and forward contact information to the Association Secretary. Promote membership in lake association. Provide greeting packet for new property owners. Identify items to enhance shoreline life for assigned area.

**Buffalo Lake – Buffalo Run Road  
Buffalo Lake – Campground  
Buffalo Lake - South Buffalo Lake Road  
Buffalo Lake - North Buffalo Lake  
Rock Lake - Southwest  
Rock Lake - Northeast**

### **Proposed By-Law Change**

The following proposed change will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.

#### **Article V. Section 5. Term of Office**

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

**Recommended Change:** Officers, including Beach Captains, shall serve a term of three years and shall be elected at the annual meeting by a simple majority. *The Vice President shall automatically succeed the President and serve a three-year term upon the completion of the President's term.*



**We would like to thank Roger Levos for his many years of service on the Board! He has been an amazing resource and an important part of our achievements over the years!**

**Thanks, Roger!!**

## ***4th of July Boat Parade***

**Hope you can join us for the annual 4th of July boat parade on Buffalo Lake! It will start at 10am on Sun. July 4.**

Bryan Olschlager will start the parade prior to the houses on Buffalo Access Road. Boats should follow Bryan to ensure the parade is brought close enough to the campground and others watching from shore. Also, please continue the parade through the entire route so everyone can enjoy it. We are looking forward to another fantastic parade!



### **News from COLA**

The most recent COLA meeting was held remotely via Zoom on May 20, 2021. Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) provided an informative presentation giving an update on aquatic invasive species (AIS) and research efforts to control AIS. Spiny water fleas aren't prevalent in a large number of MN lakes at this time, with Lake Mille Lacs being the closest lake; however, there is concern about it potentially being transferred to lakes further northwest. They also discussed research focused on controlling zebra mussels. An experimental copper-based treatment is currently being evaluated and scientists have mapped the genome of the zebra mussel, which they are hopeful will help them learn the best way to control them.

COLA will have new leadership this year. The candidates are as follows: President – David Oberlander (Stakke Lake), Vice President – David Suby (Pickerel Lake), Administrative Assistant – Marilyn Guy (Floyd Lake), and Treasurer – Becky Burns (Buffalo Lake). In addition, COLA will be making some wording changes to their bylaws, primarily to ensure consistent language.

Thanks to Roger Lee for attending the Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) meetings and keeping us informed! Check out the Becker County COLA website at [beckercola.org](http://beckercola.org) for a wealth of information.

### **RESOURCES**

**Do you have questions or suggestions for us? We have a number of 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 suggestions or let us know you would like to be on our email list by emailing us at [buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com](mailto:buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com) or visiting with your Beach Captain
- ✓ Check out our website at <http://minnesotawaters.org/buffaloricerocklakes/> to find meeting minutes, Board member/ Beach Captain 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 address, or phone number

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Check applicable lake:   o Buffalo   o Rice   o 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  
29665 Buffalo Run, Rochert, MN 56578**