

The Blackwater Blurb

Blackwater Lake Newsletter Volume 14 Number 1 Spring/Summer 2019

Blackwater Lake Association's mission is to preserve the resources we have for future generations by undertaking necessary actions and providing a forum for ongoing education.

Did you know?

Fun Facts About Up North Animals

Minnesota has the largest wolf and bald eagle populations in the lower 48 states.

Chipmunks

Chipmunks love tomato juice—when tomatoes ripen chipmunks will eat holes in the bottoms to get the juice.

Black Bears

There are roughly 12,000–15,000 black bears in Minnesota. As you know, bears hibernate in the winter for as long as seven months by living off their stored body fat. During this time they do not eat, drink, urinate or defecate, but recycle body waste and arise in the spring with little loss of muscle mass or strength.

Grey Fox

The gray fox is the only member of the dog family that can climb trees and does so to catch prey and to escape predators.

Red Fox

The red fox runs 30-mph and can leap 15-feet in a single bound which is further than the kangaroo. A fox will often hide uneaten food under litter or bury it in a hole to be eaten later.

Striped Skunks

Striped skunks can spray their scent up to 15 feet. Their preferred food is insects, mice, carrion, and eggs. They may invade farm yards and buildings, but usually do more good than harm by living largely on mice and rats.

Red Squirrels

During fall when they gather food, red squirrels may become covered in the gum that oozes from pine trees.



Compiled by Becky Seemann from the Minnesota DNR website

Chairman's Update

by Lloyd Thielmann



Photo courtesy of Carolyn Dindorf



Photo courtesy of MNWaters.org



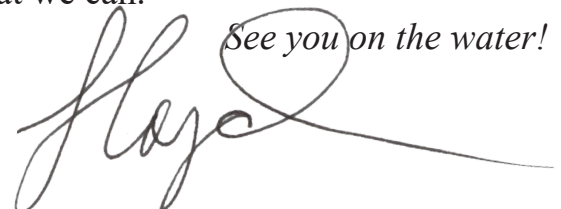
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- ☞ Once again, it's great to have summer finally here. After the long hard winter with about 90" of snow, -40 degree temperatures and slush conditions on the ice, it is good to be back to normal. The ice went out on April 25th.
- ☞ We should all be proud of our membership numbers. We hit a new membership record—142 It's great to see all the financial support and volunteer time given to help keep our lake the gem that it is!
- ☞ Our new beaver control person did a great job again to keep the water flowing and remove the dam and animals at the outlet. Thanks Nick.
- ☞ We want to thank Val Hyde for her years of service on the Board and wish her the best in their move to a new home. She did a great job of working on the Blurb and providing expertise in the field of limnology, the study of inland aquatic ecosystems. She will be missed greatly.
- ☞ At the annual meeting on Sat., July 20, we will host a Silent Auction again to raise money for our Lake Protection Fund/ AIS Fund. We will get to meet our new Conservation Officer and all our neighbors. It starts at 9 am with coffee/donuts and live music by Tim & Jan Marr, meeting at 10 am, and lunch at noon. All are welcome and be sure to bring a neighbor.
- ☞ Annual dues are due on July 1 or at the annual meeting.
- ☞ Regarding fishing and water clarity, the first Secchi disk reading of the year was 14 feet. The walleyes were stocked last fall and will be ready to be caught in a few years. This year the DNR fisheries division will be net testing and electro testing on our lake. We are invited to view the net testing but to stay out of the way. As for the night electro fishing, keep your eyes open for bright lights at night.
- ☞ The Seedling Program was successful again this year. We especially thank Court Lechert and Craig Laughlin for their dedication. I think Court has been doing this program for around 20 years. GREAT JOB.
- ☞ Check out our Cabin Coffee dates and be sure to RSVP to our hosts. It's a great way to know our neighbors better. The dates this year are Fridays at 10 am on June 14, July 12, and August 9.
- ☞ As usual, please feel free to contact any of our board members with your concerns and/or thoughts. We can't always act on them, but we definitely discuss them and do what we can.

See you on the water!



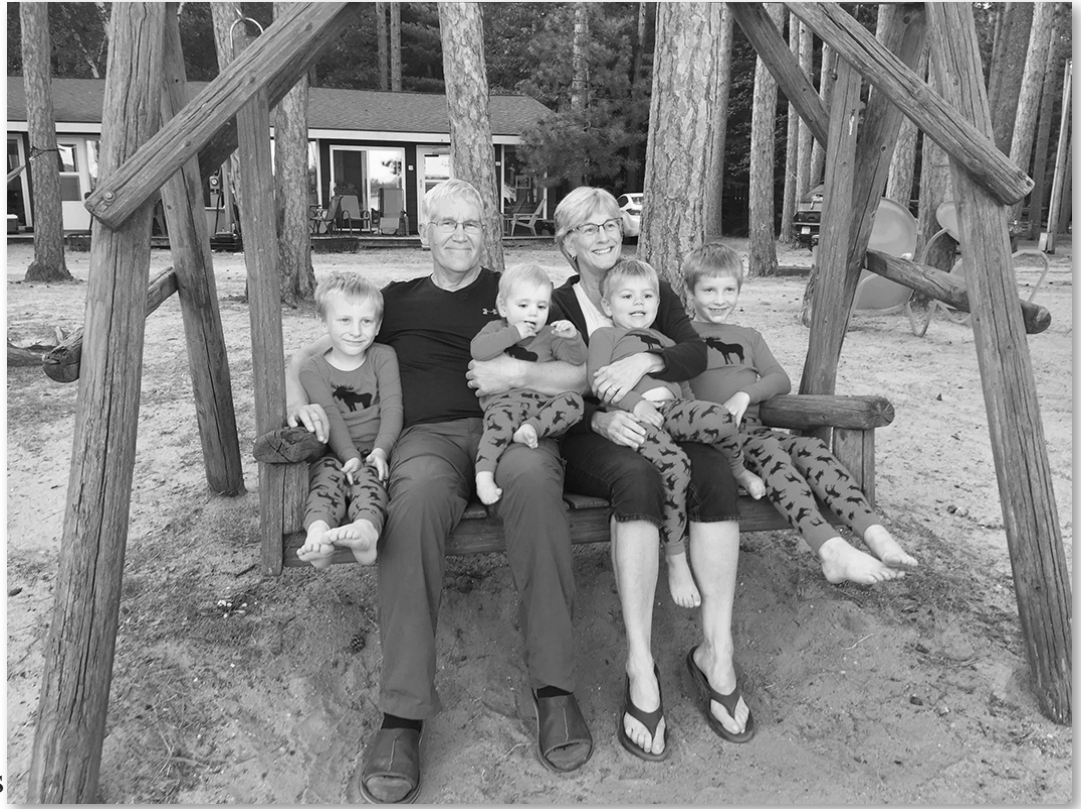
Meet Your Lake Neighbor

by Becky Seemann

Ed & Kris Stracke

It was 2007 when Ed and Kris Stracke of St. Cloud first discovered Pine Haven Resort on Blackwater's north side thanks to friends, Tom and Jan Keaveny.

The Stracke's liked the idea of a resort cooperative because it is affordable, it generates revenue and it is easy to maintain. As a resort cooperative, owners are required to rent their cabins out for at least two weeks a year. As a cooperative association the entire resort is taxed as one property.



Both are active in disability-related careers, Kris as a para-professional for early childhood special education and Ed in a lifelong career of operating camps for children and adults with disabilities.

They enjoy lake time to relax, read, fish, swim, kayak, and most importantly hang out with family. The beach is their grandkids very favorite place.

Ed talks fondly about a time last year when their grandson Ben, age 7, visited for a week. They fished every day. On one day in particular, there was a big splash when both Ben and his pole fell into 10 feet of water. What a surprise! And quite a delight when they pulled Ben back into the boat to find a fish on his line.

Kris talks about how her mother wanted to try kayaking. At 87, she stayed close to shore until she got the hang of it with some instruction. The next day she ventured farther out onto the lake on her own.

There's always projects when you own a cabin. They laugh as they remember a simple shower stall installation which should have taken a few hours, turning into days of work in a major bathroom remodel.

What do they like most about Blackwater Lake? "It's such a nice clean lake, so pretty and quiet and there are days when you can't see a boat on the water," says Ed with a smile.

Cabin Coffees on Blackwater



Cabin Cuisine

a recipe from your Lake Neighbor—Shannon Klundt



You're Invited...

It's a time to meet and visit with Lake neighbors and see Cabins from the inside out. Bring your own coffee cup.

June 14

Scott & Elizabeth Agre's Cabin
On Blackwater's North Side
391 County Rd. 11
RSVP to 913-219-5021
scottagre01@gmail.com

July 12

Tim & Jan Marr's Cabin
On the Southeast Side
2705-4th Ave NW
RSVP to 218-682-3007
Or nonandbop@tds.net

August 9

Jim & Dodi Sletten's Cabin
On the Southwest Side
2710 Blackwater Road
RSVP to 612-991-3041
Or dsletten@comcast.net

Pickled Fish

Any type of fresh water fish can be used. It should be frozen for at least a couple of days prior.

Cut into bite sized pieces; Salt Brine for 48 hours: 1 cup salt to 4 cups of water. Drain, rinse and cover with white vinegar for 24 hours. Drain and pack into jars.

Layer fish, onions and peppers (optional)

Cover with this brine:

4 cups vinegar – 3 cups sugar – 1/3 cup pickling spices (I put the spices in little cheese cloth bags tied with fishing line)

Cook to dissolve but don't boil. Cool and add one cup of cheap dry white wine. Let sit in fridge for 6-7 days.

Water Testing

Safe Drinking Water Testing

If you're interested in getting your well water tested, contact AW Labs directly at 218-829-7974 or awlab@awlab.com Be sure to let them know that you are on Blackwater Lake.

Woodrow Watchdogs

Following a bad storm, there can be damage to area homes or utilities. The sooner this damage is reported, the sooner problems can be addressed. Woodrow Township is recruiting volunteers to patrol their respective neighborhoods immediately after a storm to report any problems. The group is called the "Woodrow Watchdogs." If you live in Woodrow Township and are interested in learning more about the "Watchdog" program, please contact Lloyd Thielmann at lloydterryt@aol.com or (763) 226-4945.

Membership Report by Linda Burns

Wow! We have a record number of members this year, 142! Welcome to many new members from Lake Haven Acres Resort and Pine Haven Resort, and to all new and renewing members. 2018/2019 members are listed on the next page. Membership dues paid now will be applied to the upcoming year, July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Annual membership dues are due by July 1 or can be paid at the annual meeting, July 20.

2018/2019 Membership

Aaker, Doug & Rebecca
Aaker, Steve & Janine (Geeg)
Adams, Irene
Agre, Scott & Elizabeth
Amy, Brian & Theresa
Bahr, Gary & Linda
Bakke, Steven & Patricia
Bangasser, Tim & Maggie
Becker, Tom & Kelly
Branca, Lou & Mildred
Brochhagen, Craig
Burtzel, Denny & Jan
Carlson, Dale
Clough, Richard & Marjorie
Collins, Mary & Suhl, Joel
Davis, Bill (Wilmer N, III) &
Faris, Terri
Dindorf, Carolyn
Dokman, Tom
Doneux, Mark & Brenda
Duppong, Mke & Barb
Elbers, Dan & Kristi
Ellefsen, Tom & Vanessa
Eller, Jim & Burns, Linda
English, Jean
Farland, Jon
Fleigle, Mark & Connie
Freiderich, Loretta
Ghorbati, Mohsen & Ria
Ginder, Gary & Judith
Goers, Bill & Vicky
Gothier, Kelly & Pam
Grapentin, Auggie & Colleen
Hannay, Philip & Kubal,
Katherine
Hartlage, Nick & Theresa
Hatch, Ken & LaVonne
Heaney, Dwight
Hetherington, Earl & Betty
Hokr, Paul & Laurie
Howden, William
Hunt, Larry & Carla
Huso, Nathan & Trocke,
Theresa
Hyde, Peter & Val
Jacobson, Tom & Nadeen
Jarboe, Randy & Judy
Johnson, Doug & Chris
Johnson, Mark & Ingrid
Karpinsky, Herbert & Joan
Keaveny, Thomas & Janet

Klundt, Shannon & Catherine
Langston, Howard & Carole
Larson, Brandon & Cindy
Laughlin, Craig & Barb
Lechert, Court
Lemke, Reinhold & Lorraine
Liepert, Doug & Taimi
Lohnes, Kirk & Tania
Lovaas, Todd & Karen
Lovgren, Lee & Ann
Marcellus, Duane
Marr, Tim & Jan
Martell, Ron & Sandra
Mathiowetz, Brian & Ronda
McKague, Brian & Stacey
McKee, Pat & Meisner,
Douglas
Meyer, Richard & Karen
Miller, James & Carolyn
Mills, Donald & Lisa
Minge, David & Karen
Minge, Erik & Brunetti, Tazia
Minge, Olaf & Amy
Moeller, Pete & Shawn
Mohr, Stephen & Laurel
Monroe, Jan
Moren, Jess & Raneyl
Moriarty, Pat & Carol
Mouw, Rodney & Harriet
Norman, Paul & Patricia
Nutz, Fred & Kaye
Nyquist, Jeffry & Roberta
Oestrich, Duane
Ostby, Ray & Jill
Otto, David & Peggy
Otto, Duane & Gloria
Parnell, David & Kim
Peterson, Alwyn & Susan
Peterson, Ron
Peukert, Claus & Diane
Pfutzenreuter, Richard &
Burg, Andrea
Piehl, Russel & Barbara
Plagemann, Peter & Erika
Pringnitz, Jim & Rachel
Redmann, Eldred & Harriet
Reinert, Roger & Nancy
Reinert, Terry
Richardson, Jim & Sherry
Rishavy, Marjorie
Roos, Brian & Sharon

Rosenbush, Jerry
Rupp, Greg & Dubé, Linda
Rynning, Kathryn & Langen,
Wayne
Rynning, Rob & Darlene
Santa, John & Penny
Schmokel, Eileen
Schmokel, Shelley & Joscher,
Allen
Schroeder, Bob & Becky
Schwerin, Elmer & Patricia
Seemann, Bob & Becky
Seitzinger, Lyle & Sherma
Shaner, Troy & Suzanne
Shannon, Tom & Robin
Siebenaler, Bob & Jo
Sleight, Scott
Sletten, Dan & Jen
Sletten, Jim & Dodi
Sletten, Wayne & Jackie
Sonnenberg, Ron & Corrine
Sorenson, Solveig
Spence, Jeffrey & Maureen
Sposito, Sal & Carrie
Staley, Tom & Geri
Stocker, Glenn & Marlys
Stokke, Bill & Lynn
Stracke, Ed & Kris
Swanson, David & Janice
Thielmann, Lloyd & Terry
Thompson, Barbara
Thorn, Charles & Kris
Tiemens, Tom & Karen
Van Kley, Doug & Michelle
Voeller, Larry & Susie
Wahlstrom, Keith & Carolyn
Ward, John
Weber, Kevin & Sharon
Weinmann, Robert & Barbara
Wermerskirchen, Tom &
Anita
Wethe, Brad & Marilyn
Whebbe, Edward & Stephanie
Wheeler Marine, Todd &
Laura
Wheeler, Todd & Laura
Wibeto, Jeff & Alane
Wickett, John & Nancy
Zbikowski, Rick & Kathy

Thank You

Treasurer Report

by Linda Burns

We began the current year on July 1, 2018 with \$3844. Our income to date is \$5918; income sources are membership dues, donations to our AIS/Lake Protection Fund, proceeds from our first annual Silent Auction, and sales of Blackwater Lake wear.

- ▶ Our expenses to date are \$4105 and include beaver control, BLURB, seedlings program, dues to affiliate associations, AIS expenses, and refreshments for the annual meeting and cabin coffees.
- ▶ We spent \$496 this year to date toward AIS; the largest, \$400, was paid to Cass County Soil & Water District toward inspections at the public access.
- ▶ Since July 1, members have donated \$675 to the AIS/Lake Protection Fund, bringing the total donations toward AIS to \$4209 since 2016. We are very grateful for the generosity of the members who donated since last Spring's BLURB issue (listed below).

The Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) recommends lake associations maintain a separate bank account to document expenses and credits associated with AIS activities. We will comply with their recommendation by creating a separate account, designated as the AIS/Lake Protection Fund, starting with the new fiscal year on July 1, 2019.

Linda Burns, Treasurer

2018/2019 AIS Lake Protection Fund Donors

Aaker, Douglas & Rebecca

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Branca, Lou & Millie

Doneux, Mark & Brenda

Eller, Jim & Burns, Linda

English, Jean

Gothier, Kelly & Pam

Grapentin, Auggie & Colleen

Hannay, Philip & Kubal, Katherine

Hatch, Ken & LaVonne

Jacobson, Tom & Nadeen

Jarboe, Randy & Judy

Karpinsky, Herbert & Joan

Keaveny, Thomas & Janet

Larson, Brandon & Cindy

Laughlin, Craig & Barbie

Liepert, Doug & Taimi

Marcellus, Duane

Martell, Ron & Sandra

Mathiowetz, Brian & Ronda

Minge, David & Karen

Mohr, Stephen & Laurel

Monroe, Jan

Moriarty, Pat & Carol

Nyquist, Jeffrey & Roberta

Oestreich, Duane

Peterson, Ron

Plagemann, Peter & Erika

Redmann, Eldred & Harriet

Rishavy, Marjorie

Roos, Brian & Sharon

Rosenbush, Jerry

Rupp, Greg & DuBe, Linda

Rynning, Kathryn & Langen, Wayne

Schmokol-Joscher, Shelley & Joscher,

Allen

Schmokol, Eileen

Seitzinger, Lyle & Sherma

Shaner, Troy & Suzanne

Sletten, Dan & Jen

Sletten, Jim & Dodi

Sletten, Wayne & Jackie

Spence, Jeffrey & Maureen

Staley, Tom & Geri

Stocker, Glenn & Marlys

Stracke, Ed & Kris

Thielmann, Lloyd & Terry

Van Kley, Doug & Michelle

Voeller, Larry & Susie

Wahlstrom, Keith & Carolyn

Weber, Kevin & Sharon

Water Protection Update

by Carolyn Dindorf

Let's Keep Aquatic Invasive Species Out of Blackwater

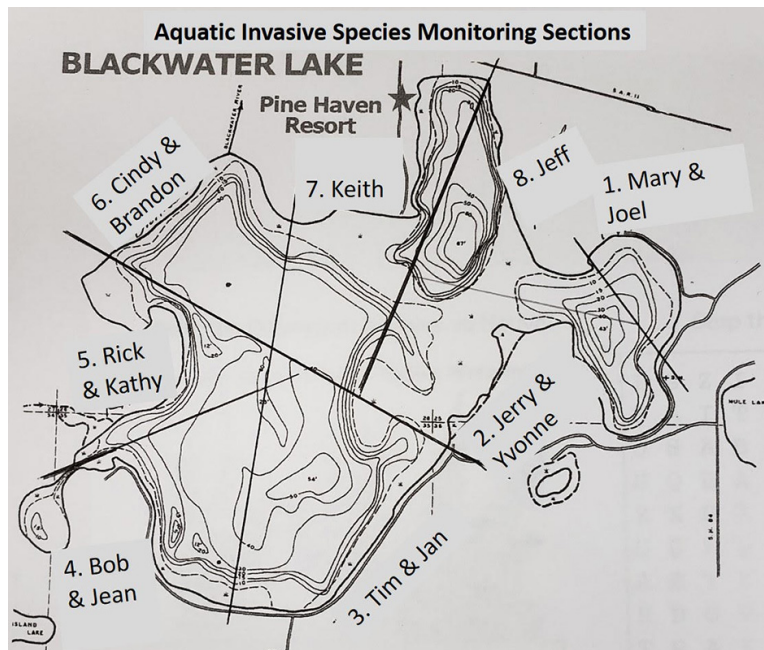


Curly-leaf pondweed with its "lasagna-like" leaves.

It's nice to get out on the water again. We are fortunate not to have any of the bad AIS in Blackwater. Although we don't have a lot of control over what lake visitors may bring into the lake, we can control what we do and what our guests do. Remember the Clean, Drain, Dry, Dispose motto. If you visit another lake, clean off all vegetation and debris from your boat, trailer, anchor and other equipment. When leaving another lake, pull the plug and let water drain from your boat. If you are in a lake with a known zebra mussel population, dry your boat for 5 days before putting it back in Blackwater, or visit a decontamination station. Drain bait and refill with tap water to exchange the water in your bait before bringing it back to Blackwater, or dispose of it away from the water. If you are bringing a wake boat in from another lake, drain the ballast water as much as possible and visit a decontamination station.

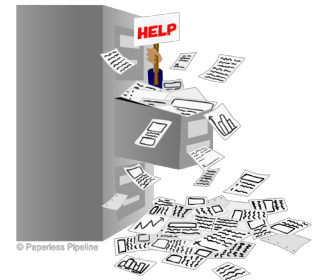
Our Blackwater AIS monitoring team will continue to keep an eye out for AIS in the lake. Thanks to our 2019 volunteers as well as those that have helped in the past. The lake is divided into monitoring areas based on roads around the lake as shown on the map below. If you spot something that you suspect may be an AIS, collect a sample in a ziploc-type bag and refrigerate. Mark the area where you found it if possible. Take photos with the GPS tags turned on in your cell phone. Contact Lloyd Thielmann at lloydterryt@aol.com or 218-682-2504, or Carolyn Dindorf at cdindorf@yahoo.com or 612-220-4999. Thanks for doing your part to prevent the spread of AIS.

Thank You Volunteers



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Your Blackwater Lake Association at Work

Thanks to your volunteer help, donations and dues, we work together to support:

- ▶ Membership in important organizations focused on protecting water—The Association of Cass County Lakes, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates, Conservation Minnesota, Leech Lake Area Watershed foundation
- ▶ AIS Early Detection Volunteer Monitoring Program
- ▶ AIS inspections at our public access through Cass County soil and Water Division
- ▶ AIS signs at public access
- ▶ Lake water testing samples collected
- ▶ Water quality monitoring program, lake levels, clarity and rainfall through Minnesota Waters website www.minnesotawaters.org
- ▶ Bog monitoring and removal
- ▶ Beaver control to keep waterway open
- ▶ Tree Seedling Program
- ▶ Welcome Program for new property owners

- ▶ *The Blackwater Blurb* bi-annual newsletter
- ▶ Support for First Responder Program
- ▶ Participate in Area of Cass County Lakes ACCL monthly meetings
- ▶ 4th of July Lake Parade
- ▶ Blackwater Lake annual meeting and luncheon
- ▶ Purchase of the Eagles Nest Land in collaboration with Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
- ▶ Drinking Water Testing

Areas of Continued Concern:

- ▶ Combat Aquatic Invasive Species AIS
- ▶ Protection of sensitive shoreline properties
- ▶ Lake fishery-stocked and habitat improvement
- ▶ Lake water quality
- ▶ Shoreline run-off and reconstruction
- ▶ Destroying shoreline vegetation
- ▶ Lake phosphorus levels

Working together, everyone benefits! Please become a member for 2019-2020.

MEMBERSHIP FORM July 1, 2019--June 30, 2020. Dues \$30.00

NAME: (please print) _____ SPOUSE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Home Ph. (____) _____ - _____, Bus Ph.(____) _____ - _____, Cell. Ph.(____) _____ - _____

Lake Address if not your permanent residence:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ - _____ Phone numbers (____) _____ - _____

Interests/Concerns _____

I/WE are interested in helping protect Blackwater Lake by: volunteering on the AIS Committee _____ serving on the Association Board _____ other _____

I/WE are interested in hosting cabin coffee at our home. Please call one of our board members

Included is my Blackwater Lake Membership dues of \$30 _____

And an additional donation to support Lake Protection Fund/AIS efforts on Blackwater Lake for \$20 _____ \$30 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other \$ _____ Total _____

Membership is due July 1 or at the annual meeting on July 20, 2019

Please send your completed form along with your check for dues and donations to: BLA, Inc Treasurer, Linda Burns, 6015-11th Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55417

T H A N K Y O U !

Board of Directors & Committees

Blackwater Lake Association, Inc. is a member of ACCL (the Association of Cass County Lakes), Conservation Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Waters), LLAWF (Leech Lake Water Shed Foundation) and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocate.

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Director:	Barb Laughlin	Barbie-Laughlin@hotmail.com	763-550-1946
Director:	Tim Marr	nonandbop@tds.net	218-682-3007

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Secchi Disk Readings:	Jim Sletten, Carolyn Dindorf, Bob Seemann and Lloyd Thielmann
Fish Management:	Tim Marr, Shannon Klundt and Lloyd Thielmann
Membership:	Becky Seemann, Tom Staley, Geri Staley, Linda Burns and Lloyd Thielmann
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New Members Packet and mailing list:	Tom & Geri Staley @staley@uslink.net 218-682-2532

💰 Silent Auction 💰

Upcoming Silent Auction

We will again be holding a Silent Auction at our July 20th annual meeting. Donated items are truly appreciated as we continue to raise money to further protect our beautiful lake. Please contact Barb Laughlin at 612-875-1005 or Dodi Sletten 612-991-3041 if you would like to donate!

A huge thank you to all the businesses, Blackwater Lake members and friends for donating amazing items for our Silent Auction held at our annual meeting in 2018.

Thank You

Judy Leeds of the Mule Lake Store for generously providing the graphic design for the **Blackwater Blurb**. We are grateful!



“Your Corner Store Since 1953”

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Longville, MN 56655
becky.seemann@icloud.com

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Board Meetings

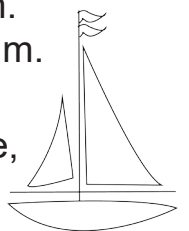
June 30, 2019
October 6, 2019

Cabin Coffee Gathering

June 14, 10:00 a.m.
July 12, 10:00 a.m.
August 9, 10:00 a.m.

4th July Boat Parade

Starts at 2pm at Little Blackwater entrance,
going clockwise



Annual Meeting and Lunch

July 20, 2019 (3rd Saturday in July), starting at 9am

Visit our Web Site at: <https://minnesotawaters.org/blackwaterlakeinc>