

## *A Note From the President*

Being fortunate to live on Big Sand Lake all year long, it occurred to me how much I enjoy change. My favorite days are the first day of spring, summer, fall and winter. The distinctive four seasons we appreciate gives us the opportunity to continuously think about the weather “whether” to appreciate it or to complain about it, it holds our conversations.

Start with spring --fun because the snow may finally be gone and we are coming up on summer solstice the longest day of the year, the day to get lots of things accomplished—then the first day of summer just oozes by and before we know it we are into the fall equinox and then on to winter—the shortest day of the year—and actually we can justify accomplishing little. Change is good, the foliage changes, the neighbors around us change, the lake changes. Inevitable—change.

As a lake association and all members of the lake, we have accomplished a great deal. We have a prominent website with a plethora of information actually used in this newsletter. We have an active Lake Management Plan, a directory, newsletter, active participation in our socials, a proactive and dedicated board, volunteers who help maintain the safety buoys, annual water testing, secchi disc readings, and water quality programs. These accomplishments are all accomplished by the residents of Big Sand. We are all committed to the preservation of the beauty and water quality of Big Sand Lake.

So as change comes to us: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), boat inspections, boat decontamination, AIS inspector volunteer training, and working closely with government agencies to accomplish our goal of preservation of the lake, embrace the change and stay on top of changes that will have very negative impacts. You are encouraged to take advantage of the AIS inspection trainings—and to spread the awareness to those around you.

Another change the BSLA board is considering is “going paperless.” We are getting closer each season—dues can be submitted online now, donations to the BSLA Foundation can be made online now. We have our history, our directory, and lots of great information on the BSLA website. We have the ability to send an email to all of our members with an email account (thank you techie team). Big change—yet yes, we are approaching this carefully being considerate of those who like the paper!

This year the socials have been well attended and it has been great to see people connect and enjoy great food, great company and great stories of happenings and history of the lake. I encourage you all to stay connected—start at the BSLA web site and go from there—and don’t forget that great web cam—if you want to see change happen—check it out—spring, winter, fall and summer. Coming soon—first day of winter—shortest day—take advantage of it.

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### BIG SAND INSPECTOR REPORT

5/10/13 - 9/13/13

Number of Inspections	Enter/Exit	Hours	Insp/Hr
942	536/405	612	1.54

Watercraft from states other than MN

<u>State</u>	<u>Enter/Exit</u>	<u># watercraft</u>	<u>ZM present</u>
Florida	Enter	1	
Iowa	Enter	12	X
Iowa	Exit	8	X
Illinois	Enter	3	X
Indiana	Enter	1	X
Indiana	Exit	1	X
Kansas	Enter	1	X
Missouri	Enter	1	X
Missouri	Exit	1	X
North Dakota	Enter	15	X
North Dakota	Exit	14	X
Nebraska	Enter	8	X
Nebraska	Exit	4	X
Ohio	Enter	1	X
Ohio	Exit	1	X
South Dakota	Enter	2	
South Dakota	Exit	1	
Virginia	Enter	4	X
Virginia	Exit	2	X
Washington	Enter	1	
Wisconsin	Enter	6	X
Wisconsin	Exit	5	X
	Total	92	

Of the 942 boats inspected 29 were found to have attached vegetation, 16 entering and 13 exiting. Upon arrival 44 boats had their plug in and 31 had water in the boat. One boat left before it could be inspected.

Hours Scheduled 630	Hours Worked 612	Hours Remaining 18
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Total Funds Required	\$9,450	Funds Received	\$9,000	Total Needed	\$450
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## INFESTED WATERS

<b>Last Waterbody</b>	<b>Enter/Exit</b>	<b># watercraft</b>	BE=Brazilian Elodea BHC=Bighead Carp BN=Brittle Naiad CLP=Curly-leaf Pondweed EW=Eurasian Watermilfoil FR=Flowering Rush FS=Faucet Snail NZM=New Zealand Mudsnaill R=Ruffe RG=Round Goby SC=Silver Carp SW=Spiny Waterflea VHS=Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia WP=White Perch ZM=Zebra Mussel
11th Crow Wing - CLP	Exit	1	
Bald Eagle - EW	Enter	1	
Bald Eagle - EW	Exit	1	
Big - EW	Enter	1	
Blueberry - CLP	Enter	1	
Blueberry - CLP	Exit	1	
Brophy - ZM	Enter	1	
Calhoun - EW	Enter	1	
Coon - EW	Exit	1	
Detroit - FR	Enter	1	
Detroit - FR	Exit	3	
Eagle - EW	Enter	1	
Eagle - EW	Exit	1	
Florida - EW	Exit	1	
Forest - FR	Exit	1	
Green - EW	Enter	4	
Green - EW	Exit	1	
Gull - ZM	Enter	1	
Gull - ZM	Exit	2	
Ida - ZM	Enter	1	
Ida - ZM	Exit	1	
Lake of the Woods - SW	Enter	3	
Lake of the Woods - SW	Exit	2	
Leech - EW	Enter	20	
Leech - EW	Exit	10	
Long - EW	Enter	1	
Long - EW	Exit	1	
Lotus - EW	Exit	2	
Medicine - EW	Exit	1	
Maple - ZM	Enter	1	
Mary - ZM	Enter	1	
Mille Lacs - EW, SW, ZM	Enter	2	
Mille Lacs - EW, SW, ZM	Exit	4	
Minnetonka - EW, FR, ZM	Enter	3	
Minnetonka - EW, FR, ZM	Exit	2	
Minnewaska - ZM, EW	Enter	1	
Mississippi - EW, FS, ZM, BHC, SC	Enter	4	
Mississippi - EW, FS, ZM, BHC, SC	Exit	1	
Pepin - BHC, SC, EW, ZM	Enter	1	
Pepin - BHC, SC, EW, ZM	Exit	1	
Portage - CLP	Enter	2	
Portage - CLP	Exit	2	
Prior - ZM, EW	Enter	1	
Prior - ZM, EW	Exit	1	
Rainy - SW	Enter	1	
Toad - CLP	Enter	1	
Twin - CLP, FS	Enter	1	
Winnibigoshish - FS, ZM	Enter	1	
Winnibigoshish - FS, ZM	Exit	1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>96</b>	



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### FALL MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WIN A FREE BSLA MEMBERSHIP FOR NEXT YEAR

Happy Fall! We hope you are all getting out and enjoying some nice fall weather, be it hiking or fishing. We want to encourage everyone to take a moment and head on over to the Member's Area of the Big Sand Lake Association website (<http://www.bigsandlake.org/index.php>) and log in. By taking this step, you will be entered into a drawing for a free one-year membership! (\$40 value)

You will need the email address originally registered in the BSLA database and your password. If you have forgotten your password, click on the link and an email will automatically be sent to you with your assigned password (if not received immediately, check your 'junk' mail). At that point, you may reset your password. If you are further denied access, the email address used is not in our database. Follow the prompts to send in a current email to correct the database.

In order to be entered into the Fall Contest, please log on and check your information. Is it up to date? Has your email address or phone number changed? If so, please update that information so that we might have the most current information in the database and for the on-line, password protected Big Sand Directory.

Thank you! The drawing will take place on Monday, November 4. The winner will be notified via email and it will also be posted on the website. Good luck!

### DO YOU PREFER 'GOING PAPERLESS'?

We are experimenting with sending this issue of the Big Sand newsletter to all email addresses that we have in the BSLA database (see accompanying article about the 'Fall Membership Contest'). If you receive this issue of the newsletter via email, please take a few minutes to respond to the few survey questions about future directions for using email for BSLA communications. We will always provide traditional paper, mailed copies to those who prefer that method.

If you do not receive an email, enter your response at: [bigsandlake.org](http://bigsandlake.org), Contact Us, [info@bigsandlake.org](mailto:info@bigsandlake.org). If you prefer to respond to the survey questions via mail, please send your responses to BSLA, P.O. Box 181, Park Rapids, MN 56470

- \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer receiving BSLA communications via email only
- \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer receiving BSLA communications both via email and in print form by U.S. mail
- \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer receiving BSLA communications only in print form by U.S. mail
- \_\_\_\_\_ I do not want to receive emails from BSLA



## Organizational Development & Communication, continued

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### REMEMBER TO UPDATE BSLA WHEN CHANGING YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL

To paraphrase a quote from Arnold Bennet, early English writer, any change is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts -- such as letting people know when you change your phone number, email or mailing address.

With many people around the lake choosing to sign up with the new Paul Bunyan fiber optic service, or to use cell phones rather than land lines, the Big Sand Directory is fast becoming out of date. If you have moved, changed your phone number, email address or any other contact information, please remember to let us know. A current email or mailing address is essential for receiving timely Big Sand information, such as this newsletter or the update about the DNR plans for the public access. Not to worry – Emails from BSLA are rarely sent (approximately 3-5 times/year) and our database is securely protected.

Log into the password protected 'Members Area' at [www.bigsandlake.org](http://www.bigsandlake.org) to quickly and efficiently update your contact information. Maybe you will win a free year's membership for doing so by November 4th (see article elsewhere). If you have trouble logging on, just follow the prompts for help or contact me at [t.schell@comcast.net](mailto:t.schell@comcast.net). Or, if you do not have computer access, send a note to BSLA, P.O. Box 81, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

### *THE BIG SAND LAKE CHARITABLE FUND*

It's that time of year; time to be considering year end donations to our favorite charities and projects. Please consider the importance of building our Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund.

**The Mission** ~ The Fund shall be used to provide financial support to protect, preserve, restore and enhance the quality of Big Sand Lake and its environs.

**The Goal** ~ A \$100,000 Spendable Project Fund by December 2013. A Project Fund of \$100,000 allows immediate financial funding of major projects to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance the quality of Big Sand Lake and its environs.

**Current Fund Assets:**

Spendable Project Fund: \$33,751.24

Endowment, non-spendable: \$5,285.

Pledges: \$900

Accumulated Earnings, non-spendable: \$598.56

**Total: \$40534.80**

The Big Sand Lake Association Board and The Charitable Fund Advisory Committee request you direct your donation to the Spendable Project Fund of the Charitable Lake Fund.

**Online Donations:**

The link below takes you to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation Web Site/Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund Donation Link. <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/nwmf/foundation/restriction/BigSandLakeCharitableFund>

**Donations may be mailed:** NWMF  
201 3rd St NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
800-659-7859

Your Support Helps Preserve The Beauty of Big Sand Lake For All ! The Big Sand Board of Directors and Charitable Lake Fund Advisory Committee Thank YOU!

**Questions?** Please Contact Catharine Williamson [SpiritW@Me.com](mailto:SpiritW@Me.com)

# DONORS TO THE BIG SAND LAKE CHARITABLE FUND

Thank YOU to all who have contributed, providing financial support for Beautiful Big Sand Lake! The Big Sand Lake Association Board of Directors voted to establish the Fund in late 2009. The following list reflects donations from the inception of the fund through August 2013.

The Mission ~~ The Fund shall be used to provide financial support to protect, preserve, restore and enhance the quality of Big Sand Lake and its environs.

## Up to \$100

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## Up to \$1000

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The Saint Paul Foundation  
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The US Charitable Gift Trust  
Kenneth E and Norma Wilcox  
Stan and Catharine Williamson

## Up to \$5000

David H Billion  
Tom and Barbara Kimer

## Up to \$10,000

Charles and Betty Corwin  
Omaha Community Foundation



## *In Memory* JOHN BRAINERD

John Brainerd passed away on December 6, 2012. He started coming to Big Sand 65 years ago when he met his wife, Andrea.

## *In Memory* CHARLIE CORWIN

Charlie Corwin passed away on October 9, 2013, in Arizona. He first came to Big Sand in 1925 at the age of 5. He never missed a summer at Big Sand and although he was not well, his family found a way to fly him up to Big Sand, so he was able to spend a month at the lake this year with around the clock care. Charlie wrote and published, "Big Sand Memories," which can be found on the bigsandlake.org website in the History section.

## *In Memory* RAY CLARK

Ray Clark passed away on June 6, 2013, in the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital of multiple myeloma, cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Ray Lawrence Clark, Jr. was brought to Hurd's Acres on Big Sand in 1924, the year he was born in Sioux City Iowa. His parents, Ray and Delia, had been coming north to camp and fish for more than a decade by the time they could share this with their son. Ray, Sr., Delia and Mr. Hurd's daughters encouraged Ray to buy a lake cabin for the family in the sixties which they enjoy each summer to this day. Ray was preceded in death by his parents and the mother of his children, Dorothy. He is survived by 3 children, 8 grandchildren and his loving wife of 24 years, Elly Nyberg Clark.

*If you know of other Big Sand residents who have recently passed away, please contact us at [info@bigsandlake.org](mailto:info@bigsandlake.org) or send a note to BSLA*

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## Calendar of Events 2013

### June

- 16 Ladies Coffee  
*10:00 am at Dorset House*
- 28 BSLA Annual Meeting  
*10:00 am at Evergreen Lodge*

### July

- 4 Boat Parade  
*11:00 am meet at the inlet*
- 26 Social Gathering  
*5:00 - 7:00 pm  
at Laura and Bob Spolum's  
19578 Grouse Road*

### August

- 16 Social Gathering  
*5:00-7:00 pm  
at Rich Jacobson's  
23081 Gunner Drive*



A big thank you to all who hosted our social events in 2013, and to those who have already offered in 2014! The Ladies coffee group will meet a couple of times a month at the Dorset House. We hope you can join us for the first gathering on June 16, 2014!

You will soon start hearing about "Next Generation/Big Sand," which will be encouraging our adult children and their families to get involved in the social scene.

If you are at the lake in the winter and want to be contacted about winter events, please get in touch with me!

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# HUBBARD COUNTY AIS WATERCRAFT INSPECTION SUMMARY – 5/10/13 TO 9/13/13

INSPECTIONS: 10100 (5772 ENTER, 4313 EXIT, 15 UNKNOWN)

HOURS:  
INSPECTIONS 6346.75

PER HOUR: 1.59

VEGETATION  
ENTERING: 195 (3.4%)

DRAIN PLUG IN  
AT ENTERING: 304 (5.3%)

WATER IN BOAT  
AT ENTERING: 202 (3.5%)

OUT OF STATE  
REGISTRATON: 1215 (12.0%)

OUT OF STATE  
REGISTRATON  
ENTERING: 702 (12.2%)

LAST IN  
INFESTED  
WATERS: 811 (8.0%)

LAST IN  
INFESTED  
WATERS  
ENTERING: 545 (9.4%)

Lake	# inspections	Entering	Exiting	Hours Worked	# last in infested waters	Entering from infested waters	Out of state watercraft	Entering from out of state	Entering with vegetation	Entering with plug in	Entering with water in boat	Zebra Mussels
11th Crow Wing	130	71	59	150	58	36	9	3	2	8	3	
Belle Taine	1164	617	547	468.75	108	59	126	83	60	44	44	
Big Mantrap	2153	1323	829	1049	140	115	321	196	12	41	32	1
Big Sand	942	536	405	612	96	57	92	56	16	44	31	
Blue	85	56	28	100	3	1	7	5	0	2	1	
Boulder	72	47	25	60	9	7	7	6	2	5	1	
Duck	46	28	18	28	7	5	2	2	0	4	0	
Eagle	297	177	120	300	14	12	22	12	13	6	5	
East Crooked	22	16	6	30	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	
Emma	48	27	21	60	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	
Fish Hook	596	357	238	280.75	49	34	54	34	0	17	0	
Grace	289	114	175	100	14	7	33	11	9	15	10	
Island	215	120	95	200	7	5	26	13	1	1	0	
Kabekona	173	121	52	168	6	4	19	11	11	11	6	
Little Sand	275	158	117	344.25	17	10	23	13	0	7	5	
Long	1408	779	625	996	139	94	180	94	13	48	21	
Middle Crooked	17	11	6	39	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	
Ojibway	15	10	5	28	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	
Plantagenet	700	391	304	252.5	38	26	77	45	19	26	18	
Potato	1318	732	584	911.5	95	65	193	103	22	16	16	
Spider	135	81	54	169	8	6	15	9	13	6	9	
Total	10100	5772	4313	6346.75	811	545	1215	702	195	304	202	1
					8.03%	9.44%	12.03%	12.16%	3.38%	5.27%	3.50%	

## **Late Breaking News: DNR Option to Expand the Public Access**

The following notice first appeared in the Park Rapids Enterprise on Saturday, September 28, 2013.

**“The Parks & Trails Division of the Department of Natural Resources has obtained an option to purchase a 0.56 acre parcel of land located in Section 35, Township 141 North, Range 34 West, Lake Emma Township, Hubbard County, Minnesota, owned by Polly A. Boggs, for the purpose of improving the existing public water access site in the southeast corner of Big Sand Lake. Proposed improvements would include a new and expanded bituminous parking area, a double concrete plank ramp with floating docks, storm water retention ponds to accommodate runoff and aquatic invasive species best management practices. Provisions would be made for portable toilets. One residential structure and a detached garage are located on the site. The project would be tentatively scheduled for the 2015 construction season.**

**Comments will be accepted from the public concerning this proposal until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 31, 2013. Comments can be sent to David Schotzko, Area Supervisor, Department of Natural Resources, Parks & Trails Division, 3296 State Park Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 or [david.schotzko@state.mn.us](mailto:david.schotzko@state.mn.us).”**

On Saturday, October 5, the Big Sand Lake Association voted to oppose the DNR plan and submit a letter to appropriate officials stating our opposition. Reasons expressed for opposing the plan to expand the Big Sand access include but not limited to:

- The cost of purchase of the property, removal of the house, cutting of trees and developing the property as a boat access is very costly. It seems the money could be better spent on other more important/relative issues. What is the total cost of developing the proposed access? A conservative estimate would be \$500,000 of taxpayer funds.
- The possible expansion of the access provides challenges in the fight against AIS. What changes are going to be made? Will the DNR provide AIS inspectors?
- Big Sand Lake Association has a shore land management plan to protect the lake. Why destroy beautiful trees and alter the shoreline when there is not a documented need for an expanded access?
- The present access is adequate to handle boat traffic. The data of boats entering and leaving the lake collected by our paid AIS inspector does not support the need for an expanded access.

We acknowledge that there are two sides to every issue, and encourage open dialogue. A copy of the Board's response to the DNR will be posted on our website ([www.bigsandlake.org](http://www.bigsandlake.org)) in the near future.

Please submit comments to **David Schotzko, Area Supervisor, Department of Natural Resources, Parks & Trails Division, 3296 State Park Road NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 or [david.schotzko@state.mn.us](mailto:david.schotzko@state.mn.us).” by 4:30 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>.** Mr. Schotzko has recommended that correspondence in print is most effective.

The more comments submitted supporting the opposition, the more convincing the Board's position will be. Letters to other appropriate officials and entities may be beneficial also. Please see the reverse side for a partial list of contact information.

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