

BIG SAND LAKE ENEWS JUNE 2021

Annual Meeting Saturday, June 19

**10:30 a.m. on the lawn
at Pine Cone Lodge,
19703 Grouse Rd.**

**A picnic lunch will be
provided by BSLA
following the meeting**

Everyone is encouraged to come — bring the family! Meet and greet Big Sand neighbors - be informed on the state of the lake - hear what is going on for the coming year - voice any concerns you may have about the lake. Featured speaker is Sharon Natzel, President, Hubbard County COLA (Coalition of Area Lakes)

July 4th Boat Parade

Due to the 4th being on a Sunday, the timing of the parade will be discussed and decided at the Annual Meeting. Watch for an announcement and details. Traditionally the time is 11 a.m. on the 4th.

Greetings from BSLA President Don Kilander



It's amazing how time flies even as we've been dealing with COVID. As we jump into summer the weather reminds me of an old rhyme

“Spring has sprung, Fall has fell,
Summer is here, and it's hotter than !”

Even though we haven't been able to meet face-to-face in quite some time, your BSLA remains active. As I stated in our last newsletter, the board has appointed three new directors, four officers, and two new coordinator positions — all of which will be presented for ratification at the Annual Meeting on the 19th.

Rich Provinzino is heading up our water quality work. Our association's #1 objective is protecting our treasured Big Sand Lake. I hope that everyone understands the potential damage that is being done around the lake by excess wave action caused by fast boating close to shore. We all love to be on the water, but PLEASE remember to keep your speed down when close to shore. Let's adopt a “Watch Your Wake” attitude!

As I'm sure many have seen, the work on the new boat ramp has begun and many big, beautiful white pines are

Big Sand Socials Resume

After the COVID hiatus, and now that many Big Sanders are vaccinated, we look forward to again meeting with friends for our traditional summer social events. Carolyn Corwin has volunteered to host the first one sometime in July. Watch for the announcement of details via our Blast emails or on Nextdoor Big Sand.

If you are willing to host a future event, or want more information about the socials, please contact Jo Kilander,
jolkilander@gmail.com

BSLA Board of Directors

Officers:

Don Kilander, President
Matt VanBruggen, Vice President
Jo Kilander, Secretary
Al Judson, Treasurer
Bob Bray, Past President

Directors:

Bonnie Brand
Carolyn Corwin
Chuck Fenton
Patrick McGrath
Richard Provinzino
Aaron Roseth
Irene Weis
Dan Dyre (ex officio)

gone! We are still being told that the ramp will be open all summer and closed after Labor Day for three weeks. A big thank you to Tom Mayerle who continued his work to try to stop the project right up until the work actually started. Special thanks to the 56 BSLA members that sent 216 emails to the DNR and legislators expressing their feelings on the need and schedule for the ramp reconstruction.

As we move towards the 4th of July holiday weekend, we will again celebrate with our annual BSLA Boat Parade led by Bill Eichten in his beautifully-restored Chris Craft boat. We had a great turnout for the parade in pandemic year 2020 and hope for even greater participation this year. Start planning your boat and pontoon decorations now and we'll see you at the inlet at 11am on Sunday, July 4th!

As we move into summer, we remain thankful for all our blessings and hope for a safe and healthy season for all. As your BSLA president, I welcome your input/comments/questions/concerns via email or phone. Please don't hesitate to contact me – kilanderdon@gmail.com (NEW email address) or 701-306-0411.
Best Regards, Don

DNR Access as of June 10, 2021



Big Sand Lake Zebra Mussel Detection Efforts

by Bob Bray

The Big Sand Lake Association and several dedicated residents conduct an annual zebra mussel detection program. The detection program relies on the zebra mussel samplers attached to the end of a dock. The samplers are essentially short sections of PVC plastic pipes or some other type of device that are hung on the end of the dock with small sections of rope or string. There is a sampler on the dock at the public access. I have a sampler on our dock as do several other lake residents. We will check the sampler for zebra mussel infestation late in the summer and report our findings on a short online survey form. I have one sampler left but may be able to locate more. If you want a sampler contact me at rsbray75@gmail.com.

Additionally, twice during the summer, water samples are collected by BLSA members from several locations around the lake. These samples are collected and preserved in an alcohol solution. The samples are then checked by RMB labs in Detroit Lakes for zebra mussel veligers (larva). So far, no veligers have been detected in Big Sand.

Zebra mussels have been discovered near Big Sand Lake, specifically in nearby Long Lake, Garfield Lake and zebra mussel veligers (larva) have been discovered in Leech Lake.

Please remember to clean, drain, and dry your watercraft to prevent the spread of any AIS (aquatic invasive species).

Hubbard County also has a free watercraft decontamination station located at 812 Henrietta Avenue, Park Rapids (near the transfer station/recycling center). The decontamination station is staffed by trained and certified Level II Watercraft Inspectors and is available 7 days a week on call - 218-252-6738

Introducing Three BSLA Board Members

(Watch for more bios in future communications)

Don Kilander

I was born in Faribault, MN, but soon moved to Wausau, WI, and then to Hinsdale, IL, for high school. I moved to Fargo, ND, in 1969 after spending two years in the service and graduated from Moorhead State University. I spent 40+ years as a REALTOR and was an active volunteer both professionally and civically. My father, a professional with the Boy Scouts of America taught me to "leave the campsite better than you found it." As a frustrated walleye fisherman, I have definitely left many fish for the rest of you!

My wife, Jo, and I have spent time on Big Sand each summer since 1978 when some good Fargo friends let us use their cabin at Interlachen for our honeymoon. After renting the very same cabin for over 15 years, we became owners in 1997. We love spending family time at the lake with our three daughters and their families when they can join us: Kerry, her

husband Frank, and their two sons and a daughter (Boston, MA); Kristi and her significant other (Hickson, ND); and Katie, her husband Bill, and their two daughters (Orono, MN). Because of our extended Interlachen family, we are never alone.

Chuck Fenton

I was born in Litchfield, MN. and when I was 8 we moved to Phoenix. In my junior year we moved back to Litchfield. I graduated from the U of MN and sold real estate in Minneapolis for a couple of years. Sue and I were married in 1974 and a year later moved to Litchfield to join my father in operating Fenton Motors, a GM dealership. I sold the dealership in 2008 and worked for ten years helping dealers with their store remodels. Sue and I are now retired with a home in Litchfield and our place on Big Sand. We have two children: Josh and his wife, Lindsay, and their three boys who live in Colorado Springs and love the lake; and Cassie and her husband, Chris, who live in Apple Valley. They have a son and a daughter who also love coming to the lake.

My grandparents, Babe and Pooh, purchased property on Big Sand in 1946 and our cabin was built in 1950. It was passed on to my Mom and Dad, Dick and Maggie, and eventually to Sue and I. My cousin, Richard Sederstrom, has the original cabin next to us appropriately called the "Folly."

Patrick McGrath

Patrick McGrath is an Investment Advisor at Morgan Stanley where he manages financial assets primarily for ESOP companies. Prior to moving to Fargo a little over 10-years ago he lived in Minneapolis where he held a variety of positions working on Mergers & Acquisitions. He is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and lives in Fargo, ND with his wife (Becky), two children (Mike & Katie), and their dog (Chance). Patrick grew up spending his summers in the Park Rapids area where he developed a love and passion for the lake. In addition to spending time at the lake, Patrick enjoys tennis, golf, fishing, racquetball, and watching College Football.



IN MEMORY

BSLA commemorates the following residents known to us who have passed away since our last communication or during the previous year. Family members are encouraged to submit an article about the individual's life and connection with Big Sand Lake for publication in the Big Sand newsletter. We apologize for any omissions. Please contact us (admin@bigsandlake.org) with other names and / or to submit an article.

Phyllis Anderson

Candy Malm

Jan Quinn