

West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association

Executive Board: December 2017

Greetings:

<u>Meeting Dates in 2018:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
• <i>April 14, 2018</i>	<i>Shoreline</i>	<i>8 a.m.</i>
• <i>June 23, 2018/Annual Meeting</i>	<i>LACC</i>	<i>9 a.m.</i>
• <i>September 1, 2018</i>	<i>Shoreline</i>	<i>8 a.m.</i>

Fish Houses are appearing on the east end of the lake. The thickness of the lake is still very thin, but at least no vehicles on the ice. On Pelican Lake (Ashby) a \$25,000 Ice Castle went through the ice and there was a picture in the "Battle Lake Review." Through COLA I'm going to be writing articles on "cleaning up after yourself on lakes." There is a winter ice festival in city of Ottertail, but on Otter Tail Lake as part of a county celebration...they will be reminded by me to be a good steward of our lakes and clean up after being on the ice. **I will be updating all of you when we get to our ice clean up with action needed to taken as in the past.**

Permanent Decontamination Stations are being discussed at our AIS Meeting. If we have one, the first one would be at the Lakeland General Store near Dunvilla. It would be part of a car wash. We're (Otter Tail AIS) are looking for ways to establish them over the county...and then see if we can require decontaminations to be done before going into a lake (?). In my world (not reality), I would like all lakes to require decontamination units and inspections before boats enter and leave-but I'm dreaming! If we get Starry Stonewort, we're in deep trouble folks!

The AIS Committee increased the **number of inspectors** from 15 to 30 for next year. The only problem is getting the "30" needed people to fill the slots. So now, we're looking at seeing if we can get part-time people to fill some of the slots-they must be trained however. The hourly rate is \$15 per hour. More on this issue later...

Dock and lift ordinance is being developed by our committee for the County Commissioners. We want to get close to a "one and done" attitude-once the dock and lift is in the water...that's it for the year. More on this matter as the issue is developed.

We discussed the **"Tournament and Public Events"** issue again and intend to be much better at addressing those events next year...again, we need more inspectors. You're aware that we hired a full time officer to enforce these critical issues when they occur on area lakes. **Island Time** is already on social media talking about coming back and we're (AIS Committee) concerned about these events.

I thank "each of you" for giving of your time to our lake...Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays. Jerry