

# West Battle Lake Lakeshore Association

Executive Board Update: February 16, 2018

## **Greetings Everyone:**

The sun is high in the sky and we're receiving more sunlight each day. The ice is pushing up the sand on the beaches and the fish houses will soon be off the lake. Life is good on West Battle.

**Ice Clean Up:** We're on schedule to clean up the lake after the removal of the fish houses. Our group approved the expenditures of \$500 to a group to clean up. That group will be the same as last year-American Legion Baseball Team. I'll review the safety measures again as we did last year. A difference this year will be that I'll take a picture of all the garbage to simply indicate where we're at in keeping our lake clean. The "Battle Lake Review" did a nice job of writing up our article, "WDAY TV" came to lake and did a story on our clean up as well and finally Jim Wolters and I did an article for "The Daily Journal" that was well received.

## **Otter Tail County's AIS Committee:**

We're advertising for "water craft inspectors" at this time. We're hiring "30" this year...if we can. If you know of anybody that would like to work this summer, contact Spencer McGrew at Land and Resource ([smcgrew@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:smcgrew@co.ottertail.mn.us)). The pay is around \$15 per hour and they will accept part-time workers this year. The big issue of our meeting was "Special Events Permits." This is where "Island Time" wants to perform on our lake, but they must have a permit through the Sheriff's Office and that notifies watercraft inspectors to be present at the event. AIS is easily spread with incoming watercraft to these events-especially pontoons with hydraulic lifts.

**Membership:** Steve was so kind to point out that we're down by 53 members in our association and we need to be thinking about increasing that number. Starry Stonewort is becoming all the scare of our lake associations. We would like decontamination stations at our accesses, but it's a cost item. I'm attending the Aquatic Invasive Species Summit III at the Earl Brown Center at the end of this month to try and get more information for our lake. We're financially healthy, but what money we do have will go in a hurry if we get more AIS. Perhaps we should place a flyer in mail boxes? Ad in the paper? Our website? Ideas?

**Thanks:** **Tracy** for being a watercraft inspector! **Steve** for all the financial work! **Jay** for secchi disc readings, **Bob Perry** for water sampling, **John** for the minutes, **Craig** for leads in the community, **Mike** for our outstanding website, **Mike K.** (do you know he really married up?) for our Walleye Project, **Tracy & Mary** for keeping me informed and **Michael** for his quick responses to my requests. **Next Meeting: April 14, 2018 at the Shoreline (I hope that works out?) at 8 a.m.**

All my best, Jerry