

# LITTLE PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION

Summer 2020 Newsletter 1

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[LittlePineLake.org](http://LittlePineLake.org).

Dear Little Pine Lake Residents,

Welcome back to the lake. We are sure everyone is busy getting their docks and boats in the water, unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic will affect lake life this summer. The health and wellbeing of our lake residents is one of the top priorities of the LPLA Board. On April 25, 2020, a virtual Board Meeting was held with the primary goal of confirming how to proceed with the LPLA events for 2020. At the time of this newsletter, there is still uncertainty regarding what COVID 19 measures may be in force and because of this uncertainty, the Board has made revisions to the schedule, and dates are tentative based on what the Governor, Otter Tail County and the City of Perham may have at the time of the event.

The LPLA Annual meeting has tentatively been rescheduled for 3:00 pm August 8, 2020. The meeting venue will be either Zorbaz Little Pine Lake or Paul Miller Park. Location is dependent on restrictions imposed by state and/or local government. The Annual meeting will precede the Annual picnic. Due to the change in annual meeting, there are 5 Board members whose terms expire June 30, 2020, which will require voting by mail this year. A ballot is enclosed with the annual dues notice. Please complete the ballot as instructed and return with your annual dues. Lake residents can write in any candidates who would like to be on the Board. Board Members are not compensated and are all lake residents.

The Board feels the Sand Sculpture Contest, Boat Parade, and 11th Annual Golf Tournament can be held under the existing virus guidelines. These events are tentatively scheduled as outlined in this Newsletter. Any updates on the status of all events can be found at the website ([LittlePineLake.org](http://LittlePineLake.org)), from the Beach Captains, or Board Members. We want all members to be able to enjoy all the LPLA events; however, all participants and members need to feel safe from virus concerns and follow social distancing guidelines. Have a wonderful time at the lake and be safe.

~LPLA Board

## LPLA BOARD MEMBERS

### Officers 2020

Gary Layman – President 2019-2021	Ken Krajsa – Vice President 2019-2021
Mary Bader – Treasurer 2019-2021	Mary Doyle – Secretary 2019-2021

### Board Members

Mary Bader – Elected 2019	Jon Chose – Elected 2019***	Steve Colliton – Elected 2019
Mary Doyle – Elected 2018	Ray Ehly – Elected 2019	Ryan Jundt – Elected 2017**
Jason Jundt – Elected 2019	Daryl Kowitz – Elected 2018	Ken Krajsa – Elected 2017**
Gary Layman – Elected 2017**	John Maddock – Elected 2018	Chantal Tougas – Elected 2017**
Paul Wills – Elected 2018		

\*\*Running for Reelection

\*\*\*1 Year term only

Board Members are elected to serve a 3-year term. Officers are elected by the Board to serve a 2-year term.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

## Zebra Mussel Update

The Otter Tail Pine Lakes Improvement District (LID for Big Pine and Little Pine) was informed by the DNR that Mud Lake, Little Pine and Big Pine will be designated as infested with zebra mussels. The DNR did test water at the Zorbaz bridge and no zebra mussels were found. Last year a survey assessment of both Little Pine and Big Pine was undertaken by RMB Labs out of Detroit Lakes to identify curly pond leaf and invasive species. The assessment sponsored by the LID was not specifically aimed at identifying zebra mussels and none were found on the plant life at that time. As Mud, Big Pine and Little Pine lakes are downstream from Rose Lake on the Otter Tail River the DNR is assigning the three Lakes a zebra mussel designation. Recently, signs have been erected showing the designation. At this juncture, no zebra mussels have been found.

## LMKP Pipeline Project

Subsequent to the 2019 Annual Meeting, Board members and LPLA members have been involved in monitoring the LMKP Lid website: [www.LMKP-Lid.com](http://www.LMKP-Lid.com), and in contact with Otter Tail County. On October 16, 2019, Ray Ehly, Jon Chose and Gary Layman met in Fergus Falls with Rick West (RW), Public Works Director, and Kevin Fellbaum (KF), County Ditch Inspector. KF is the individual responsible for the day to day oversight and compliance of the project. The goal of the meeting was twofold. First, discuss the operating plan and attain a better understanding of the systems monitoring the water elevations which are key to when pumps go on/off. Second, to have a permanent water elevation gauge installed on Little Pine (LP) lake that could be monitored by lake residents. Ray Ehly inquired regarding monitoring devices in the water shed above LP lake and was informed there were none. In the end, KF and RW agreed to the installation of two gauges. KF confirmed this could be accomplished in calendar year 2019, and to contact the LPLA Board when pumps are turned on/off.

On November 15, 2019, gauges were installed on the LP lake rock near Shasky bridge, and on the wing wall of the 425<sup>th</sup> bridge over the Otter Tail River. Unfortunately, ice flows on LP destroyed the gauge on the rock, and the gauge on the 425<sup>th</sup> wing wall was damaged as well. Per KF the pumps were shut down on September 11, 2019. On April 21, 2020, elevations were taken at a total of sixteen locations on the Otter Tail river and LMKP locations and the pumps remained turned off. Since downstream bodies of water were still high, KF did not envision turning on the pumps until these water levels had subsided. KF provided a spreadsheet showing the LMKP/DLD Elevation Monitoring since October 12, 2018. A copy of this spreadsheet can be reviewed at the annual meeting. Some lake residents have experienced shoreline damage like what happened last year. As pumping was suspended on September 11, 2019, the damage is most likely related to significant snow and rainfall thru the winter months.

## Little Pine Lake Logo Shirts &

### Hats

From May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> access the online store

<https://littlepinesummer20.itemorder.com>

Orders will be available by July 4th. Link also available on the LittlePineLake.org website and the Facebook page.



## Lighted Cross

A thank you letter of appreciation was sent to Daniel Zitzow and the Boy Scouts for Cross installation. LPLA paid for some upgraded electrical maintenance costs to J. C. Electric. JC is hopeful this will increase solar battery life although they stated that weather concerns and other factors could affect solar light time on the cross. All parties understand that there is presently no commitment by LPLA for any expenses or maintenance costs going forward.

## Summer Events Reminder:

**Beach Captains** – June 27th 11Am Zorbaz parking lot

**Ring of Peace** – July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dusk

**Sand Sculpture** – July 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Miller Park – 10AM

**Boat Parade** – July 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Miller Park – 1PM Counterclockwise rotation. Check in with judges. Prizes awarded for creativity.

**LPLA Best Ball Golf Tournament** – August 8<sup>th</sup> – Lakeside 10AM tee time. Contact Steve Colliton (612.889.4776) or Carol Schmitz (218.849.1589) if you are participating.

**LPLA Annual Meeting** – August 8<sup>th</sup> 3-4PM Paul Miller or Zorbaz

**LPLA Picnic** – August 8<sup>th</sup> - 4-6PM Paul Miller or Zorbaz. LPLA will buy the pizza, bring a dessert to share

## LPLA 2020 Beach Captains

Carol Schmitz - 44270 N Little Pine Rd

Cliff Weber - 45563 Red Pine Trail

Doris Moen- 44976 N Little Pine Rd

Jeff Dolby - 47037 Benny Lane

Jon Chose - 43842 N Little Pine Rd

Mark Halbakken - 46611 Benny Lane

Rob Evans - 45310 N Little Pine Rd

Ron Lien - 46744 Cty Hwy 51

Ryan & Jason Jundt - 44633 Yellow Pine Dr

Terri Haugen - 46216 Little Pine Loop

## Little Pine Road Signs

Road signs were approved to be replaced at the 2019 LPLA Annual meeting. Sign panels were ordered from JH Signs, and at the time of this newsletter, all have been replaced. Thank you to Ray Ehly and Mike Pickett for getting the new signs installed!

## 2020 Boat Parade

The LPLA Boat Parade will be July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at Paul Miller Park at 1PM. We will go in a Counterclockwise rotation. For decorations, signs etc. to be seen the best place them on the right side of boats. There will be a boat with judges this year, so please check in. There is no theme, so decorate your boat however you like. Prizes will be awarded for: Best Decorated Boat, Most Innovative Boat, Best Decorated Dock/Beach and Noisiest Dock/Beach. In order to win, you must be a member of the LPLA Association.

### **2019 Summer Winners**

#### Boat Parade

1<sup>st</sup> place - Steve & Jackie Larson, Yellow Pine Drive, Grilling pontoon

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Ron & Julie Woeste, County Hwy 51, Statue of Liberty girls' pontoon

#### Beach/Docks

Best decorated - Pete & Deb Jacobson, Benny Lane

Noisiest - Jim & Mary Gravalin, N. Little Pine Rd

## 2020 Annual Meeting, Golf Tournament & Picnic

The LPLA Annual Meeting will be held at 3PM on August 8<sup>th</sup> with the picnic following at 4-6PM bring a dessert to share (location to be determined).

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Lakeside Golf Course on August 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 10AM. There is a \$20 entry fee per team as well as green fees. Contact Steve Colliton (612.889.4776) or Carol Schmitz (218.849.1589) to sign up your team.