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*Mission: To Preserve and Enhance the Quality of our Lakes*

# Big Pine Lakes Association Membership Meeting

September 2019

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# Agenda – BPLA Labor Day Meeting



Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome; Introduce Board; Review agenda

Secretary's Report and approval of 5/25/19 minutes

Treasurer's Report

Election/Re-Election of Board Members

Committee Reports

- Membership report
- Fireworks
- Boat Parade results
- Fall Roadside clean-up
- NextDoor Website
- Picnic | Project days | Loon Project : New dock | Norsemen
- Water Quality update
- Buffer Zones

Old Business

New Business: Meeting times | Open Forum

Adjournment



## BPLA Board Members

- John Mueller | Big Pine – Chairman
- Jim Stevenson | Pine Lake - Co Chair
- Roger Olson | Pine Lake - Treasurer
- Jeff Lindgren | Big Pine – Secretary
- Dave Schinkoeth | Big Pine – Water quality
- Rob Redding | Pine Lake - Projects | Picnic
- Rick Meier | Pine Lake - July 4<sup>th</sup> parade
- Maria Gobely – Buffer Zones

# Memorial Day Meeting notes

## BPLA Membership meeting

Saturday, May 25, 2019

### Agenda

1. Call to order; Pledge of Allegiance – John  
*Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.*
2. Welcome, introduce board, Note handouts and raffle tickets change; Review agenda – John  
*The board: John Mueller/Jim Stevenson (co-Chairs); Roger Olson – Treasurer; Jeff Lindgren – Secretary; Dave Schinkoeth – Water quality; Ron Redding – Projects & Picnic; Rick Meier – Newsletter & July 4th boat parade;*

*There was an open position on the board for a member from the north lake. John asked for any volunteers and Maria Gobely stepped up to serve on the board.*

*At large supporters: Lisa Drake, Dwight Benoy*

*Dave Chasson from Rhine Lake Retreat presented a plan to replace their picnic shelter and explained the programs they have for special needs children.*

*Acknowledge first time attendees – John  
There were four first time attendees.*

3. Approval of 2018 Labor Day meeting notes – Jeff  
*The Labor Day meeting minutes were presented.*
4. Motion to approve meeting minutes– John  
*Motion by John, 2nd by Gary, Motion passed.*
5. Treasurer's report –Roger  
*There were two reports presented: the 2017 December 31 final and the 2018 current financial status.*
6. Motion to approve Treasurer report– John  
*Motion by Rich, 2nd by Ron, Motion passed.*

*Raffle drawing - A drawing was held and prizes from the vendors were announced*

7. Committee reports
  - a. Membership report –John  
*John reported that we typically have around 205 to 210 members.*
    - i. Ice out drawing – Jeff/John (slide included)  
*There were 14 parties who picked April 21st as the ice out date. The winner was picked from a random drawing and on the 7th try Michael & Sue Elle were declared the winner. You must be present to win!*
  - b. Logo wear | Next Door app update – Roger  
*Roger updated us on the sales of logo items and what is available. He reported 184 people have signed up on NextDoor.*

*Raffle drawing*

- c. Roadside clean up– Roger  
*15 people showed up to help with roadside cleanup.*

- d. Fireworks – Jim  
*Fireworks will be on Saturday, July 6 at 10 pm.*
- e. Boat Parade – Rick  
*Parades will line up at 4:30 July 6th, parade starts at 5:00. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats on each lake.*
- f. Projects: Loon platform update | Ron Redding (slides included)  
*Ron discussed upcoming projects for this year. One item to note: a loon nesting platform was stolen from the north lake.*
  - i. Volunteer work day schedule  
*Project days will be July 7, August 17 and September 21.*
- g. Picnic – Ron (slide included)  
*The picnic is scheduled for July 20.*

*Raffle drawing*

- h. Water quality update – Dwight (slides included)  
*Dwight and Pat have been sampling water quality since September 2013. Of the six locations sampled, Chlorophyll-a has been increasing.*
  - i. Update on ~~sepi~~ checks for 2018  
*Clarity has been slightly lower the past two years.*
  - ii. Update on overall water quality  
*The dark color of the lakes is due to a peat bog in Solana State Forest. Our lakes are considered Eutrophic by the MPCA, meaning they tend to host large quantities of organisms, including algal blooms, which is average quality for lakes in northern Minnesota.*
- i. Water quality projects – Dave  
*The DNR did a review of Strawberry Creek; St. Croix Water is checking for Veliger's, preliminary evidence of Zebra Mussels.*
- j. Buffer Zone projects – Dave
  - i. Aitkin County  
*Doug LeMay is being done this year.*
  - ii. Pine County  
*Dave reported that Pine County said they have money this year.*

*Raffle drawing*

8. Old Business – John  
*A question was asked about having a person inspect boats being launched at landings on busy weekends. It was noted that a person would need to be certified by taking a course and passing a test.*
9. New Business – John  
*Regarding No Wake Zones: The Sheriff will determine if a no wake zone is needed. We will be placing signs and posting an update on NextDoor to notify residents with Sheriff approval when water reaches a certain elevation.*

*Raffle drawing*

10. Adjournment – John
  - a. Motion to adjourn  
*Motion by Rich, 2nd by Steve, Motion passed at 11:41*

# Treasurer's report

Need updated info



	2018 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Chg vs Budget	2017 Actual
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Membership donations	5,150	5,100	50	5,200
Fireworks donations	4,439	4,500	(61)	4,613
Project donations	2,780	2,700	80	2,858
Food Shelf	2,560	2,100	460	2,526
Business Directory	625	600	25	600
Clothing **	1,275	850	425	655
Raffle		0	0	434
Grants - Income		0	0	7,594
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>16,829</b>	<b>15,850</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>24,480</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
4th Boat Parade & supplies	200	400	(200)	362
Business Directory	176	200	(24)	161
Clothing **	1,759	800	959	1,614
Fireworks	4,500	4,200	300	4,200
Membership, Newsletter, & Postage	1,312	1,700	(388)	1,713
Picnic	475	700	(225)	618
Water Quality Projects	1,134	5,000	(3,866)	10,274
Meetings	525	700	(175)	531
MN Waters & website	320	350	(30)	320
Food Shelf	2,560	2,100	460	2,582
Miscellaneous	525	850	(325)	1,000
Storage Rental	0	360	(360)	360
PO Box Rental	72	70	2	70
Educational Fees	405	500	(95)	149
Insurance	50	1,050	(1,000)	1,012
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>14,015</b>	<b>18,980</b>	<b>(4,965)</b>	<b>24,965</b>
<b>NET Operating Cash Flow</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>(3,130)</b>	<b>5,944</b>	<b>(485)</b>



# Election of Officers

## South Lake

- Roger Olson – 2nd 2-year term completed, continuing
- Ron Redding - 2nd 2-year term completed, continuing
- Rick Meier – 2-year term completed, not continuing, need replacement

## North Lake

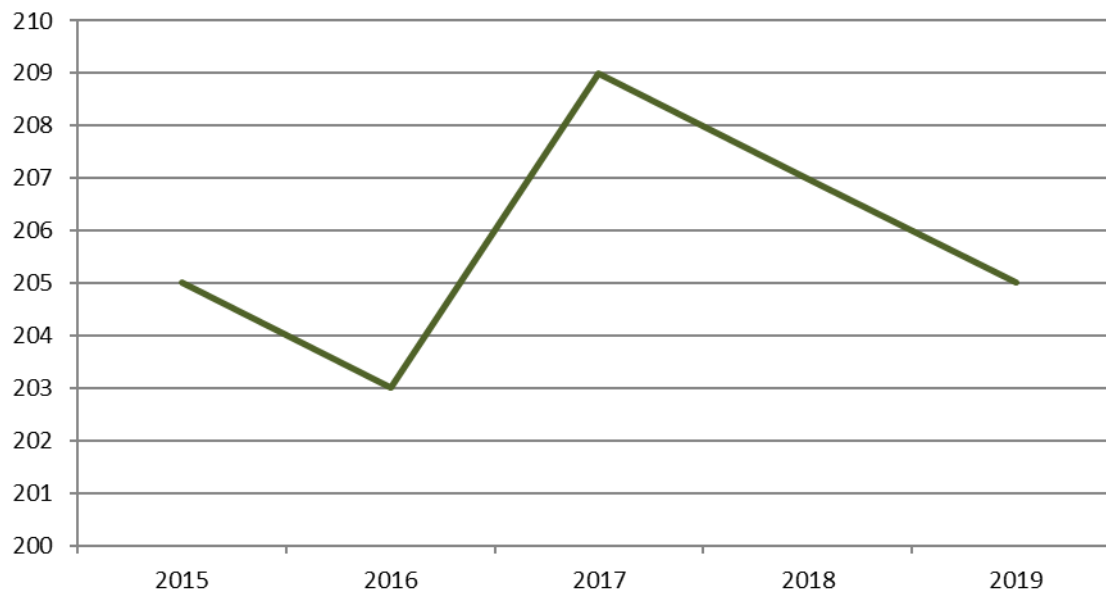
- John Mueller – 1st 2-year term completed, continuing
- Dave Schinkoeth last year – need replacement



# Membership update

**205 members in 2019**

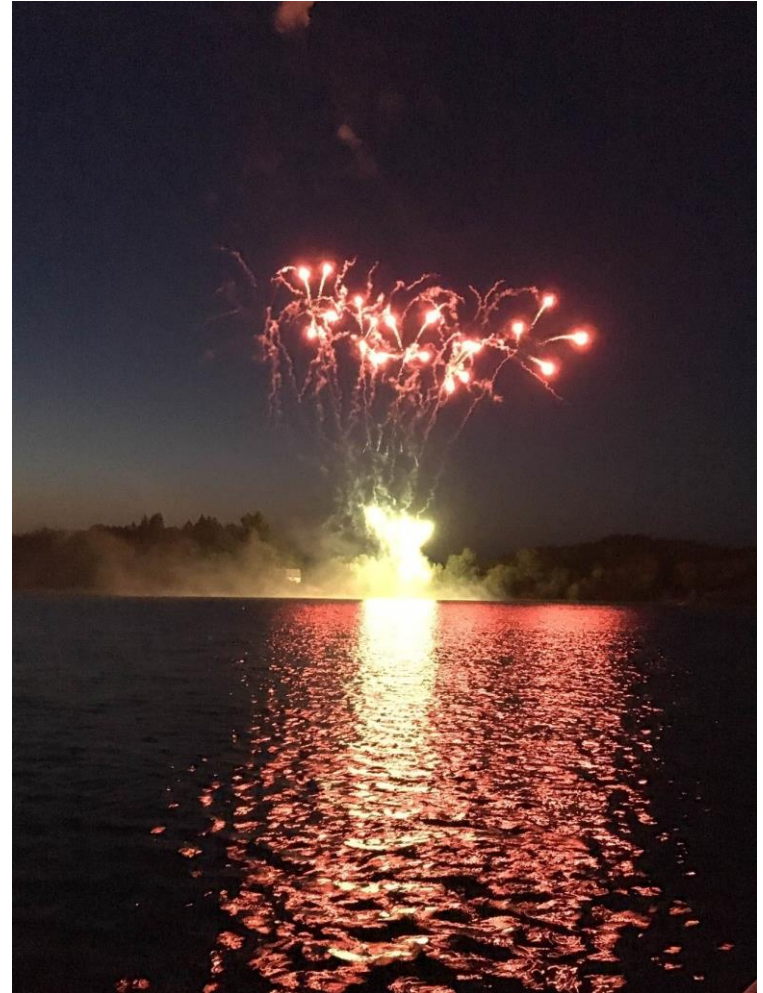
**BPLA Members**



## 2019 Fireworks

Friday July 3, 2020

Save the  
Date





## Boat Parade North Lake



**Zack Family – Classic Car**



**Corbo Family– Shark Sighting**



**Meier Family – Pine Lake Patriots**

## Boat Parade South Lake



**Beane Family – State of Hockey**



**Onischuk Family**



**Vermilia Family**

# Roadside Cleanup

Date: September 21st

Meet at the South Lake landing at 9:00



Home

Big Pine/Pine Lakes

Map

Neighborhood

- Businesses
- For Sale & Free
- Events
- Real Estate
- Crime & Safety
- Lost & Found
- Documents
- General

Groups

All groups

Topics

Search Nextdoor

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Post a message, event, poll or urgent alert

Dave Brandt, Big Pine/Pine Lakes

**Found tube**

Tube found on north end of south lake west side. It is sitting down by the lake waiting to be claimed.



New 2 days ago · Big Pine/Pine Lakes in Lost & Found

Thank Reply

**Big Pine/Pine Lakes**

211 neighbors [Invite](#)

43% of 364 households

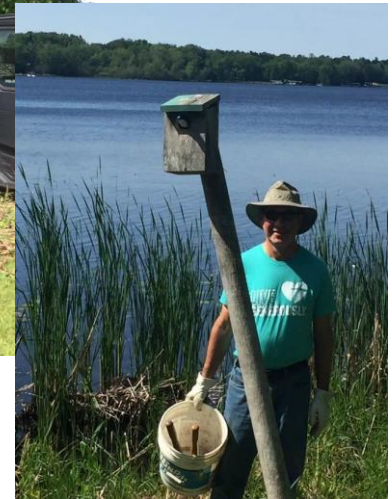


# Volunteer Projects – Buffer Zone Fall ‘18





# Volunteer Project – Buffer Zone spring



# Water Quality Update

- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) News



Zebra mussel  
(*Dreissena polymorpha*)

- Fisheries update





## Buffer Zones

### Aitkin County projects 2019

- Lemay
- Redding

### Pine County

- Pine County Soil & Water committed to support up to \$8k in projects
- Taking names for interested BPLA members





# North Pine Recycle Center

**Pine County Solid Waste Department**  
Keep Pine County Green and Clean.

## North Pine Recycling Center & Transfer Station

85174 County Hwy 61  
Willow River, MN 55795

At the corner of Dago Lake Road, 1.5 miles north of Willow River

**Hours of Operation:**  
**Tuesday - Noon to 6pm**  
**Thursday - Noon to 6pm**  
**Saturday - 8am to 3pm**

Phone: 320-591-1678  
www.co.pine.mn.us

### North Pine Recycling Center & Transfer Station: Disposal Fees

Household Garbage and Nonrecyclables	
32 Gallon Trash Can	\$6.00
Trunk load: 1 yard	\$16.00
Pickup Load (6' bed): 2 yards	\$32.00
Pickup Load (8' bed): 2.5 yards	\$40.00

Individual Item Charges	
Couch	\$20.00
Arm Chair	\$10.00
Mattresses for recycling	\$6.00
Wet or dirty mattresses	\$10.00

Tires	
Tires, Small RV	\$0.50
Tires, Auto 17" or less	\$1.50
Tires, 18" to 24"	\$5.00
Tires greater than 24"	\$50.00

Miscellaneous	
Batteries	Free
Fluorescent and LED bulbs	Free
Scrap Metal	Free
Propane cylinders (5# or larger)	Free
Medical sharps (call for drop-off specifications)	Free

Household Recycling	Free
Appliances	\$5.00
Out of County Fee	\$10 per trip

**Check or Credit ONLY**  
Cash Is Not Accepted

**After Hours Dumping Prohibited!**

Electronics	
Cell phones, cords, cabling, mice	Free
Large TVs (flat screen > 42", CRT >25")	\$20.00
TVs and monitors	\$10.00
General electronics	\$1.50

Construction & Demolition Debris	
Mixed Demolition	
Trunk load: 1 yard	\$15.00
Pickup load (6' bed): 2 yards	\$30.00
Pickup load (8' bed): 2.5 yards	\$37.50

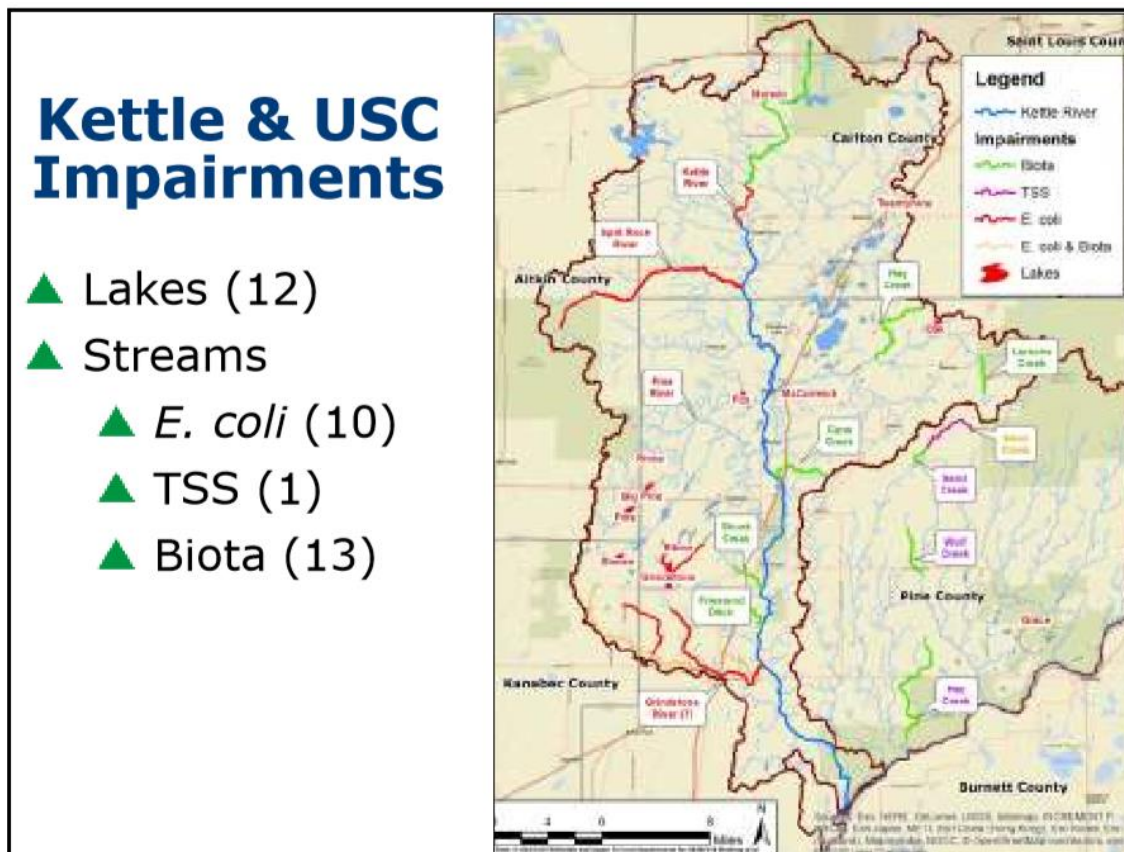
  

Loads > 50% Asphalt or Concrete

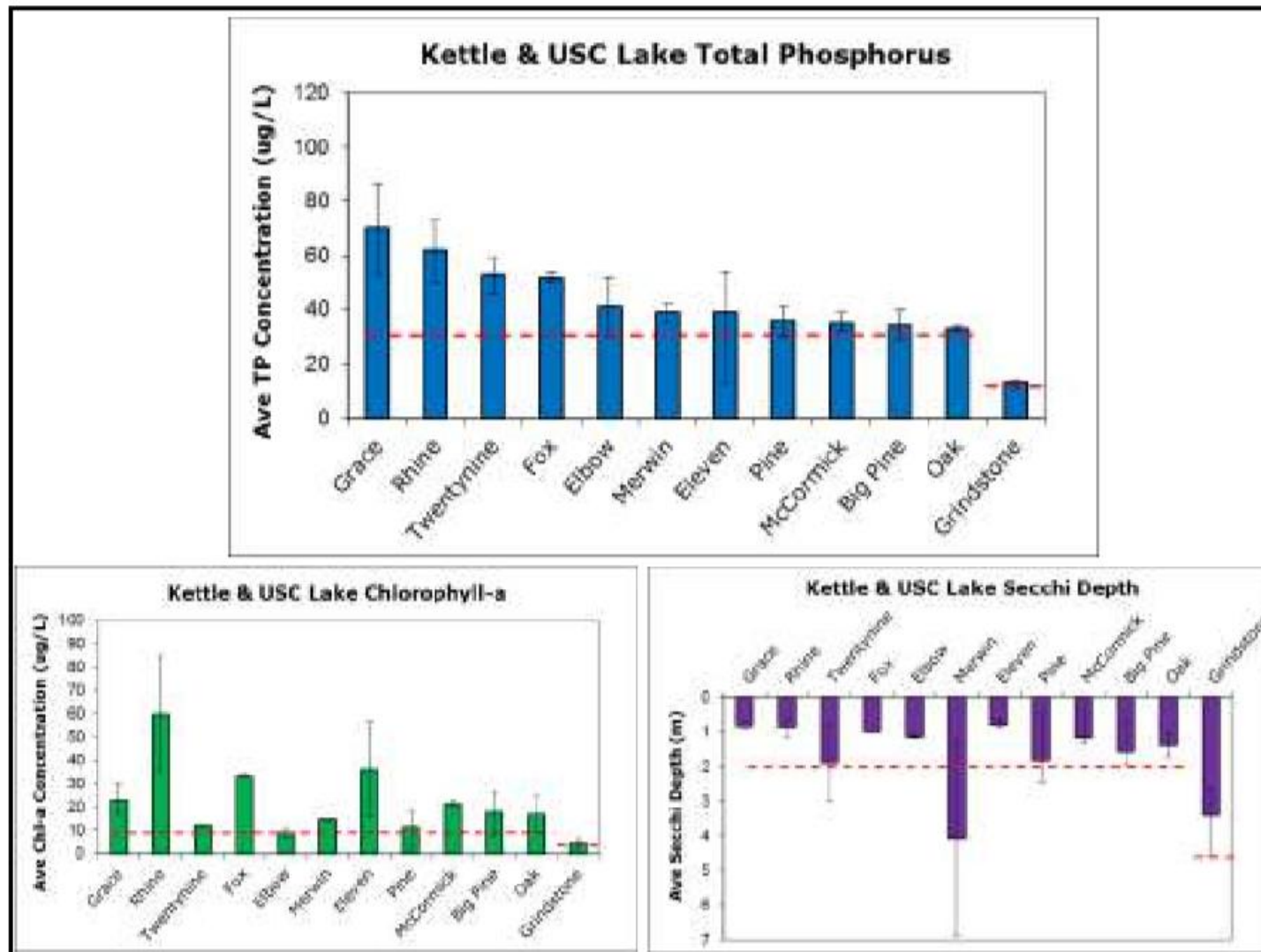
Trunk load: 1 yard	\$30.00
Pickup load (6' bed): 2 yards	\$60.00
Pickup load (8' bed): 2.5 yards	\$75.00

# MPCA Meeting update

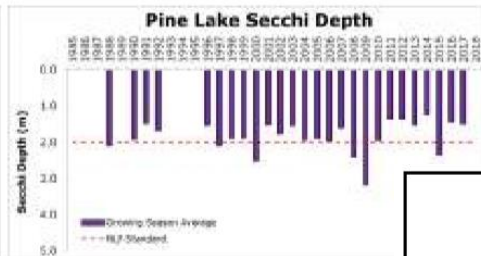
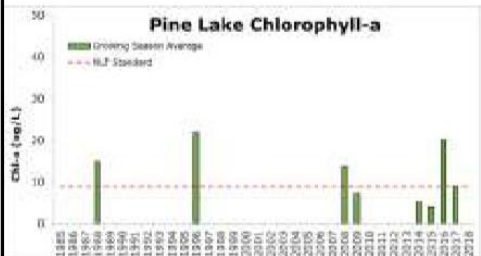
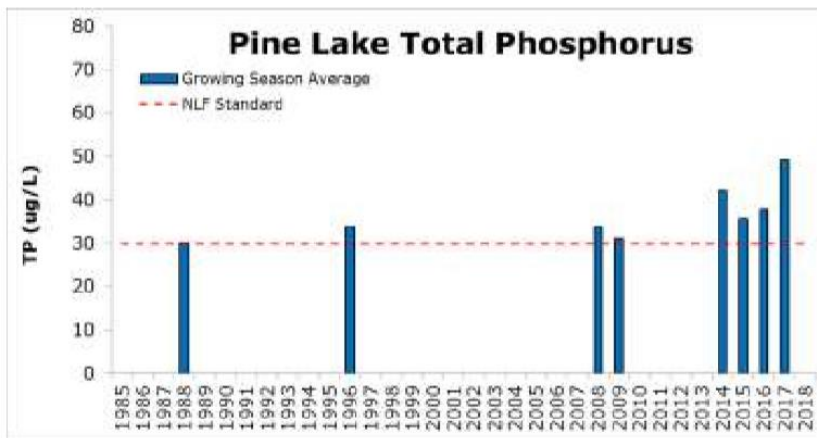
The MN Pollution Control Agency is engaged in a review of the Kettle River – St. Croix River watershed



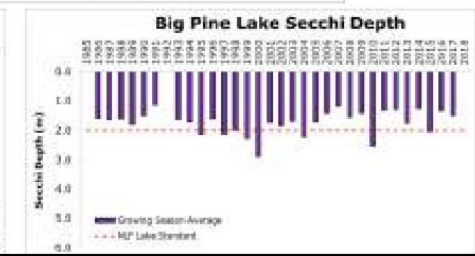
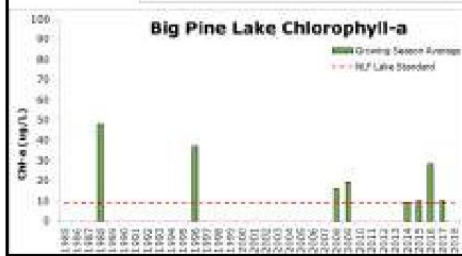
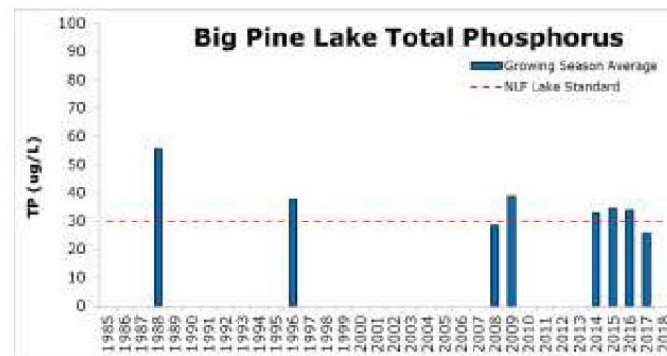
# Lakes identified as “impaired”







## Big Pine Lake Water Quality





# Old Business

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## New Business

- BPLA Meeting time change
  - New start time will be 9:15 with donuts served at 8:30
- Date change survey
  - Spring meeting
    - Either May 23 (Memorial Day weekend) or May 30
  - Fall Meeting
    - Either August 29 or September 5 (Labor Day weekend)

