

Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association News

Spring/Summer 2019

BRRLA President Comments

Greetings,

My name is Kevin Wolf and I am the current President of the Buffalo Rice Rock Lakes Association. My wife Brenda and I are from Fargo and have really enjoyed our time on Buffalo Lake and have made it our summer home! I would like to welcome everyone back for the summer!

I would also like to encourage you to consider joining our association if you are not currently a member. Our association is in existence so that we can work together in educating our residents and providing information to all that can help make your lake experience the best it can be. This information can also be useful in helping us all understand how we can do our part in preserving this wonderful resource that we enjoy.

The association definitely helps in building a network of relationships amongst our lakes and the neighborhoods they contain so that they can be safe and secure as we assist and watch out for each other's property. The association also promotes various activities throughout the year such as our 4th of July watercraft parade.

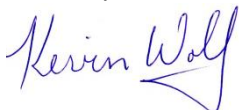
So for a very small investment there are great benefits to being a part of our lake association. The annual membership form is attached and can be mailed to the address provided on the form or you can bring it to the annual meeting on June 29.

There are new BRRLA clothing options which include new colors, hats and kids clothes. If you would like to place an order, you can mail the attached order form or bring it to the annual meeting. We will have samples of the clothing at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all out on the lake and look forward to meeting all of our 'new' lake neighbors that have chosen Buffalo, Rice or Rock Lake to be their summer "happy place"!

Take care.

Sincerely,



Annual Meeting

**Saturday June 29
Richwood Winery**

Social Hour & Registration: 6-6:30 pm

Meeting: 6:30 pm (or as soon as possible)

**Meal and non-alcoholic beverages after
meeting provided by Association**



**Come early and enjoy the sounds of
Darrin Wentz who will be playing at the
Winery from 4-6 pm!**

**This is a family friendly event! We will
provide games for the kids.**

RSVP

Please RSVP the number attending to
buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com

by June 25

Agenda items will include:

- COLA Update
- Clothing Order
- Elections
- Revision of By-Laws

Board Positions Up For Election

During our annual meeting on June 29th we will be electing the following positions:

Secretary

COLA Representative

Buffalo Lake Access Road Beach Captain

Chippewa Shores Beach Captain

Terms are a three year commitment, and it's a fun way to meet people and be involved in our lake community! Please contact us at buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com or contact any of the current Board members if you have any questions about the open positions!

Proposed By-Law Change

The following proposed change will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.

Recommend change of Article V, Section 4. Item D3.

Article currently reads: An annual audit of the Treasury shall be conducted.

Recommended Change: A bi-annual audit of the Treasury shall be conducted.



Small Change Makes a BIG Difference

We all depend on electricity! It improves our quality of life - from keeping our food safe to lowering and raising our boat lifts to ensure we can cruise around our beautiful lakes! Collectively, we have an opportunity to help improve the quality of life in our community by participating in Operation Roundup. Operation Round Up is a Wild Rice Electric volunteer program where participating members agree to allow the Co-op to round up our monthly bills to the next even dollar. Donation amounts equal approximately \$6 to \$6.50 per year. The money collected is then deposited into a Trust Fund which are then used to provide a benefit to a number of organizations throughout the Wild Rice Electric Cooperative area. The non-profit organizations must apply for the donations.

Since starting the program has made 230 donations totaling \$103,863. Recent contributions were made to Mentor Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Winger Fire & Rescue and Fair Meadows Foundation.

Together we can make a difference! Apply by completing the following form:

Please sign me up for Operation Round Up

Name _____

Address _____

Account Number(s) _____

Signature _____ Today's Date _____

Send to Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, P. O. Box 438, Mahnomon, MN 56557-0438.

4th of July Boat Parade

Join us for the boat parade on Buffalo Lake on Thurs. July 4 starting at 10 am! Bryan Olschlager, serving as grand marshal, will start the parade prior to the houses on Buffalo Access Road. Boats should follow Bryan ensuring the parade is brought closer to the campground area and people who are on shore.

Hope we have a great turnout!



Becker County COLA Update

Provided by Rich Cieslak

Becker COLA kicked off their 2019 lake season with a near capacity crowd of concerned and motivated Lake Association members on May 23, 2019 at the Richwood Winery. During the meeting the redesigned and much improved COLA website, beckercola.org was shown and demonstrated. There is a wealth of information pertinent to any lake user. I highly recommend you take a browse and look at the site. You won't be disappointed.

During the meeting, the 2019 Budget was presented and approved. COLA approved \$1,000 donations to both Minnesota Lakes and Rivers and Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC.) Karl Koenig from Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District spoke about his work with AIS. Ray Vlasak gave a presentation and update on the newest update on the development of the North County Trail.

Brad Wimmer provided an update on the Detroit Lakes Association's 75th Anniversary Celebration which will be held on June 22.

At this year's Annual Meeting we will be looking for a new COLA representative. I am now acting as the President of COLA so would encourage anyone interested in serving as our Rep, please raise your hand at this year's meeting.

Questions or Suggestions

Don't forget the various resources available to communicate with and get info from our lake neighbors and the association!

- ✓ Like us on Facebook & share your pics and info on our page at [Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association](#)
- ✓ [Join us on Nextdoor!](#) Nextdoor is a private (closed group) social network site that is another way we can all stay connected and communicate!
- ✓ Pass along any ideas or suggestions by emailing us at buffaloricerocklakes@gmail.com or visiting with your beach captain
- ✓ Check out our website at <http://minnesotawaters.org/buffaloricerocklakes/> to find meeting minutes, Board member contact info, and links to numerous websites/resources.



It's time to join or renew your membership!

Annual membership dues are used for the following expenses:

- Membership for Becker County COLA and Minnesota Waters
 - Website, newsletters, and other mailings
 - Refreshments for annual meeting

BRRLA Membership Form

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Lake Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Check applicable lake: Buffalo Rice Rock

Dues are \$20 for property owners and \$10 for renters.

Make your check payable to Buffalo, Rice & Rock Lakes Association (BRRLA)

Bring membership form and dues to the annual meeting

or

**Mail to: Buffalo, Rice, and Rock Lakes Association, c/o Becky Burns
29665 Buffalo Run, Rochert, MN 56578**