

# Tulaby Lake Association Newsletter

SPRING 2022

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## Greetings from the Tulaby Lake Association

Brutal. That was this winter. We hope everyone is enjoying the longer, warmer days, the melting snow, the darkening ice, and other signs of spring. There has been some talk and anticipation about **crappie fishing**. Tackle has been sorted and inventory of jigs and line are being tended. We are sure that your **summer calendars** are also starting to get filled with family and friends planning to gather at Tulaby Lake.

We hope that you have not forgotten to send in your **annual dues**. We also hope you took the time to complete the **survey** included a membership form. It is so helpful to the board to hear directly from those on the lake. The Tulaby Lake Association has been in existence for **over 50 years** and has accomplished a great deal in collecting data and using that data to guide the association and lake residents in practicing good lake stewardship. Over those years **many have been diligent taking personal responsibility** to gather water samples, take readings, submit information, review water reports, attend meetings, prepare presentations, host local and state officials and volunteers, listen to and engage with residents and regional officials, advocate for efforts that support clean water, and live responsibly close to the water. As a board we never take those years of **consistent dedication to the quality of our lake** and the environment near the lake for granted. Today we are fully benefitting from their efforts.

It is the tradition here at Tulaby Lake to be good stewards and we as a board hold ourselves accountable to support that stewardship. We **encourage everyone to participate as they can to also support the well-being of our lake** and our community.

For many years we have been fortunate to have had a stable, active, and attentive board of directors. We, however, want to **encourage those interested in adding their energy, ideas, and commitment to supporting the lake association** to contact anyone one of the directors to find out what opportunities are available - or to share concerns or ideas. We welcome anyone and everyone to participate.

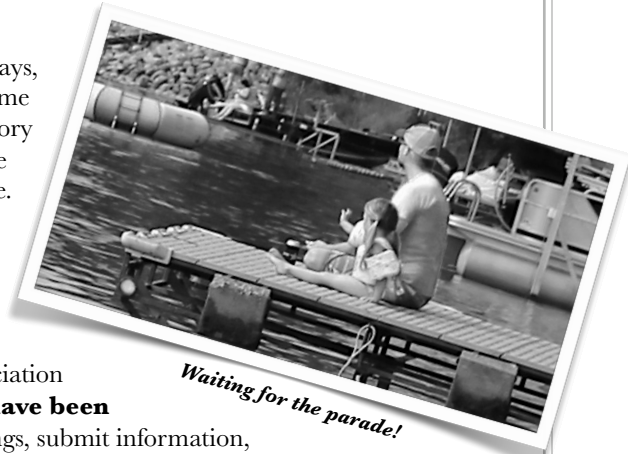
We are planning on holding the **Spring ditch cleaning and Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 21st**. We hope we will see many of you that day. For the ditch cleaning, please meet at the Fire Hall at 9AM. Wear protective boots and gloves. Spray your clothes for ticks. The **Spring Meeting will be held at the landing**. No shared meal will be part of the event; we will approve the meeting minutes from last August, provide updates, and share survey results.

We have not decided on the exact date and place for **August Annual Meeting**, which includes the election of three directors. Watch your email for an update. Per the bylaws a mailed notice must be sent prior to all member meetings.

Don't forget to **like us on Facebook!** Your participation with our Facebook page is greatly appreciated.

You can visit the association website at [www.tulabylakeassociation.org](http://www.tulabylakeassociation.org).

Kind Regards,  
Tulaby Lake Association Board

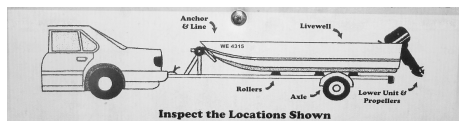


*Waiting for the parade!*



*Grand Marshall 2021*

HELP  
STOP  
AQUATIC



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RENEW YOUR LAKE  
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

## Calendar of Events 2022

**Sat. May 21, 2022**

### Ditch Clean Up

9AM Meet at the Fire Hall  
Please consider helping for about an hour. Vests will be provided. Wear protective gloves.

**Sat. May 21, 2022**

### Membership Meeting

11:00AM at Tulaby Lake landing  
No potluck

**Sat. May 14th**

### Season Openers

Walleye and Northern  
Large & Smallmouth Bass\*  
*\*CATCH & RELEASE MAY 14-27*

**Mon. May 30 - Memorial Day**

**Monday, July 4, 2022**

### Boat Parade

10:00AM Outlet Area (boats will travel from the outlet to the landing and around the lake) Decorate the left (port) side of your pontoon/boat.

**Sat, Aug 13, 2022**

### Membership Meeting

### Election of Directors

Time and Location To be determined

**Mon. Sept. 5 - Labor Day**

**Sat. Sept. 17, 2022**

### Ditch Clean Up

9:00AM meet at the Fire Hall

## Calendar of Events Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department

### Pig Roast

Watch for the 2022 dates

### Pancake Breakfast

Watch for the 2022 dates

**4th of July 2021**



**July 4, 2021  
Boat Parade  
THANKS for your participation!!!**



## Board of Directors

Association Board Member Roster  
The following is a list of Tulaby Lake  
Association Board members and their  
contact information.

Bryan Vidden - President  
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### Board member Terms Ending in 2022:

Karen Ahmann  
Lauri Pfeiffer  
Brian Ciak

### Board member Terms Ending in 2023:

Heather Arends  
Pat Adams  
Bryan Vidden

### Board member Terms Ending in 2024:

Danny Pinske  
John Oncken  
Cathy Wambach

*Lake association members are always  
welcome to serve as a director. Each  
year actively look for new members.  
Please consider a three-year term. It's  
a great way to meet others.*

## Tulaby Lake History

There are only a few remaining residents on the lake that can tell stories from the 1950s. And a just few more that can talk of the 1960s. It is fun and interesting to hear about the past. There are stories of the Tall Pines Resort and the Balsam Beach Resort. There are the experiences of storms that came through and changed the landscape, leaving a few scars. Cabins have come and gone, being replaced by newer cabins or homes. Life here is always changing. You are lucky if you have someone in your family or a lake neighbor who can share stories of Tulaby Lake. Even better if they have photos.

Over the years the spring newsletter has offered some of the stories. We are always looking for more. If you have any, please be certain your stories (and photos) will be enjoyed by many.

It will be 20 years ago this August that a strong thunder storm rolled through during the night providing a fantastic light show and booming thunder which no one could sleep through and dumping seven inches of rain in about six hours. In the morning we were shocked with the rise in the lake level. Luckily there was no major damage. Many many untethered boats and jet skis were floating freely all around the lake.



### August 2002

*Photos from the south side  
of Tulaby Lake. Run off  
into the lake was strong.  
Bottom right photo: Both  
mobile homes have been  
replaced with cabins now  
owned by Amundsons and  
Onckens*



### August 2002

*Highway 113 about 5  
miles east of Tulaby  
Lake. Parts of Highway  
113 were nearly washed  
out.*



**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**  
Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWater.net](http://www.ProtectYourWater.net)

**Pull all the plugs. Clean off aquatic plants.  
Drain water from bilge, live-wells, bait  
containers. Dry for 7 days or decontaminate.**  
-Mahomen County Soil & Water Conservation District



2021 Otters near the landing on Tulaby Lake.

## RIVER OTTERS

Tulaby Lake home to several active and playful...and curious... river otters. It is not uncommon to see them along the shoreline while boating around the lake. They are especially fun to watch in a kayak from a safe distance! Sitting quietly will often not disturb them and you will be able to enjoy watching them poke their head up to check you out or just play in and out of the water.

Otters can be seen playing and sliding off of wet banks. They will also play by nudging sticks across the water or dropping pebbles to the bottom and retrieving them. Likely this 'play' hones their skills. Otters are tireless travelers. In a river they may travel up to 25 miles in a week.

River otters can weight up to 30 pounds and exceed five feet in length. Because of their long bodies, powerful tails, and webbed toes they are expert swimmers for catching fish, frogs, and crayfish. Historically they were found throughout Minnesota, but because of their dense, sleek fur they were sought after in the 1880s by fur traders. By the late 1800s they were entirely gone from the Minnesota River drainage area and from S. Dakota to Mankato.

River otters are intelligent and playful and have strong social family bonds. Baby otters arrive in the spring. There are usually one to five cubs in a litter. Cubs remain with their mothers through the first winter and then separate. Females mate soon after giving birth, but because they experience delayed implantation, they do not give birth again until the following spring.

According to the U of MN Duluth Natural Resources Research Institute, otter presence in a lake is a good indicator of quality riparian (shoreline banks) and aquatic habitat. Otters do eat game fish, so they can be a problem at fish hatcheries, but are not abundant enough to significantly impact fishing in streams and lakes.

## Becker County COLA

Collation of Lake Associations

The Tulaby Lake Association has been a member of the Becker County COLA for nearly twenty years. Becker County COLA is organized for the purpose of facilitating cooperation among member Lake Associations to protect and enhance the quality of lakes and their shore areas. BC COLA encourages water quality monitoring programs, assists in the identification of environmental impacts to lakes, communicates information to association members and the public regarding the preservation of lakes as an important natural resource, presents recommendations related to shore land development, coordinates and cooperate with County, State, and other appropriate agencies in maintaining an improving water quality.

As a member we have made connections with other lake associations and have received timely relevant information about issues important to Tulaby Lake, which we can pass along to our membership. Having information specific to preserving water quality can greatly assist us in being proactive as good stewards of Tulaby Lake.

You can visit the Becker County COLA website at [www.beckercola.org](http://www.beckercola.org) and sign up for their newsletter or explore resources and information posted on the site. There is also a section on the website that offers ways to actively get involved protecting lakes.

Other information includes:

- Citizen Science (cool environmental and habitat information)
- Lake Friendly Living (best practices for living near a lake)
- Invasive Species (prevention, research, docks, inspections)
- Rules and Regulations (shoreline management, watercraft safety)
- Advocacy (government, policies, partners)
- Resources (publications, links, conferences or workshops)
- News
- Events

BC COLA has hosted regular meetings in the past. However, COVID and changes in leadership have impacted scheduled in-person meetings. As an association we have attempted to have directors attend meetings when they are held. Lake residents are welcome to contact any director to ask about attending any BC COLA meetings, which are held in Detroit Lakes.



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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE TULABY LAKE ASSOCIATION

***Your membership dues are used to continue lake water testing and monitoring, support and promote lake quality, lake stewardship, maintain partnerships with local and state organizations, fund fish stocking, and provide information to our membership and lake residents!***

Please send your annual 2020 membership **dues of \$25** to:

Tulaby Lake Association, Danny Pinske Treasurer  
38150 Tulaby Lake Drive, Waubun, MN 56589

***Please be sure to return the enclosed survey. Thank you.***