



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE BAVLA 12-7-19**

This year has seen some changes in your board and officers.

Darcey Nicklaus who was one of the founders and Treasurer of the association resigned from the board. Tori Kluess was nominated and elected Treasurer. Tori is well qualified for the position, she is a lawyer affiliated with a law firm in Green Bay.

Deb Mc Fadden was elected to the board for a three year term.

**Your Board and Officers:**

**Officers:**

President: Larry Stein

Vice President: Steve Scheibel

Secretary: Mary Lou Shepski

Treasurer: Tori Kluess

**Directors:**

Neal Kania

Sue Bellehumeur

Bill Andrews

Rudy Becker

Deb McFadden

**Actions that took place in 2019:**

We have a continuing issue with the Beaver Dams in the two tributaries on the north end of the lake. They contributed to an increased level of Phosphorus in the lake which can cause more algae. We decided to work with the USDA APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICES to trap the beaver and remove the huts that attract them. Bill Andrews coordinated the results:

They reported the trapping of 16 beavers from four locations, four of the beavers were adults the rest were kits two to three years old. The dams at Lucia Bay and the North end of the lake were blown up and removed at a cost of \$1,300.

USDA will continue to monitor the tributaries for an annual fee.

The CB/CW Clean Boat/Clean Waters continues to be a success. This is very important to preventing invasive plant species to be transported to our lake. We contracted with UW Oshkosh for interns and grant money from the DNR. Our volunteers contributed 139 hours. Thanks to all who put in the time, especially Bill Hess with 88 hours. It would be great to have a few more members participate. You can pick your times and days. Please contact Pam Scheible for more information.

The lake research conducted by the Vilas County Land and Water (Cathy Higley) will be available on our website or in hard copy if you would like to review it. It's very thorough and will be compared with our lake management plan submitted to the DNR in 2014.

**Information for 2020**

The annual meeting and picnic will be Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 24th. At 10am. Please mark your calendars and join the association in 2020.

For the ice fisherman the lake froze over December 2nd. Have a great winter.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
LARRY STEIN PRESIDENT**