



# FISH TRAP LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



“To preserve our wildlife and water quality and promote safe recreation for the  
Fish Trap Lake Community”

Spring 2018

## A Note From the Vice President

I started drafting this letter on April 16<sup>th</sup>. I quickly realized that I needed to wait a few more days. Oh, I was definitely thinking about the many warm summer evenings experiencing the sights and sounds of a Fish Trap sunset but I had just finished removing 18+ inches of snow from our sidewalk and driveway. So much to be done and so little time before everyone begins to head up north.

Many of our spring season activities are driven by our ice-out date. We can't get the pontoons and boats out of storage and dropped into the lake until the docks and lifts are placed back in the lake. This year will put our lake service providers in a time crunch in order to have as many installed for us as they can by Memorial weekend. They will be working seven days a week for 12 hours a day, with many of them in the lake all day with water temperatures in the high 30's and low 40's. Please thank them when you see them.

I attended a two-day summit in late February on AIS (aquatic invasive species) in our state's aquatic recreational waterways. This conference was put on by a private organization, MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates. The varied discussions were presented by some of the most experienced scientists and researchers in the Midwest. The MN DNR was actually not represented. I have summarized my thoughts and takeaways in an article in this newsletter. It was enlightening to say the least.

This past winter three of the finest stewards of Fish Trap Lake over the years have moved on. Barney Rosen, a long-time resident of Big Island passed. Jeff Halvorson, our conservation officer for over 25 years, has moved on. The memories I have of these two remind me of how important it is for all of us to become strong advocates for the continued improvement and protection of our lake. Finally, Jim Fogelberg and his team have decided to pass the torch after being responsible for all of our water quality testing for many years. Thank you, Jim and all others who helped him over the years.

As the first holiday weekend approaches I would like to remind everyone that we all own a piece of one of the most beautiful, yet fragile, natural resources in our state. Please remind your family and friends to be mindful of the rules of the water, respect others, obey the laws and leave the lake each night in better shape than it was when you watched the sun come up that morning.

Mike Flanagan

### Mark your calendars:

**The Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting** - Saturday, June 23, 2018  
at 9:30 a.m. at the Scandia Valley Town Hall.

**The Fish Trap Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting** - will precede the Property Owners  
Association Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade** – starting at Noon – participating watercraft should gather in the bay east  
of the campground at 11:30 a.m.

## FTLPOA SPRING BOARD MEETING

APRIL 14, 2018

Conference Call 9:30 am

*The board meeting was conducted via conference call instead of the normal in person meeting at the township hall due to serious weather conditions.  
(These are condensed minutes, the full minutes can be viewed on the website)*

**Board Members:** Scott Schnuckle, President, Mike Flanagan, Vice President, Gary Ziehmann, Treasurer, Peg Hartung, Ron Markfelder, Ron Mash, Chuck Salter, Lisa Kajer and Mary Thibert, Secretary.

**Board members not in attendance:** Jon-Scott Johnson, Paul Baker, Dennis Smith and Brian Sams.

**Visitors:** Tom Anderson-LID President, Chris Ziehmann-Newsletter editor and David Thibert.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the Fall board meeting had been reviewed by members via email. Gary Ziehmann motioned to accept the minutes. Chuck Salter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Ziehmann presented the Treasurer's report. The total balance in all accounts as of 4/13/18 is \$12,935.31. Gary Ziehmann made the motion to the board to approve the expenses of \$250 for the Newsletter Editor, \$300 for the Treasurer, \$250 for the Secretary, up to \$500 for beaver control and any out of pocket expenses that occur for water clarity testing. Scott Schnuckle seconded the motion. The motion carried with Gary Ziehmann and Mary Thibert abstaining from the vote. The total membership for FTLPOA in 2017 was 212 and presently 106 for 2018. 20 property owners have prepaid for 2019.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### A. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Updates and Plans:

- 1. AIS Conference Summary:** Mike Flanagan attended a two-day AIS conference this winter hosted by the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Association. A summary of the conference will be in the spring newsletter. He also reported that a new position has been created at Morrison County to manage Morrison County's waterways. This position is held by Galen Gruber.
- 2. LID Report of Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment:** LID President Tom Anderson reported that the LID will be using Quad Lakes Association grant money to cover the cost of the vegetation studies. RMB will again be conducting the pre and post treatment studies. Lake Restoration will provide the treatment again this year. The LID is also planning to obtain more brochures to place at the public landing. The Quad Lakes Association received an \$18,000 state grant. Bob Koll, a member of the Quad Lakes Association is also the fiscal agent for the grant money. RMB's bills will be submitted to Bob for payment and the LID will track the payment.
- 3. Signage at the Boat Landing:** Chuck Salter clarified that this signage is different than what the Quad Lakes provides at the public landing. The FTLPOA signage will be installed this spring; most likely in May in the vicinity of the waste disposal area. The final design will be 4 ft by 4 ft, with signage on both sides using reflective material. The estimated cost for the sign project is approximately \$1,700. The money will come from the Initiative Foundation. Chuck Salter motioned the board to approve the cost of the signage not to exceed \$2000. Peg Hartung seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**B. Railroad Update:** Scott Schnuckle reported Morrison County (MC) and the Railroad still cannot agree on terms. Scott and Paul Baker will continue to pressure both MC and the Railroad to get this finalized so the Lincoln crossing can be closed. An overview of the current status will appear in the spring newsletter.

**C. Initiative Foundation Endowment Fund:** Current balance is in the Treasurer's report. There was discussion on how to use these monies. The Endowment Fund was created to treat/ prevent AIS and to maintain the ecosystem of FTL. The FTLPOA board is open to ideas for new projects. A committee was formed several years ago to suggest projects. This committee has not met recently. Scott would like to rekindle this group and due to time constraint would like to resign the chair position to another member. A request will be placed in the newsletter and website posting for interested persons.

**D. Website/Newsletter:** Chris Ziehmann reported for the 2018 season there are 28 businesses that placed ads on the Website. The Spring newsletter will be mailed before Memorial Day.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Water Sampling:** Brian Sams will temporarily be doing the water sampling replacing Jim Fogelberg and would appreciate an assistant. Jim's years of volunteer sampling service will be recognized at the Annual Meeting.

**B. After the Fact Variance:** Chuck Salter's interpretation of the MN Statue on the County Board of Adjustments is that there is no wording about after the fact variance and there are no limitations on it either. MC Land Use Ordinance does address it but there are no set penalties. These after the fact variances not only affect lakeshore properties but farm lands as well.

**C. Annual Meeting:** FTLPOA annual meeting will be 6/23/18 at 9:30 am at Scandia Valley Town Hall. The LID annual meeting will precede the FTLPOA meeting at 9:00 am. Peg Hartung will serve lunch.

**D. Terms Ending in June:** Gary Ziehmann, Dennis Smith, Jon-Scott Johnson, Paul Baker and Peg Hartung.

Scott Schnuckle moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike Flanagan seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted by,  
Mary B Thibert, Secretary

**2017 FTLPOA Membership**  
**(Updated as of December 31, 2017)**

Cumulative Initiative Foundation Endowment Contributions from current members

D = Donor (\$0-\$99)    B = Bronze (\$100 - \$249)    S = Silver (\$250 - \$499)    G = Gold (\$500-\$999)    P = Platinum (\$1000 and over)

Number in parenthesis indicates that annual (January-December) membership dues are prepaid for year(s) shown:

(18) – dues paid for 2018

(19) – dues paid for 2019

(20) – dues paid for 2020

(A) Indicates Associate Membership

Thomas R & Sherry K Anderson  
Dave & Linda Appling D (18)  
Arlene Baker B (18)  
Paul & Bev Baker B (18)  
Frank & Jeanne Barnaby D (18,19)  
Jim & Maribeth Bedtke D  
Steven D & Julie Bell  
Marcel & Dawn Bellefeuille  
Jerry & Jan Benusa B  
Raymond & Carol Bernardy G  
David & Penney Bernier (18)  
Scott Bjerke & Patty Larson (18)  
Chuck & Carol Blanski (18,19)  
James & Christine Bluhm  
William A & Jeanne E Boesel  
Gregg & Nicole Borgstrom  
Charles S & Cindy L Brey  
Timothy J & Catherine Brattensborg-  
Brown D (18,19,20)  
Julie A. Bruber D  
Bob & Marlene Buskirk (18)  
Ralph Butkowski &  
Janet Beneke S (18)  
Richard W Butler  
Kyle R & Katherine J Cannon  
Paul & Aija Chadwick B  
Michael & Theresa Champeau D  
(18,19,20)  
Todd E & Amy J Chantry  
David Christenson D  
David M & Joan H Ciminski  
Timothy P & Rachel M Corrigan (18)  
Gerald & Becky Court  
James R Custer (18)  
Mark & Michelle Czech G (18)  
Shannon K Daniels / R L Dennehey &  
Gary Dennehey  
Charles L & Olivia C DeGeest  
Bradley & Dawn Dewars  
Christopher J & Peggy Dietzen (18)  
Jeannette Dobrick &  
Julie Meadowcroft G (18)  
Rob & Maureen Dolan S (18)  
Leroy & Doris Dumprope D  
Gloria J Effenberger-Blume  
Richard Eich B  
David M & Mary J Ellering G  
Greg & Sherree Engen D  
Donald Erkens & Becky HouleMichael S &  
Cynthia D Ernst  
Steve Ethen D (18,19)  
Joseph and Davina Fanciullo D (18,19)

Brian J & Kris Flanagan  
John Timothy Flanagan B  
Michael G & Barbara M Flanagan S  
Ron & Beverly Flanagan D  
James B & Laverne T Fogelberg (18)  
Dominic & Meredith J Fragomeni D  
Cynthia K Francis S  
Earl & Mary Fuechtmann  
Thomas A & Priscilla Neely Gadow B  
Larry & Linda Gareis  
Lee & Colette L Goderstad  
Gary L & Catherine Greene (18,19)  
Scott & Joni Gutknecht D (18)  
Peter J & Suzanne K Hadley (18)  
Harold & Dona Hagstrom B (18,19)  
Marvin L & Lorraine E Hanson  
Jeff & Julie Hardy  
Dana J & Katherine Harms D (18)  
Robert A & Rosemary Harmsen  
Ken & Peg Hartung D (18)  
Scott Haskin  
Larry D & Mary Hass (18)  
Charles L & Julie F Hiemenz D  
Carl P & Michele S Hennen  
Jeanne M. Hesse-Burnett D  
Dan J & Marie L Hilliard D (18,19)  
Mark D Hilliard & Mary Fautsch  
David & Gayla Hoeller B  
Wayne & Catherine Hoffman D  
Barry & Kristi J Holden P (18)  
David & Kathleen Holmquist  
Randy & Rae Hoglund  
David J & Jean C Jaekels G (18)  
Paul D & Colleen A Jensen  
Robert C & Christina B Johnson D (18)  
Gordon M & Anne Marie Jones (18)  
James A & Cindy L Johnson (18)  
James Edward Johnson  
Thomas O & Lisa A Kajer S (18)  
Gary J Karnowski (18)  
Roger M & Mary Karnowski B (18,19)  
Tom & Peggy Kasak B  
Mary Jo & Michael Keating  
Robert A & Nancy Keeton B  
Devona Kilgard D (18)  
Gary & Lee Ann Kilgard S (18,19)  
Oscar D Jr & Susan M Kleman  
Steven M & Julie A Kloster  
Robert T & Debra J S Knutson B  
Eiane E Koole  
John F & Beverly D Koser  
Matthew B & Susan M Kramek (18)

James & Marion Kreisman G (18)  
David & Pat Krueger B (18)  
Nicholas D & Donna R Krueger B (18)  
Timothy C & Lynne Lenox (18)  
Richard A & Shari A Lero  
Jim & Jeanne C Licari D (18)  
Victoria Littlefield D (18)  
Richard C Lockwood (18)  
James D & June Loscheider B  
Carol Lovdahl D  
Carl Darwin & Betty Lundeen D  
Melford C Lundgren D  
Rebecca Jo Marlin D  
Joel & Ann McCann S (18)  
Joe & Mary McKiernan S (18,19)  
Ronald E & Karol L Markfelder B  
Ron & Linda Mash  
Arthur H & Julie P Meadowcroft D  
Bradley J & Kristine R Meints D (18)  
Scott & Brenda Meschke  
Donald Miller Trust /  
Doug & Linda Connell D  
Leland Moe B  
James L & Jill D Moore  
Richard H & Sharon L Mostrom  
Bruce & Mary Mozey (18)  
Alec R & Edith P Murray B  
John & Audrey Novak  
Nanette M Neron & Pearl Ager  
Lyle & Connie Nuhring B (18)  
Barry & Jackie Opatz D (18,19)  
Daniel J Otte D (18)  
James & Diana Otte B  
Jay D & Kim Paczkowski D (18)  
Brian & Jennifer Pantzke B  
Kathleen E Pattock & Kathleen Hosch  
Steven C & Brenda Peeke (18)  
Darrell K Peter (18)  
Ritch & Sandy Peterson D  
Dalton & Nancy Petrie  
Chester Plohasz  
Roger & Terra Pohlkamp (18)  
Bill Prodahll Jr & Phil Prezicka (18)  
Leslie J & Mary L Proper (18)  
Joel R & Cynthia M Racchini D (18)  
Rebecca & Richard Ramacher  
Richard Read D  
Stephen J & Elizabeth S Reger  
Todd A Reimringer G (18,19,20,21)  
Dale & Nancy Resch  
Thomas C & Rebecca J Rice B  
Ernest & Anita Baccus Robinson

Michael & Elaine Ropson  
David E & Judie A Rose B  
Steven J & Frances M Rosenow  
John & Stephanie Rudnitski (18)  
Mark & Margaret Ruffino G (18)  
Jim & Mary H Rumpca B (18)  
Charles H Salter & Kate Bretscher B  
Brian & Heather Sams D  
Bruce & Alison Schmidt D  
Scott A & Kristin M Schnuckle P  
William L & Laurie A Senn B (18)  
Kermit W and Jane Severson  
Thomas & Mary Jo Shamp S (18)  
Clinton & Julianne C Sigg D (18)  
Sisters of St. Benedict S (18)  
Paul & Mary Skluzacek  
Eric M Sloane & Julie Roberts B (18)  
Ronald C & Tamara K Scherling  
James J & Margaret Schlichting  
Bill & Judith A Shoquist  
Dennis & Mary OShaughnessy Smith B

Jerome & Patricia Smelter B (18)  
Katherine M & Paul Solon D (18)  
Bill & Bernie Souvignier  
Randolph and Michelle Spiczka  
Edwin J & Elizabeth A Specht  
Stanley J & Janice K Sroga  
Garrett, Leslie, John, & Lori Starr (18)  
Stone Family Properties  
Keith W & Jean M Stucke  
Gary D & Deborah J Sundberg  
Khrist E Sundvahl B (18)  
Dan & Margaret C Swalm B (18)  
David J & Mary B Thibert S  
Lucille S Thomas & Jon- Scott Johnson  
Craig D Thompson  
David D & Rose Thorsett  
Marvin D & Teresa A Thorsett  
Theodore & Elizabeth Thorson B (18)  
Richard J Tibesar and  
Bart & Pam Inniger D (18)  
Richard & Patricia Tigues (18)

Conrad G & Arlys A Towne D  
Jon A Van Loon & Lori Bates  
Wayne & Diana Vaverek B (18)  
Kurt & Michelle Virnig  
Leon & Marlene Visser D  
Richard F & Mary K Vouk  
Thomas & Joann Vouk  
Timothy J Walters S (18)  
Jon A Wavinak D  
Michael R & Brenda L Wellner  
Allen I & Janice F Wentland  
Scott A & Suzanne Wendt D  
Robert E & Carol A Wenner  
Donald E & Jeanette B Wippler  
Michael & Connie Wood G (18)  
Vernon Paul Young D (18)  
Gary & Chris Ziehmman G  
John S. Zignego  
Thomas T & Cindy Zulkosky  
Kenneth Zylka  
George & Cordy Heroux (A) B (18)

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Arlene Baker B  
Paul & Bev Baker B  
Frank & Jeanne Barnaby D (19)  
Steven D & Julie Bell  
David & Penney Bernier  
Scott Bjerke & Patty Larson  
Chuck & Carol Blanski (19,20)  
Timothy J & Catherine Brattensborg-  
Brown B (19,20)  
Bob & Marlene Buskirk (19)  
Richard W Butler  
Ralph Butkowski & Janet Beneke S  
Michael & Theresa Champeau  
D (19,20)  
Todd E & Amy J Chantry D  
David M & Joan H Ciminski B  
Doug & Linda Connell D  
Timothy P & Rachel M Corrigan  
James R Custer  
Mark & Michelle Czech G  
Charles L & Olivia C DeGeest  
Christopher J & Peggy Dietzen Jeannette  
Dobrick & Julie  
Meadowcroft G  
Rob & Maureen Dolan S  
Steve Ethen D (19)  
Joseph J & Davina R Fanciullo D (19)  
Brian J & Kris Flanagan  
Tim Flanagan B  
Michael G & Barbara M Flanagan G  
James B & Laverne T Fogelberg  
Gary L & Catherine G Greene (19)  
Scott & Joni Gutknecht D  
Suzanne K Hadley  
Harold D & Dona A Hagstrom B (19)  
Jeff & Julie Hardy  
Dana J & Katherine Harms D

Kenneth J & Peggy Sue Hartung D  
Scott Haskin  
Larry D & Mary Hass  
Dan J & Marie L Hilliard D (19)  
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David J & Jean C Jaeckels G  
Arnold E & Lynette Jensen  
James A & Cindy L Johnson  
Robert C & Christina B Johnson D  
Gordon M & Anne Marie Jones  
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Gary J Karnowski  
Mary Ann Karnowski B (19)  
Tom & Peggy Kasak B  
Devona Kilgard D (19)  
Gary & Lee Ann Kilgard S (19)  
Paul & Margaret Kohls  
Matthew B & Susan M Kramek  
James & Marion Seeley Kreisman G  
David & Pat Krueger B  
Nicholas D & Donna R Krueger B  
Timothy C & Lynne Lenox  
Jim & Jeanne C Licari D  
Victoria Littlefield D  
Richard C Lockwood  
Joel & Ann McCann S  
Joe & Mary McKiernan S (19)  
Bradley J & Kristine R Meints D  
Matthew J & Tracy A Morrow (19)  
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Wayne & Diana Vaverek B  
Timothy J Walters S  
Allen I & Janice F Wentland  
Michael & Connie Wood G  
Vernon Paul Young D  
Richard F & Mary K Vouk  
Thomas & Joann Vouk  
Gary & Chris Ziehmman G  
Thomas T & Cindy Zulkosky  
George Heroux (A) B

## **A Farewell to Barney Rosen**

Barney Rosen purchased Big Island in 1965 and for about 40 years grew an assortment of day lilies, phlox, iris and hydrangea around the circumference of the island. The island with its beautiful flowers was Barney's special retreat from city life and his passion. During the spring, summer and fall, he would often work 12 to 14 hour days planting, watering, weeding, hybridizing and collecting seeds. In the winter, he would plant seeds at his home in the Twins Cities. He once explained that he never watched TV and fished very little but walked around the island hundreds of time each year. Each summer he typically entertained several garden societies, which traveled distances of up to 80 miles to see his work. Barney and Big Island were also featured on Ron Schara's "Minnesota Bound" and in Birds and Blooms. Barney passed away this winter but the memories of Barney and his floral creation will live on.

### **New Signage at the Access**

The Fish Trap Lake Homeowners Association approved the use of funds from our endowment fund for new signage at the access. The 4x4 foot reflective sign, approved by the Minnesota DNR, notifies boaters to Stop (highlighted in red), to Clean off plants, Drain all water and Dispose of unwanted bait (highlighted in yellow) and, in green, thanks boaters for protecting Minnesota waters. The aluminum sign will be posted sometime in May and positioned on the east side of the access road, approximately 100 feet from the water. The more that all of us emphasize the tremendous importance of cleaning all boats before and after entering our lake, the lower the chance of spreading aquatic invasive species from one lake to another. Association members are encouraged to suggest ideas for future projects at our upcoming general meeting.

## **FISHING UPDATE**

As the lake begins to show signs of fish habitat change due to the presence of zebra mussels, we are encouraged about several indicators. First, our weed growth continues, for now. This is important for fish existence. In many cases zebra mussels rid the lakes of most weed growth. And second, the perch population continues to come back, natural food for our larger fish.

In 2017 the DNR stocked the lake with 1.2 million walleye fry. This is the largest amount stocked since 2014. We are encouraged that they continue to manage the lake, even with the presence of mussels. 2018 is also a scheduled year for the DNR to conduct their fish counts. This is normally done in August. The readings will be available around Christmas. This will be the first full scale testing done on the lake since the discovery of zebra mussels.

### **Initiative Foundation Endowment Fund Committee Looking for Ideas and Members**

An ad-hoc committee was formed a few years ago with the intent to develop appropriate uses for the monies the FTLPOA members have so generously contributed. The committee is looking to rekindle itself but would love to have more volunteer members. If you have an idea and/or wish to become a member of this committee, plan to express your idea(s)/interest at the annual meeting on June 23 or send an e-mail at the address on the website.

## **WINTER AIS SUMMIT ATTENDED BY OUR VP**

Mike Flanagan attended a two-day summit on aquatic invasive species in our state. It was hosted by MN Lakes & Rivers Assn. It was held February 28 and March 1 in Brooklyn Center. He and members from the Sullivan, Shamineau and Pine Island association boards were guests of Morrison County. His focus was to learn more about zebra mussels and what we know today.

The presenters were mostly doctors in the sciences of aquatic activities from the U of MN, the U of Michigan and the US Fish & Wildlife department. The MN DNR was not present as a presenter. A summary of takeaways follows:

- the current changes in climate are driving and enhancing most of the aquatic challenges we are facing today, with potentially new ones to follow
- increased boat use is adding more carbon to our waterways, enhancing these changes
- milder winters, earlier ice out and less snow are allowing for longer growing seasons for AIS
- there are no current solutions to stop the growth of zebra mussels (with the exception of chlorine, which would likely kill all aquatic wildlife, and crawfish)
- zebra mussels will eventually eradicate most of the shallow (under 20 feet) weeds in our lake sending our walleyes and northerns to much deeper water, thus making them harder to catch
- we will experience high levels of mussels until they have eaten most of the vegetation available; they will then back off until the next batch mature and increase again.

Wright County will be rolling out a three-lake program with plans to expand to five next year. These lakes do not presently have mussels or milfoil. This program will require all watercraft to be appropriately power washed prior to entering the lakes. A centrally located station will conduct the washing and ultimately assign the access permit. Financial support is coming from the county and several other grants. Each property owner will be assessed approximately \$200 annually to offset dawn to dusk management from Memorial Day to Labor Day and weekends in May and September.

In summary, zebra mussels are here to stay, for now. Please take every measure possible to ensure your equipment is clean when entering and leaving the lake. We do not want any other invasive substance entering our lake.

### **Update on discussions with BNSF Railroad and Morrison County**

Paul Baker and Scott Schnuckle continue to press for a resolution of the crossing closure at Holt Road. As had been reported in the past, both BNSF and the County support this closure to remove the risk of a train derailment near our lake due to an accident at the crossing. The action has been held up by the County's request for access to BNSF property near Fort Ripley for the improvement of the County's recreational trail. There has been a stalemate between the two parties, Richard Scott (BNSF) and Steve Backowski (MC), over the liability language within the agreement which would grant access to the County. The dispute centers around the liability for any accidents that may occur on railroad property while using the County's trail via the right-of-way. Persistent calling and a hastily orchestrated conference call brought the two parties back together and the discussions are now moving forward again. BNSF will be "redlining" the contract language proposed by the County taking into consideration the concerns of both parties which we facilitated. The goal remains to have resolution by our Annual Meeting, but it is likely to take longer.



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We wish to recognize and thank those businesses in the community who continue to support us. Their complete information is also posted on our website <[fishtrapolake.com](http://fishtrapolake.com)> under the header "Advertising Partners". Please contact them for your lake home needs.

AB Upholstery	320-493-9775	Action Dock & Boat Lift Service	218-296-2721
Altrichter Sand, Gravel & Excavating	218-575-2124	Altrichter Septic Service	218-575-2222
Always Available Towing	218-575-3096	ASAP Septic Service	218-296-3190
Campfire Bay Resort	218-575-2432	Central Minnesota Electric, Inc.	320-632-3946
Edina Realty (Judy Altrichter)	218-820-4847	John Fritche – Realator	218-251-6000
Galston Construction	320-630-7852	Hunter James Construction	218-457-1944
Ideal Construction	218-894-3105	Kathy's Kut & Kurl	218-575-2519
Keppers Plumbing	218-575-2474	Lincoln Bait & Gas	218-575-3137
Mid-Minn Excavation	218-575-2469	Morey's Seafood Markets	218-352-2110
Not a Problem Handyman Service	320-248-7185	Peterson's Welding	218-746-3295
Pine Country Concrete	218-232-4969	Pine Ridge Golf Club	218-575-3300
Randall Building Supplies	320-749-2721	Scandia Valley Vineyards	218-575-2336
Sportsman's Plumbing & Heating	218-831-8720	Sweetwater Resort	218-575-2744
2 Tall Tavern	218-575-3013	The Shante	218-746-4412