

# Members of Friends of the Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association, Inc.

## Organizational Members:

- Lake Associations
- Lake Districts
- Lake Sportsmen Clubs
- Waterway Property Owners Orgs.
- Inland Water Protection Management Orgs.

**Both organizations & members are eligible to become members.**

## Individual/Family Members

Individuals or families having significant interest in protecting and improving the waters of Burnett County shall be eligible to become members.

Persons may choose to become members whether or not they are a member of an organization as listed above, which is also an organizational member.

Dues of \$25 for Organizational Memberships and/or \$5 for Individual/Family Memberships are payable on a fiscal year basis (July 1 through June 30). Dues paid by new members after May 1 shall be considered paid for the following fiscal year.

## Officers/Board Roster

### Chairperson-

Two-year term (alternate year for vice chairperson)

### Vice Chairperson-

Two-year term (alternate year for chairperson)

### Secretary-

Two-year term (elected with vice chairperson)

### Treasurer-

Two-year term (elected with chairperson)

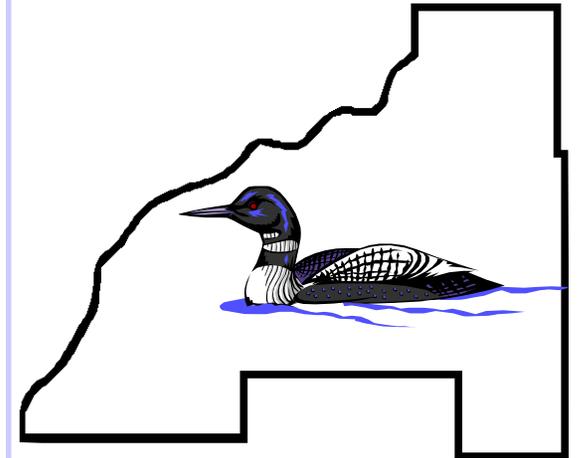
**Six Board Members (three year terms), with two openings per year.**

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## BCLRA Member Lake Organizations

1. Austin Lake
2. 26 Lake Association
3. Bass Lake Association (Meenon)
4. Bass Lake Property Owners Assoc. (Union)
5. Big Bear Lake Association
6. Big Doctors Lake Association
7. Big Sand Lake Association
8. Big Wood Lake Association
9. Birch Island Lake Association
10. Burlingame Lake Association
11. Clear Lake Association
12. Deer Lake Association
13. Des Moines Lake Association
14. Devils Lake Association
15. Elbow Lake Association
16. Fish Lake Association
17. Green Lake Association
18. Ham Lake Association
19. Hayden Lake Association
20. Johnson Lake Property Owners Assoc.
21. Lipsett Lake Association
22. Little Wood Lake Association
23. Long Lake Association (Swiss)
24. Long Lake Association (Webb Lake)
25. Loon Lake Association (Jackson)
26. Love Lake Association
27. Mallard Lake Association
28. McKenzie Lakes Association
29. Minerva/Cranberry Lakes Association
30. Minnow Lake Association
31. Mud Hen Lake Association
32. North Sand Lake Association
33. Pike Lake
34. Point Lake Association
35. Prinel Owners Association
36. Rooney Lake Association
37. Round-Trade (Big/Little)-Spirit Lake Assoc.
38. St. Croix Tribal Environmental Services
39. Tabor Lake Association
40. Webb Lake Property Owners Association
41. Yellow Lakes and River Association
42. Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association

# Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association



## Mission Statement

Our purpose is to promote the environmental protection of Burnett County's lakes and rivers and its attendant wildlife resources, to share information, projects, results, costs and other ideas for the benefit of the general public, lake districts, lake associations and in general, maintain and improve the quality of Burnett County's lakes and rivers.

# Burnett County Lakes & Rivers

## Association, Inc. History

In the fall of 1991, a number of folks representing many areas, mostly lakes and rivers of Burnett County, met at the government center in Siren to exchange ideas and explore concerns regarding the many problems and issues of our water/recreational resources. Many expressed an interest in developing a county-wide group that would: (1) provide the lake associations, rehabilitation/protection districts and concerned individuals with information on rules and regulations; and (2) establish a closer liaison with DNR and county personnel on water-related topics. The new organization would be able to provide unified support or opposition to actions or events affecting water and recreation interests.

At this first gathering, four board members were designated to form a county association. By means of general discussion and volunteering, a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were selected.

By-laws and Articles of Incorporation were set forth, becoming effective June 10, 1992. On June 15, 1992, the Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association (BCLRA) became a Wisconsin County Association by registering as a non-profit charitable organization at the Burnett County Government Center at Siren.

## Accomplishments & Objectives

- Publish & distribute over 3,500 newsletters twice a year
- Sponsor grants for lake organizations
- Provide clean boats, clean waters education programs
- Support lake monitoring projects
- Coordinated and moderated educational forums.
- Ambassador program to assist in forming & establishing new lake associations & organizations.
- Participated in extensive lake classification projects.
- Send representatives to State lakes convention and regional seminars/forums.
- Education/Sharing/Cooperation to educate riparian owners and the public on issues; provide a vehicle for greater cooperative efforts between owners, users, government agencies and citizens of Burnett County.
- Long Range Planning/Enforcing Regulations. Water resources will be the uppermost concerns whenever dialogue to further improvements, changes and enforcement are considered.

# Burnett County's Treasured Resources

**Burnett County** enjoys an abundance of wildlife, many lakes and rivers, and attractive development, all of which make our area ideally sought out. Second home owners and tourists, as well as permanent residents, find pleasure here.

**Burnett County** has 508 lakes, with 128 lakes larger than 20 acres (five of these over 1,000 acres). Many lakes in Burnett County are volunteer-monitored on the Secchi Disc program. There are Lake Management Planning and Priority Watershed programs, as well as Land Use Planning Grants protecting lake ecosystems. The BCLRA is very active in promoting general conservation efforts within the county.

**There are over forty** lake association/waterways/protection and rehabilitation districts and sportsmen clubs registered in the County. BCLRA officers assist in forming three or four of these types of organizations each season.

The St. Croix River, which has been designated a "Wild & Scenic River" forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota. Burnett County is also the home for the 30,000 acre Crex Meadows State Wildlife Refuge, the Fish Lake Preserve and other conservation areas. Each fall and spring the migratory birds are an incredible sight, descending upon our lakes and rivers. There is also a very successful program for protecting breeding trumpeter swans. Great strides have been made, resulting in many nesting pairs and growing numbers of young. Preserving wildlife habitats is also an important issue for BCLRA.

**The bald eagle**, deer, bear and wild turkey populations are increasing in the area. Burnett County offers great hunting, excellent fishing, boating and water sports. Biking and snowmobile trails are among the best in the state. As tourist attractions, these activities are good for individual businesses, in particular, and the economic development of the area in general. Tourists and second home owners patronize retailers and industries and are a vital part of the local economy.

**Attractive natural resources** have placed lakeshore waterfront property in a position to command premium prices in Burnett County. Proximity to populated metropolitan areas and an abundance of recreational opportunities have made sustainable development of utmost importance if we are to preserve local natural resources. The answer is to balance development with conservation. Water and wildlife stewardship can preserve both the quality of life and the economic value of the area.

## Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association Membership Application

Subscriber Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Lake/River \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (Check Category)  
Group Organization \$25.00/Year  
Individual/Family, \$5.00/Year

Please make check payable and mail (with membership application) to:  
Treasurer, Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Assoc., Inc.  
7410 County Road K, #107  
Siren, WI 54872