

Beaver Lake April 2023 News

The Beaver Lake Election is Sunday, May 21, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Regular Members of the Beaver Lake Association will be held Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Beaver Lake Clubhouse for the following purpose:

- **To elect three (3) Directors to serve a three (3) year term**

You may vote either before May 21, 2023 by proxy ballot, or in person between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the day of the election. You may vote for three candidates total, among those listed and/or any you write in. You may vote either electronically by email, or with a paper proxy ballot.

To Vote By Electronic Ballot

To vote by email, you must register on our website (<https://www.beaverlakene.org/register-to-e-vote/>) no later than Friday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Provide your lot number, name of registered lot owner, and an email you will have access to during election weekend.

About two weeks before the annual meeting and election, you will receive an email notice of annual meeting and election, along with voting material.

On Friday evening, May 19th, you will receive an email with a link to your electronic ballot. You will have until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21st to vote.

To vote, click the link to open your ballot, select your choices, and submit. Done!

To Vote By Paper Proxy Ballot

In the mail, you will receive an official notice plus a mailing envelope, labeled **A**; a confidential envelope, labeled **B**; and a proxy ballot, labeled **C**. Use these to vote by proxy.

Here's how the envelope system works. Envelope **A** is pre-addressed from you to the Beaver Lake Association. On the day of the election, the Election Committee will use Envelope **A**, which contains the member's name and lot number, to determine that the member is in good standing (as defined in Section VII, Election Procedures). If the member is not in good standing, the ballot will be deemed invalid, left sealed, and not counted. If the lot owner is in good standing, envelope **A** will be opened and set aside, and the sealed confidential envelope **B** with your proxy ballot **C** enclosed, will be placed with all other sealed confidential envelopes to be opened and counted later.

Envelope **B** must contain one proxy ballot **C** only. Envelope **A** must contain one envelope **B** only.

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To vote by proxy ballot:

1. Mark proxy ballot **C**.
2. Place proxy ballot **C** inside confidential envelope **B**.
3. Place confidential envelope **B** inside mailing envelope **A**.
4. Return mailing envelope **A** to Beaver Lake Association.

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Three methods of delivery of proxy ballots are available:

- Send by U. S. Mail, mailed at least five (5) days in advance of the Annual Meeting and received by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Annual Meeting.
- Drop in the BLA payment drop box before 12:59 p.m. the day of the election.
- Hand personally to staff at the Beaver Lake office during office hours by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Annual Meeting.

To vote in person

Polling will be open for voting between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting at the clubhouse.

Membership in Good Standing

Only votes by members in good standing will be allowed. If in doubt, call the Beaver Lake office to confirm you are in good standing: 402-235-2241.

A Regular Membership in good standing shall be one for which all membership fees, special assessments, and any other charges applied to the member have been paid through and including the previous quarter as indicated by Association records.

Reasons to deem a ballot invalid:

- Member is not in good standing.
- Mailing envelope **A** is missing.
- Confidential envelope **B** is missing.
- Mailing envelope **A** contains anything other than one confidential envelope **B**.
- Confidential envelope **B** contains anything other than one proxy ballot **C**.
- Voting for more than three candidates.
- Voting for a candidate more than once on the same ballot.

For complete election procedures, please refer to our Handbook Section VII and the Election Committee Manual.

If you have questions regarding election procedures, contact Carol Goller at cggoller@gmail.com.

Election Committee Electronic Voting Announcement

New in 2023, members may choose to vote electronically or by paper ballot.

To e-vote electronically, read and follow the instructions below.

If you choose not to e-vote, our usual paper ballot process will be used.

Vote by Email

If you want to vote by email at our May election, you must register to e-vote by Friday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m. Signing up for our email newsletter does NOT register you to e-vote.

Register to E-Vote

- Go to our website <https://www.beaverlakene.org/>
- Open the dropdown menu under Information
- Click the last link, Register to E-Vote
- Read carefully and follow the instructions

How E-voting Works

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2023 Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 20, 2023 * 8 am to 5 pm
Parking Lot at the end of Weeping Water Ct

The Association is providing dumpsters for free disposal of unwanted materials. This is open to Beaver Lake Property owners only. We will also take metal products for recycling.

Please, No concrete, tires or batteries. No fluids allowed – ie: oils, fuels, cleaning agents, poisons, and etc.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to clean up around your house, in your garage or in your basement.

There will be Beaver Lake staff on site to help you dispose of your materials.

Board Candidate Bios



Russ Parmer

My family (Fatma, Layla, and Sarah) have been enjoying Beaver Lake since the late '80s. I've proudly represented the community as Board Member, Board President, Committee member, and as the Fishing Club secretary and tournament director.

Key accomplishments:

- Maintain a multiuse lake! Capped surf boats to 2018 level (35), allows skiing, paddle boarding, fishing, kayaking, swimming, etc. unimpeded by surf activity until 9:30 AM; moved surf activity 200' from shore to help minimize erosion and property damage.
- Kept annual dues to minimal increases in an "inflationary" environment
- Championed the effort to provide unmarried couples with lake access rights
- Led the board effort to get golf carts approved for use on BLA roads
- Maintained a balanced fish stocking approach with the Committee's help
- Collect and compile association creel survey data for the committee
- Improved boat ramp security that will reduce costs over time
- Championed security automation thru improved cameras and coverage

Goals for the future:

- Develop a strategy for the water plant loan payoff
- Continue efforts to place "stagnant" association property into use
- Keep association members cost low while sustaining/improving infrastructure
- Hopefully finally succeed at "doubling" boat ramp parking
- Improve the clubhouse, update the deck; add courtesy clubhouse boat parking
- Expand the beach and with boat parking remove the weed patch area
- Continue committee efforts to inexpensively create fish habitat
- Represent members great ideas to make them reality

I'd be honored to have your support/vote in the May Beaver Lake election, but no matter who you support please vote.



Sandy Battreall

My name is Sandy Battreall. My husband and I have been residents of Beaver Lake since February 2008. I am currently a member of the infrastructure committee. Since moving to Beaver Lake, I served on all the committees at the lake (but not at the same time). I served on the Beaver Lake Association Board of Directors for nine years and in those nine years held office of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President.

My objective is to keep on improving Beaver Lake, as there are still a lot of improvements to our area.

I am asking for your support and your vote for the Beaver Lake Association Board of Directors.

Thank you, Sandy Battreall

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Board Candidate Bios



Dr. Callie Watson

I have lived at Beaver Lake for approximately 22 years. I am a professor and director for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program in Grand Island, Nebraska. I attended Hastings College and Creighton University and have degrees in Occupational Therapy and Psychology, including a doctorate in occupational therapy.

Serving my community and profession has always been at the forefront of my passions. I have extensive background with working in communities, on non and for-profit organizations and leading many teams. Being on the Beaver Lake board for the past three years has been rewarding and I am looking forward to making an even bigger impact in the next three years.

I enjoy spending time with my children (Lindee and Aaron Rowdy), friends, bike riding, volleyball, boating, reading, and house projects. I am passionate, motivated, knowledgeable, and excited to continue working for this great lake community.



Andy Warren

Many of you already know me from my time on the Beaver Lake Board where I served as President for three years. I believe there's more I have to offer to BLA and am ready to go to work should I be elected to serve the community again. My goals are to continue moving the Association forward with technology, keeping costs down for property owners, have open and clear communication lines available to the Board, and simply working to keep Beaver Lake an awesome place to live or own property.

In my day-to-day job I am still leading development in marketing engineering with Data Axle. I've been with the company for over seven years now. In my home life I have a wonderful family with two beautiful daughters. Just this year we celebrated the first birthday of our baby girl. My hobbies are boating, hunting, and video games.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve our community once again. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at beaverlakeandy@gmail.com.

Vote Andy Warren!

Election Procedures

Please visit the Beaver Lake website: www.beaverlakene.org
to view the latest edition of the Beaver Lake Handbook.
Election Procedures are in Section VII

Nebraska Boating Safety Class

Provided by: Instructors at the US Coast Guard Auxiliary;
Flotilla 33-03 Omaha, NE

Date of Class: Saturday, April 15, 2023
Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Location: Beaver Lake Clubhouse
Address: 9410 Clubhouse Circle, Plattsmouth, NE



All boat operators born after 1985 are required to have a license!

Students will learn about operating a boat, parts of a boat, emergency procedures, and the laws regarding boating safety and operation.

Cost is \$10.00; cash or check

A test will be given at the end of class so attendees can earn their boating license.
Must be 14 years old to attend.

*Please bring a sack lunch and drink.



To register, contact Marie Carsey
Call or text 402-415-6400
or e-mail at carseymb@cox.net

Full-Time & Summer Employment at BLA

The Beaver Lake Association is now accepting applications for full and part-time summer employment as well as full-time maintenance & utility workers.

We need summer employees for: **Mowers, Security, Boat Ramp and Lifeguards.**

Find the Application for Employment in the Forms section of the BLA Website:
<https://www.beaverlakene.org/forms/>

Drop your application off at the BLA office or in the drop box in the Clubhouse parking lot.

Questions? Call us at 402-235-2241.

Election Committee Alternates Needed

Four more volunteers are needed to serve as alternates on the Beaver Lake Election Committee. Please call the Beaver Lake Association Office at 402-235-2241 to put your name on the list of candidates.

Nature & Garden Club News

Is it just me that thinks this has been a long winter?!? We really were fortunate not to have an overload of snow. We did have some rain/sleet/snow that did help our lake fill and got some moisture into our ground too. But those changing temps that we had...cold, then nice, cold then nice, cold...

Now that it is officially spring, (by the calendar at least,) all I want is nice warm temps (not hot) and some rain so that I can get into my gardens and get them cleaned up and start to see some color. Is nature calling you to your gardens too?

By April 15th we should start to see hummingbirds and orioles too. Make sure your feeders are cleaned and ready to go out in your yard. When the orioles show up here, they are ready to nest pretty quickly so there will be a flurry of activity for a few weeks and then they disappear to raise their young. If you want to see them during that timeframe, place live or dried mealworms by their feeders, as they need protein during this time. Bluebirds also love mealworms.



If you do not see hummingbirds in April, do not worry. They stay around here till October so you should eventually see them at your feeders and flowers.

Make sure you clean those feeders weekly so that the nectar is fresh and jelly and oranges are not covered with ants.

Spring is time for our club season to start. A wide range of topics have been lined up for 2023. Our first meeting is Thursday, April 13th at 7:00pm.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month, April through October. Meetings are usually at 7:00pm in the Beaver Lake Clubhouse. If you are interested in gardening or in learning more about the wildlife that lives all around us, stop in. Bring a friend or neighbor and join us for a pleasant evening. Dues are \$10.00. Here are the dates and topics for our 2023 meetings.

April	13th, 2023	7:00pm	Sharing Garden Experiences
May	11th, 2023	7:00pm	Container Gardening
June	8th, 2023	6:00pm	Garden Tour around Beaver Lake
July	13th, 2023	7:00pm	All about Bees (field trip)
Aug	10th, 2023	7:00pm	NE Wildlife Refuge
Sept	14th, 2023	TBD	
Oct	12th, 2023		Social event with speaker - 'Cooking with Herbs'

You can contact me at janet.m.houston@gmail.com or just come to a meeting and sign up there. Hope to see you this year.

Submitted by
Janet Houston

Spring Boat Stickering Hours

Weekdays: April 3 to April 28
Location: Upstairs Clubhouse
Monday to Friday: Noon to 4:00pm*
(Pull vessel into drive in front of Clubhouse. Security will be upstairs to help you.)

Weekends: Stickering will begin April 15 on Saturdays (only) in April
Location: Boat Ramp
Saturdays: Noon to 5:00pm* (pending water is turned on)
(Closed Easter Weekend)

Full Time: Full time stickering will begin Monday, May 1, 2023
Location: Boat Ramp
Monday to Friday: 1:00 to 6:00pm*
Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 6:00pm*

*All stickering is weather dependent and the temperature must be above 50 degrees.

Call the security office at 402-235-2243 with any questions.

All boats on the water must have a 2023 sticker by May 1, 2023.



Current Boating Regulations can be found on the Beaver Lake Website, as well.
[2023 Boating Regulations](#)

Murray Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser

Save the Date! The Beaver Lake Association is excited to help host the annual Beach Party and fundraiser for Murray Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The event this year will be held on **Saturday, August 19, 2023**. More information will be available in the June and July News. Thank you for supporting this outstanding event!



From Your Friends at the BLA Office

2021 Water Quality Report Posted

The new 2022 Water Quality Report can be found in the Forms section of the Website, (under Information.) [2022 Water Quality Report](#)

Brush Site

The Brush Site re-opened for the year on Monday, March 6, 2023.

2023 Dues and Water Rates

- Water and Sewer rates are now a base of \$18.75 for water and \$13.25 for sewer. Then each 1000 gallons after will be \$4.02 for water and \$2.74 for sewer.
- Dues rates for 2023 will be \$277.52 quarterly or \$1110.08 for the year.

2023 Calendar Reservations

2023 **Clubhouse, Pavilion & Pool** reservations can be made now.

2023 **Campground** reservations can be made now. The BLA campground will open Mid-April to the beginning of May, depending upon the weather.

Call the BLA office and speak to Heather about your reservation!

Pet Tags

Pet tags do not need to be renewed until the beginning of 2024. But if you have a new pet – or one who hasn't been tagged yet – please fill out the Pet Tag form in the [Forms Section](#) of the website. Tags will be \$5 for the remainder of 2023. Then renewal tags will be \$10 for 2 years at the beginning of 2024.

BLA Website: www.beaverlakene.org

The BLA Website is now your home for all official Beaver Lake News, Calendar info, Advertising, Handbook, Documents, Board & Committee minutes, and Information Make sure to check it regularly!

Online Payments

Don't forget you can now pay your Beaver Lake bills online by clicking [Pay Online](#) from the main menu of the website! Call the office if you have questions.

New Property Owners

- Check out the Beaver Lake Website! There is a plethora of useful information.
- You can also stop by the Beaver Lake Office for a Welcome Packet.
- We'd love to have you fill out a [Membership Information Form](#) if you haven't already!