

Douglas County Lakes Association 2020

Greetings from the DCLA. 2019 was a good year. We have developed an exciting working relationship with the Legacy of the Lakes Museum; working together to offer educational events. The DCLA executive committee attended several association annual meetings and we appreciate the input we received. We had one of our best years with walleye stocking. Two additional lakes will be getting loon nesting platforms this year. DCLA has upgraded its web page; please check it out.

The Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund continues to raise funds to support projects in Douglas County with the support of our Commissioners. The WQLF provides matching funds for two projects this year. One with Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District and one with US Fish and Wildlife Service. We expect to do expanded stream water quality testing this year. WQLF has its own web page.

We had speakers at most of our monthly board meetings. They have been on a wide range of lake related issues and are very informative. All DCLA members are welcome to attend these sessions. Gene Rose and Steve Henry along with invited guests appear on KXRA's Open Line monthly. Please contact the Executive Committee to suggest topics for programs.

The greatest disappointment was the grant applied for by Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation for the Ditch 23 project on Lake Ida was not approved. They will be reapplying in this year. DCSWCD did receive two grants for water quality; one for a soil erosion project on north Lake Ida and the other covers any project in the Long Prairie Watershed. If you have a project to protect this watershed contact your lake association or DCSWCD.

2020 has already brought significant challenges with the COVID-19 restrictions on meetings. We need to continue our focus on water quality; working together and recruiting others to accomplish our goals.

Steve Henry