
STURGEON CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 472
Side Lake, Minnesota 55781

Welcome friends and neighbors of the Sturgeon Chain of Lakes (Big Sturgeon, Little Sturgeon, West Sturgeon, South Sturgeon, Side, Beatrice, and Perch) and the Side Lake Community! I wanted to take a moment to not only introduce myself but also to familiarize you with the Sturgeon Chain Lake Association (SCLA), what we are working on, and how you can join the Association and support our efforts.

While I have not always been a resident of Side Lake, I have spent the majority of my life camping at our campgrounds, swimming and fishing in our lakes, riding on our ATV and snowmobile trails, and sitting around the fire taking in the pure beauty of my surroundings. I love this community and the people that live and play within it, and that is why I decided to get involved in the Sturgeon Chain Lake Association.

The Association was founded in 1999 by Roger Meittunen. Roger was an incredible advocate for our lakes, rivers, and channels and worked tirelessly with consultants and legislators to ensure that they would be protected for future generations to come. Upon the completion of Roger's tenure, the Association was handed down to Bill Vukich and then Carl Schneider and Ace Staniger. While each continued with Roger's vision for the Association, they also expanded their efforts towards stocking our lakes with fish and controlling the effects of an out-of-control beaver population.

As I have now been given the opportunity to lead this Association, my primary focus will always be on the health of the lakes within our coverage area. Our ongoing programs will now include preventing aquatic invasive species (AIS), fisheries management, health and clarity of the lakes, channel and landing maintenance, and community infrastructure. In addition to the items listed above, we want to be able to help the members of this Association with any lake related issues that they may be having (ie. boats, docks, lifts, etc.). But in order to accomplish any of these tasks, we need funding and a strong volunteer network. That is where you all come in!

Please help me to ensure that this incredible chain of lakes stays healthy and vibrant and that our neighbors and friends have the support that they need to continue living in this community. Click on one of the "Join Now" links within our website and become a member of the Sturgeon Chain Lake Association now. Remember, we can accomplish a lot more as a group than as individuals.

Thank you for your support!

Matt Specht

Matt Specht
Sturgeon Chain Lake Association
sturgeonlanding1@gmail.com
651-315-0403