

The Sugar Lake News

JULY 2012

2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 4-SLA Picnic

August 18-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 1-5K Run/Walk

September 1-Diane's Lights Night

September 15- SLA Meeting*

October 20-SLA Meeting*

*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna
Township hall at
8:00 a.m.

September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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12282 Hart Ave NW
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E-mail membership@sugarlake.org

Annual Picnic

It is annual picnic time! Come out and enjoy the day with your friends, family, and neighbors from around the lake. Check in at the membership table for your name tag and raffle entry. Enjoy the great food, drinks, kids' games, educational opportunities, and annual raffle.

Date: Saturday, August 4

Place: Enghausers, SE corner of the lake.

Schedule of events :

8 a.m.	Setup
12 noon	Picnic starts
1 to 3 p.m.	Kids' games
3 p.m.	Raffle and door prize drawings

Food will be served all afternoon until it is gone.

- Please clean up after yourself, and be sure you don't leave anything behind on the grounds.
- Please note that registration and a name tag will be required for food and drink. Please register as soon as you arrive.
- Please leave your dogs at home.
- If you are bringing extra guests consider making a donation to help cover the cost.
- Anyone under 40 should be prepared to show ID for beer or wine service.

There are still one-hour shifts available for serving food.

Please donate an hour of your time at the picnic to help make it a success for everyone.

If you can help please contact:

Deb Beltrand 952-944-1526

email: dbeltrand@comcast.net

If you are interested in donating prizes for the picnic
or know someone who is please contact :

Betsy Hanson

320-963-5772



No-wake ordinance vote

The proposed no-wake ordinance from Wright County was available for the membership to discuss at the June membership meeting. Because there were differences in the final draft of the ordinance and what had been presented to the membership, a motion was made and passed to send information and ballots to the membership to accept or reject the county high water no-wake ordinance as written. The results of that vote were tabulated at the July meeting. A three person election committee was appointed to validate and count the ballots. Members of the judging committee included Sue Dixon, Laurie Erickson, and Karen Gusaas. Karen reported the results as :

Total votes	124
Accept	60
Reject	64

The Sugar Lake Association has asked the County Attorney to remove language including Sugar Lake in the no-wake portion of the ordinance. As individuals you may still follow this issue with Corinna and Clearwater Townships and participate in the public hearing the County will hold.

The latest lake report

By Dan Erdmann

The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
07-17-07	11'	78°	85°	16"	21"
07-16-08	11'	75°	75°	25"	30"
07-17-09	10'	70°	63°	17"	22"
07-20-10	10'	75°	70°	24"	30"
07-13-11	9.5'	80°	69°	30.5"	35.5"
07-20-12	11'	81°	93°	19.25"	24.25"

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 245. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Marianne Borgeson. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Marianne of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Marianne at 320-963-2674 or email membership@sugarlake.org.

News Flash

The Sugar Lake Association maintains two email lists for communication with membership:

News Flash: This list is used to send information about invasive species treatment, event announcements, member information, government information, etc. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail to newsflash@sugarlake.org requesting addition.

For Sale: This list is used to send information about items "for sale" by the membership. To subscribe to this list send an email to forsale@sugarlake.org requesting addition.

If you wish to unsubscribe follow the instructions in the email you receive from the list or send an email requesting removal to the addresses listed above.

For the latest news on Sugar Lake visit our website:

www.sugarlake.org

Treasurer's Report

As of July 21, 2012

General Fund	\$38,731.55
Lake Improvement Fund	\$24,772.15
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$92,420.44
Total All Funds	\$162,924.14

Rainfall

July rainfall through the 28th has been 2.80 inches. We are running about 2 inches above normal for the year. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing rainfall data.

Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend Father Marty Shallbetter will celebrate a Catholic Mass at his family's cabin which is on the west side of Sunset point. The address is 11777 Gulden Av. N W (area G). Mass will start at 10 AM and refreshments will be served after. Some chairs will be provided however, you may want to bring your own. If you wish to come by boat, you may tie up at any of the neighboring docks. All are welcome.

Township News

Corinna Township Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. The Corinna Town Hall is located on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Clerk: Mary Barkley Brown 320-274-8049

- Visit the Corinna Township website at www.corinnatownship.com.
- Junk amnesty day will be held Saturday, July 30, 7:30 am to noon at the Corinna Township Hall.

Clearwater Township Town Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Clearwater Town Hall is located on Highway 24, 3-1/2 miles south of Clearwater.

Clerk: Jean Just —Town Hall Phone: 320-558-6790

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com.

Annual Meeting and Board Election

Proxy vote ballots and candidate statements for the candidates interested in serving as Board members are enclosed. You may cast your vote in person at the annual meeting, August 18, or you may vote by mail. Please return your ballot to the SLA secretary, Andrea Welter, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 18.

Charlotte Schreiner recently resigned her board position. Trudy Richter was appointed by the board at the July meeting to complete Charlotte's term. Appointments to the board require membership confirmation at the next election. You will find a section added to the ballot included with this newsletter to confirm the appointment. Please vote to confirm the appointment of Trudy to complete the open term.

**Proxy
Sugar Lake Association
Annual Meeting
August 18, 2012**

Sugar Lake Association Bylaws, Article 4, Section 10;

A vote may be cast in person or by proxy, provided that proxies shall be in writing, shall be only for the particular meeting designated therein, and shall be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting.

I appoint _____ SLA Chairman, Ron Elsner or
_____ SLA Member, _____
(Print Member Name)

as holder of my Proxy to vote on my behalf at the Sugar Lake Annual meeting
August 18, 2012. My proxy for Directors should be cast as shown below.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I am a Sugar Lake Association member.

Select up to 6 Candidates for Director:

_____ Gary Borrell
_____ Joann DeGrood
_____ Laurie Erickson
_____ Dale Gustafson
_____ Paul Gustafson
_____ Jeff Jonswald

Vote to confirm the appointment of the following director

Trudy Richter

_____ Yes

_____ No

- **Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, 2012, to:**
Andrea Welter
PO Box 696
Maple Lake, MN 55358

Sugar Lake Association Candidates for the Board of Directors

Gary Borrell

Lake Address: 6867 124 St NW, Annandale, MN, 55302

Area: A; Owner/Seasonal resident; an association member for 22 years

Our kids have grown up enjoying our summer cabin and now as adults appreciate it even more. They are already looking forward to the time when they can introduce their own kids to fishing, skiing and camp fires. My objective is make sure that we do everything possible to protect and ideally improve our lake quality for future generations. The Lake Association has done a fantastic job over the years to help preserve the Lake and I will be proud to assist them moving forward.

Joann DeGrood

Lake Address: 6243 117 St NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: F; Owner/Seasonal resident; an association member for 20 years

Our family has enjoyed Sugar Lake since 1978. We have appreciated the efforts and volunteer work that has been shared by so many of the lake members. I hope I can help to continue the shared interest to keep and improve the shores of Sugar Lake

Laurie (Berkness) Erickson

Lake Address: 10621 Hollister Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: N; Owner/Seasonal resident; an association member for 25 years

Our family has been on the lake in the summer time since 1987. I have 2 adult sons. My dad loves to fish and I love to waterski, so I know the importance of respect for each other and our activities. I appreciate seeing people enjoy time together at the lake, quiet times and activity filled with laughter. I love seeing the loons, the sunsets and the sparkling water. I want to contribute to Sugar Lake, so that it remains healthy with high water quality for future generations. May time at the lake fill your soul and enrich your life.

Dale Gustafson

Lake Address: 12439 Guildner Ave NW, Annandale, MN, 55302

Area: A; Owner/Seasonal resident; an association member

Paul B. Gustafson

Lake Address: 11330 Hoyer Ave NW, Annandale, MN, 55302

Area: T; Owner/Full time resident; an association member for 20 years

The lake is a second front yard for all our homes. It needs continued protection and care to keep it, at minimum, at the level we enjoy today. I served as a Director about 12 years ago. Now being fully retired, I have even more personal time to devote to the invasive species fight and to support future efforts related to silt infiltration in the southeast area of the lake.

Jeff Jonswald

Lake Address: 11963 Grant Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN, 55358

Area: E; Owner/Seasonal resident; an association member for 15 years

Our cabin property has been in the family since the late 1940s and I have enjoyed Sugar Lake since I joined the family in 1971. My immediate family has spent every summer at the lake and now our grandchildren are having the time of their lives enjoying their extended family time at "Sugar". For many years I have watched others be involved in the Association, doing so much to maintain the beauty and integrity of the lake, and, as I attended some of the meetings, I felt perhaps it might be my time to give back through the Association some of what many have given to my family over the years.

YOUR SLA PICNIC PRIZES

In recent years we have had a wide variety of door prizes for members who attend the picnic. These prizes have been in addition to the raffle ticket winnings, lunch and beverages, game prizes and other membership "freebies" such as the directory. As always, it takes a team of volunteers and a lot of follow-up hours to seek out these items from the local businesses, several of whom have been feeling the squeeze of multiple lake association requests during a tight economic time.

Perhaps you read the requests for our members to offer gift items that could be among our door prizes. Did your family participate? IT'S NOT TOO LATE to contact Betsy Hanson (320.963.5772) to donate. All items are welcome. Thank you for being a good neighbor and helping make this event successful!

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

Luminary's, or Farolito's as they were known, originated many years ago in old Mexico. To celebrate a holiday, villagers would build rows of small campfires leading from the road to their hacienda. The Pastores would seek out the best displays and sing songs, or carol the occupants of that hacienda. The tradition was then to invite the carolers in for something to eat. The Pueblo people of New Mexico brought the tradition to this country and substituted paper bags with candles in them for the campfires. This is the 16th year the association has observed this wonderful tradition on Sugar Lake. The holiday celebrated is Labor Day and the end of the summer season on Sugar. Saturday, Sept 1st will be the night for this year's event. The prize for the best display will be a FREE SUMMER OF PEPSI. The lake association will buy the winner a case of Pepsi product every week for the 12 weeks of summer next year. To qualify for the prize, the illumination for your display must come from a "flame." Anything from candles to campfires is acceptable. Outside electric lights of any kind will disqualify you. To enhance your display consider turning the lights inside your house down or off. This will focus the attention on the display itself. All floating docks should be illuminated or taken in for the evening to prevent any accidents. All watercraft, wishing to view the various displays, should proceed counter clockwise around the lake to minimize traffic congestion. The hope is that all lakeshore owners will participate in some way, and to the serious minded, good luck!



3rd Annual Brandon Beckman Memorial- Sugar Lake 5K Run/Walk

On Saturday, September 1, 2012, the third annual Sugar Lake 5K run/walk will take place. The start and finish line will be at the Corinna Township on Ireland Ave. Please park in the lot at the township. The race will go north on Ireland Ave, down Imhoff Ave NW, and then back on Ireland Ave. The roads will be patrolled. All ages are welcome.

Registration form available at www.sugarlake.org



This is a fun/non-USATF registered event, and the proceeds will go to the Sugar Lake Association/Lake Improvement Fund. The SLA is a 501c3, and all donations are tax deductible. Feel free to donate even if not participating.

Schedule of Events

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| 8:00 – 8:45 am | Registration/Check-In (Get numbers, t-shirts, etc) |
| 9:00 am | 5K Run/Walk (Everyone will start at the same time and at the same location) |
| 10:00 am | Brunch/Party at The Hitching Post at Lake Center |

All pre-registered participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Snacks and beverages will be provided in the parking lot after the event.

The top finishers for the 5k run will be given certificates and announced in the Sugar Lake Association newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Email Kristin at kristinturn@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to volunteer. The event will take place rain or shine!

Please make checks payable to Sugar Lake Association and mail other half of form to: Cathy Beckman, 10880 Imhoff Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302

****Remember, mail-in registration only (no email). Registration and fee need to be received by August 16, 2012, in order to get t-shirt. Registration will also be available on race day (no t-shirt).**

Registration form available at www.sugarlake.org

A table will also be available at the picnic with registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets.

Personal Watercraft

It is a good time to review the Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws. Here are some excerpts from the MN DNR pamphlet.

LAWS

Every personal watercraft operator has the legal responsibility to know the law, so please take a few minutes to review the following regulations.

WHAT IS A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT?

A personal watercraft (sometimes called PWC or by brand names such as Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea Doo, etc.) is defined by law as a motorboat powered by an inboard motor powering a jet pump or by an outboard or propeller driven motor and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat.

Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats.

In addition, personal watercraft. . .

- Are required to have a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator.
- Operators and passengers
- must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device (life vest).
- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher.
- Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of: shore (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water), docks, swimmers, swimming rafts, any moored or anchored watercraft, or non-motorized watercraft.
- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have an additional person on board to act as observer. Wide-angle rearview mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory-installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer.
- *The Wright County ordinance in effect on Sugar Lake states:*
No person shall operate a watercraft on the public waters of this county while towing any person on water skis, water tube, aqua plane, surfboard, saucer, or similar device on a federal holiday, on Saturday or Sunday or in a congested area at any time unless another person is on the watercraft and in a position to continually observe the person being towed.
- Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life vest or clothing of the operator.
- May only operate between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset (see sunset schedule).

You may not . . .

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Operate while facing backward.
- Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property.
- Operate a personal watercraft if the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed or tampered with so it interferes with the return-to-idle system.
- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other boat.
- Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

Personal Watercraft continued

AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Contact the MN DNR for home-study materials for a youth watercraft operator's permit.

It is unlawful for a PWC owner to permit its operation in violation of the age restrictions.

Less than 13 years old

May not operate, even with an adult on board.

13 years old

Must either have:

someone at least 21 on board,

or

a watercraft operator's permit and be in continuous visual observation by someone at least 21.

14-17 years old

Must either have:

a watercraft operator's permit,

or

someone at least 21 on board.

USE SOUND JUDGMENT

- **Keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind.** Try not to ride for long periods in a small area. Instead, do your riding out in the lake and away from shore and other boaters.
- **Talk to your neighbors.** See if your riding bothers them. Sometimes, just taking them out for a short ride will help them understand the fun of personal watercraft riding.
- **Don't modify your machine or do anything to make it louder.** It's illegal and discourteous to others around the lake.
- **Steer clear of illegal drugs and alcohol.** Intoxicated operation of a watercraft is not only illegal, it's also highly dangerous.

SUNSET SCHEDULE

The Sugar Lake sunset schedule for weekends in the month of August is:

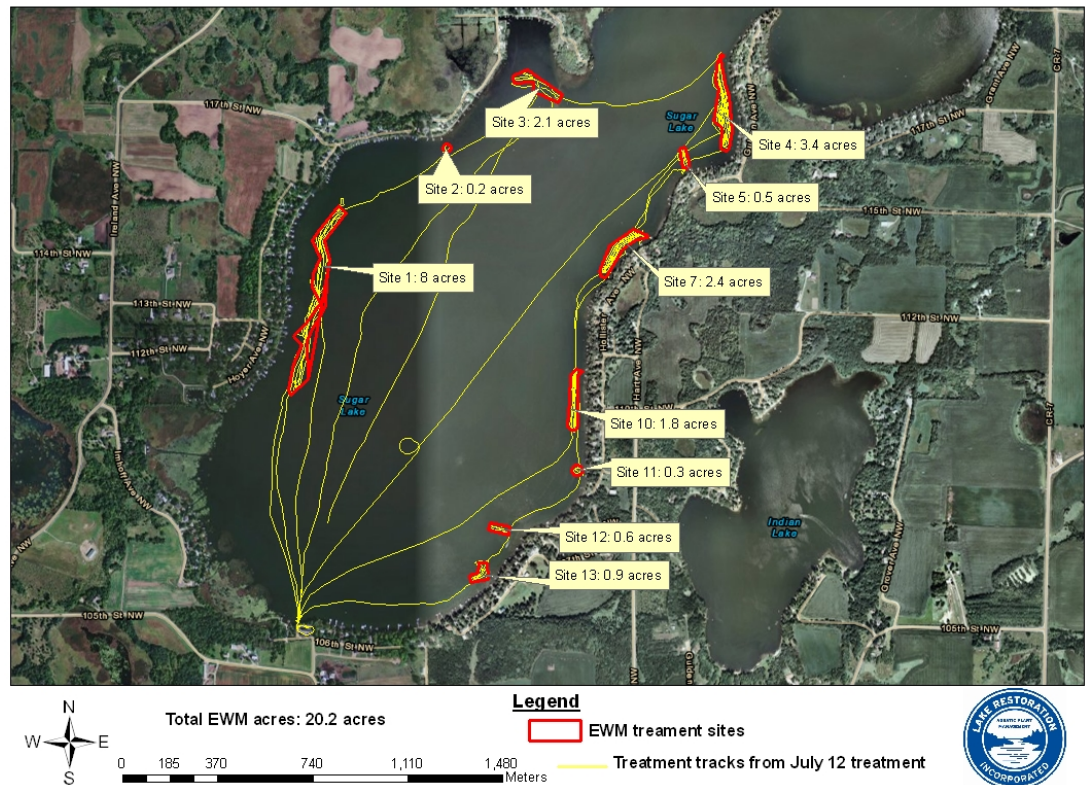
August 4	8:40pm
August 5	8:38pm
August 11	8:30pm
August 12	8:28pm
August 18	8:18pm
August 19	8:17pm
August 25	8:07pm
August 26	8:05pm

Vegetation Report

Lake Restoration treated 20.2 acres of Eurasian water milfoil on July 12, 2012. Areas treated are shown on the map below. Some plants were already showing signs of the treatment on July 20. This is encouraging because we don't usually see damage to the treated plants for 10 days to two weeks. We received test results back from the lab on Tuesday, July 17 indicating the concentration of chemical was low enough to be safe for watering all plants.

The SLA board approved a not-to-exceed expenditure of \$2000 for a full fall plant survey. This survey will inventory invasives as well as native populations. By tracking native populations we can ensure that the treatment of invasives is not adversely affecting them. We plan to contract this job to Steve McComas with Blue Water Science. Steve did the plant survey for our original Lake Vegetation Management Plan.

Sugar EWM 2012 - July 11 update



EWM Removal (Eurasian water milfoil)

It is extremely important that you attempt to remove all the EWM in the areas close to shore by your property. This is generally the area from the end of your dock to the shoreline. Because EWM is a plant that grows back from the root system, it is important to remove as much of the root system as possible. Simply cutting, raking, or pulling does very little good because the plant grows back extremely fast.

What you need to do is to remove the root system of the plant and also remove the top of plant at the same time. The best way to do this is to use a shovel or similar tool and dig around the plant roots to loosen the soil and then use your fingers to dig out the entire root system. As the water gets deeper, the process becomes much more of a challenge. However, because several of us have done it, we know it is possible.

Hopefully this sketch can help you to understand the task.

Eurasian water milfoil
"EWM"



Aug 4 Fireworks

The fireworks show, originally planned for June 30, is ready to go for the night of the annual picnic, August 4. The show takes place on the west side of the lake in area S. Joel Williams and Waconia Pyrotechnic donate all the labor for this show. If you are viewing the fireworks from the lake please pay attention to the perimeter buoys set up, listen to any announcements, and respectfully comply with any requests made to move outside the safe perimeter. The show will not start until all boats are clear of the marked perimeter.



We can still use your contributions to make our funding goal. Please send your contribution to:
SLA Treasurer
Jon Juntunen
1342 8th St NW
Buffalo, MN, 55313.

Raffle Update

One week left to sell your raffle tickets! Many thanks to all of you who have sold tickets! Raffle ticket proceeds will all go to the Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund. As always, there will be additional opportunities to buy more raffle tickets at the picnic.

If you would like more tickets to sell, please contact Jon Juntunen

320-963-7344

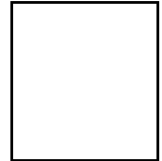
If you would like to return your sold ticket stubs and checks (NO CASH PLEASE!), made payable to the Sugar Lake Association, please send them to SLA Treasurer 1342 80th St NW, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Fisheries

Matt Kutz spoke for the fisheries committee at the July SLA meeting. He reported the following:

- We plan to spend \$1000 on additional walleye stocking this fall.
- The sign at the north access regarding keeping small north-erns will be removed. There is not one at the south access.
- Carp trap will remain closed and the team taking care of cleaning it will continue checking and cleaning as necessary.

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