



The Sugar Lake News

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sugar Lake Association Minnesota Waters' 2010 Lake Association of the Year 2009 Star Lake Recipient

2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 19-SLA Meeting*

*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna Township hall at 8:00 a.m.
March, September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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email membership@sugarlake.org.

ZEBRA MUSSELS: You can help!



If you have an hour to spend, we'd like to enlist your help in the fight against zebra mussels in Sugar Lake. While we haven't yet encountered zebra mussels in Sugar Lake, we need to be on the lookout for them. One of the places the mussels first show themselves is on submerged structures like docks and boat lifts. The end of the summer season, when docks and lifts come out of the water, is a great time to see if the mussels are present. Last October, a number of the Board members conducted an informal walk down the shoreline in their respective neighborhoods to do a quick inspection of the docks and lifts that were on shore. This year, we'd like to be a little more aggressive and formal in our approach.

So, how can YOU help? We're looking for volunteers to walk the shoreline in their respective neighborhoods, do a brief inspection of the docks and lifts that are out of the water, and report back (via email) their findings. (Note: See the map in the SLA Directory if you are unsure of your area) We'll provide directions, photos of what to look for, and an aerial photo of your Area to boot! You can do the inspection at your convenience over the course of the next few weeks. We would like to have the inspections completed by Sunday, October 20.



Please give it some thought, and let us know if you are interested in participating. You can reply to the Sugar Lake Association (zebra@sugarlake.org)

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate with the SLA when we have events and Diane's Lights Night was one of them this year. The day started out fine but as evening came, so did the storm clouds. The weather service predicted rain so it was no surprise. They also said that the following day would be windy because of an approaching cold front and it was. Because of this, Diane's Lights Night was canceled. They say that a storm cloud has a silver lining and in this case it is true. All the planning and preparation you did this year can be used next Labor Day weekend so save your materials and ideas. Hopefully next year will be clear and calm.



Water Quality Report

By Dan Erdmann

The latest lake report. The physical condition was ? on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor). .
Slight green algae tint.

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
09-15-08	10'	66°	70°	16"	21"
09-18-09	13'	72°	71°	17"	22"
09-16-10	9.5'	66°	55°	23.5"	29.5"
09-15-11	9.5'	68°	52°	23.5"	28.5"
09-14-12	10.5'	70°	71°	11.5"	17.5"
09-20-13	10.5'	70°	60°	8.75"	15.0"

A culvert inlet measurement of 8.75" is 6.75" lower than the ordinary high water mark of 15.5".

Membership

Paid membership to date this year is 268. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Cathy Beckman. She will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Cathy of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Cathy at 320-274-8623 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 for-sale@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

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.

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.

Rainfall

August rainfall was 1.0 inches. September rainfall has been 2.40 inches through Sept 26. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall totals.

Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2013

General Fund	\$13,305.16
Lake Improvement Fund	\$36,624.72
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$121,426.30</u>
Total All Funds	\$171,356.18

Newsletter

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Chairman's Corner

Sept 2013

It's difficult to believe that another summer is wrapping up at Sugar. The migrating hummingbirds are emptying my feeders daily, the native grasses are golden, and scarlet leaves are barely clinging to the sumac.



As docks are brought in this fall, don't forget to report a final reading of your zebra brick to zebra@sugarlake.org. Anyone interested in joining this important program next year should check the web site (www.sugarlake.org) on how to sign up.

Many thanks to the Quinns for their 11 years of lake quality monitoring. We now have phosphorus and chlorophyll content plus secchi disk readings for 56 samples over the 11 years. This data is used to track lake health and is invaluable when applying for outside funding for lake improvement projects.

I'm planning to put together an album of historic lake photos for the web site this winter. If you have any photos I could scan and add to our growing collection, please contact me: suther@acm.org.

Best Regards,

Karen Sutherland

SLA Committees

The real work of the Sugar Lake Association happens in committee. Go to www.sugarlake.org and click on the volunteer link to see a list and short description of the committees and contact information. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the person listed.

Committees that are currently active and need your help include:

- Education
- Fisheries
- Fundraising
- Government Liaison
- Lake Vegetation
- Lakescapers
- Membership
- Communication
- Picnic
- Water Quality Improvement

2012/2013 Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors

Terms expiring August 31, 2014

Jon Juntunen
Mike Mengelkoch
Don Peterson
Charlotte Quiggle
Peter Ramme
Trudy Richter

Terms expiring August 31, 2015

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

Terms expiring August 31, 2016

Cathy Beckman
Bob Peltier
Karen Sutherland
Janet Tift
Ken Vande Steeg

2012/2013 Officers

Chairman: Karen Sutherland
Vice-Chairman: Don Peterson
Treasurer: Jon Juntunen
Secretary: Laurie Erickson

Water Patrol

Please be sure you remove all buoys and any other equipment from the water this fall. Anything left in the lake can present a hazard to winter lake traffic.

2012-13 Budget

An expense budget and an income budget to support it were approved by the SLA board at the September meeting.

Budgeted expenses are:

General Fund	\$11,040.00
Lake Improvement Fund	\$9,800.00
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$61,085.00

Budgeted income:

General Fund	\$17,625.00
Lake Improvement Fund	\$6,900.00
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$58,600.00

4th Annual Brandon Beckman Memorial 5K Run/Walk

Pictures by Ken Vande Steeg

An appreciated break in the hot, humid weather came just in time for approximately 110 walkers and runners on Saturday, August 31, for the 4th annual “Brandon Beckman Memorial-Sugar Lake 5K.”

Runners, walkers, volunteers, and even a few dogs enjoyed the beautiful morning. First place runner was Elizabeth Schlafke, 10th grade, of Annandale. Second place went to Kyle McCreight, lifelong friend of Brandon Beckman. Third place, and a very impressive finish for young Johnny Cantin, 10-year old of Buffalo, grandson of Les and Linda Cantin, longtime Sugar Lake summer residents.

Kristin Beltrand-Turner, race director, and Cathy & Doug Beckman announced that approximately \$2,004 was raised for the Sugar Lake Association, Lake Improvement Fund.

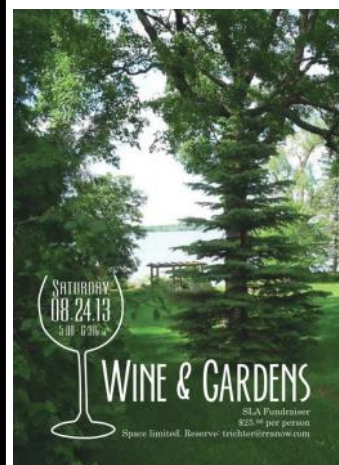
Many thanks to Oak Realty-Steve Bruggeman for donations of water, Steve Harnett-Keebler for snacks. Wright County Reserves and Jake Pirim-EMT. Prizes donated by “Endurance Shop”, St. Cloud for the winners. Many thanks to all those who participated, volunteered, and donated.



5K Run/Walk



Wine & Gardens



Approximately 40 lake neighbors participated in the first annual Wine and Garden Fundraiser and had the experience to taste some Minnesota wines, cheese, sausages, and a sampling of wines from other countries. Even beer from a local brewery was added to the mix. Some of the featured items were: *Little Iza*, a wine from Millner Heritage Winery in Kimball that won the Cold Climate Wine Competition Governor's Cup. The beer was from Enki Brewery in Victoria. The 4 featured cheeses were: Camembert-style cheese from Alemar cheese Company in Mankato, Chevre from Stickney Hill Dairy in Kimball, Friesago, semi-aged sheep milk, from Shepherd's Way Farms, Northfield, and the favorite cheese--Espresso Bellavitano, Sartori Cheese Co. in Plymouth, WI. All cheeses were purchased at Lakewinds Natural Food in Minnetonka. And, hands down, the favorite sausage was a Jalapeno Cheddar Summer Sausage from McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake.



Thanks to Karen Sutherland for hosting the event and Trudy Richter and Cindi Peterson for organizing/purchasing/pouring.

Outdoor Catholic Mass

This year's outdoor Catholic Mass was a great success. Although the day was windy and the candles wouldn't stay lit, the Mass went on. There were 116 attendees from around the lake and neighborhood.

Fr. Marty Shallbetter was the celebrant. Gary Williamson remembered his training from his youth and was the Altar Boy. A collection was taken up and \$386 was donated to the Annandale Free Store. Refreshments were served after and people visited for almost an hour. Thanks to all who helped put on this event and all who came. We plan on doing it again next year so mark your calendar.



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