



The Sugar Lake News

AUGUST 2018

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

2018

September 1-Diane's Lights Night

September 15- SLA Meeting*

October 20-SLA Meeting*

November 17-SLA Meeting*

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

September, October & November
meetings at 9 a.m.

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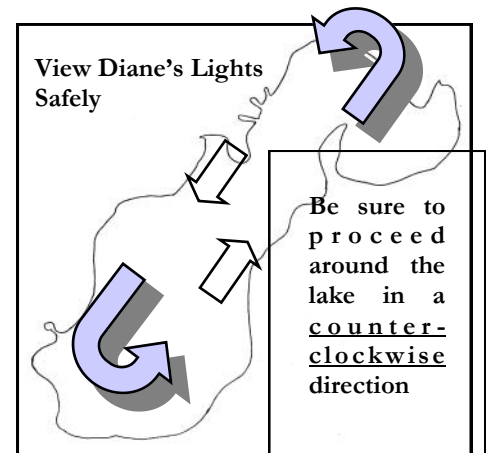
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Diane's Lights Night By Doc Williams

The end of summer is fast approaching and we must say good-bye to another beautiful season on the lake. Before that happens the Lake Association has one last event for you to enjoy, and it's the most beautiful of the season. On Saturday evening of Labor Day Weekend, all lakeshore owners are invited to decorate their property with luminaries and celebrate Diane's Lights Night. **If it rains on Saturday after 12 PM this event will take place on Sunday.** Your display can be as little as a few luminaries on the end of your dock to something grand. A number of people in the past have done what they considered just a fun display and ended up winning, so why not give it a shot? Your grandchildren are a great source of help. A number of past winners have been designed and constructed by them. For the most outstanding displays a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be chosen. All winners will get bragging rights but 1st place will get 12 cases of Pepsi product donated by Bernicks Beverage of St. Cloud. The rules are simple for contestants. All lighting for your display must come from a flame of some sort — candles, torches, campfires, or anything else that creates a flame. Any electric lighting will disqualify you for the contest. The more displays we have, big or small, the more the lake we love will shine in the night for all to see. As twilight approaches, light your display then hop in your watercraft and proceed counter clockwise around the lake to avoid congestion, and view what others have done. We ask owners of swim rafts to bring them in or light them in some way to avoid accidents.

Participate, view, and enjoy the evening.



Water Quality Report.

By Dan Erdmann

The latest lake report. The physical condition was 3 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
08-15-12	10.5	76°	79°	15.75"	21.75"
08-16-13	10'	76°	78°	11.5"	17"
08-20-14	14'	78°	82°	15.5"	20.5"
08-06-15	11'	78°	76°	25.0"	29.5"
08-18-16	10'	79°	77°	24.75"	28.25"
08-23-17	11'	72°	66°	16.00"	21.00"
08-10-18	8'	80°	75°	12.25"	17.75"

Membership

Paid membership is at 287. If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Membership at the email listed below. Notify us of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact membership by email at:

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 membership@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 membership@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

Newsletter

Help save postage and printing costs by subscribing to the electronic version of the Sugar Lake News. You will receive a PDF file by email that looks like this newsletter *but in color*.

Contact newsletter@sugarlake.org with your email address if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2018

General Fund	\$36,196.67
Lake Improvement Fund	\$49,706.10
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$122,917.95</u>
Total All Funds	\$208,820.72

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

July rainfall totaled 2.96 inches. Thanks to Doug Beckman for providing rainfall data.

Sugar Lake Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 18. The results are:

New Board Members

(Terms expire August 31, 2021)

Dan Salfer

Mark Ertl

The following were appointed to open positions and will be confirmed at the next election:

Mike Emerson

Michael Rosenburger

Mark Snyder

Diane Hall

Elected officers for 2018/2019:

Chair—Dan Erdmann

Vice Chair—Scott Radtke

Secretary—Andrea Welter

Treasurer—Ron Elsner

Thank You

Thanks to the following outgoing board members.

Kathy Suddendorf

Doug Miller

Marsha Schrupp

Keith Theisen

Paul Gustafson

Don Peterson

Sally Quinn Phenow

End of Season Food Drive

As many of us clean out the cabins for the off season, there are always plenty of leftover non-perishable food items to deal with. Every year, we pack up the leftovers, haul them home, and then have to unload and re-shelve them all. Again this year, there is a more convenient way to deal with them: Donate them to the Annandale Food Shelf at a drop-off right here at Sugar Lake.

The collection point will be a weatherproof container at Elsner's cabin (10995 Hollister; At the corner of Hollister and 110th on the east side of the lake). Donations will be accepted (24/7) from Labor Day weekend thru the first weekend in October. The container will be in front of the garage with a sign above. You can't miss it!!

Questions? Contact Ron (612-718-2087) or LuAnn (651-338-7239) Elsner

Chair's Corner

Reflections

Hard to imagine that a year has gone by since I stepped back into the role as Chair of the Association. It has been an eventful year. I believe the membership has a lot to be proud of in the work the Board and other volunteers have done this past year. Last fall, as the Board talked about plans for the year, Board members decided to make this "The Year of Automation". And, I am glad to tell you that they delivered: cash and banking functions were moved to on-line banking; membership functions were moved to a single, user-friendly web application; the on-line payment feature for Dues and Donations was initiated on the SLA website; and responsibility for bookkeeping functions was transferred to our accountant. The great part of the whole deal is that these systems all 'talk' to each other with relative ease. The net result is that the 'busy' work required of Board members is reduced, and we have uniform processes that will serve the Association well for years to come.

In addition to the Board, thanks are owed to the many member volunteers who take care of routine tasks, and who make our events happen. Hearty thanks go to all who give of their time for: Fishing Tournament, Carp Trap Inspection and Cleaning, Water Quality Measurement and Sampling, Golf Outing, Annual Picnic, 5K Run, Apparel Sales, Diane's Lights Night, Vegetation Committee, and Watercraft Inspection Coordination.

During the past year, I have had the opportunity to interface with a number of lake associations around the state. Those experiences only served to reinforce my view that Sugar Lake Association is a great organization with a very generous and committed membership. I consider it an honor to have served as its Chair.

Best Regards,
Ron

PS – Remember to **Be Safe** out there!!

PICNIC 2018

Picnic Recap

Picnic photos by Ken Vande Steeg

A rainy Saturday forced a postponement of the picnic until Sunday. The last time we had to postpone the picnic was in 2002. Perfect weather on Sunday drew a crowd of 450.

Deb Beltrand did an excellent job of organizing the picnic and was helped by many volunteers. Thanks to Deb and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the annual picnic a success. Thank you for the extra donations for extra guests. Thanks to all the members and others who donated door prizes. Thanks to Karl Enghauser and Rick Kanniainen for hosting the picnic on their grounds.



Deb Beltrand



Carol & Rick Kanniainen, Karl Enghauser.

Raffle winners were:

- 1st: Elvira Hanson
- 2nd: Toni DeNucci
- 3rd: Nancy Dunn

We are sorry to report that Elvira passed away July 1 this year. Thank you to her family for donating the prize money back to the SLA Invasive Species Fund in her name.



2018 Sugar Lake Benefit Golf Outing

59 Golfers enjoyed a great day at Southbrook. They were joined by an additional 25 for dinner. The weather was perfect and dinner was excellent. Many door prizes were handed out. Thank you to all who helped, participated, and donated to this great event.

Thank you Greg and Joni Selle for organizing and hosting the event.

Winners:

Joe Mendesh, Luke Paterson, Sam Cassidy, Nate Finger

Special Thanks to:

Maureen Prestifilippo - Hole in One Official



Donations

Joni & Greg Selle
 Morey's Fish – Greg Frank
 Hirschfields Paint
 Sherwin Williams
 Pittsburg Paints
 Jim & Julie Mendesh
 George Patterson and Medina
 Ballroom
 Rob & Karen Gusaas
 And anyone I may have forgotten.



Hole Sponsors

GE Selle / Coldwell Banker – Greg & Joni Selle
 Electrolux—Gary Grant
 Mort-Patterson LLC – Joel Morton, Greg Paterson
 Process Control Systems – Don Peterson
 MG Painting – Paul Hanson
 Z-Marine – Steve Ziebarth
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 M&M Express – Maple Lake
 Jaeger Family Trust—Greg Jaeger
 360 Wall Systems—Jeff Lipinski
 The Handyman (Putz) - Joe Biondo
 Hirschfields of Plymouth
 Shand Painting
 Chris Johnson
 Keith & Stephanie Eiler
 Pittsburg Paints
 Sherwin Williams—Nick Sawicky, Chris Mauza
 Steve & Carrie Powers



Report to the Membership: Accomplishments and Future Plans

August signals the end of the fiscal year for the Association. As part of the year end process, the August meeting of the Board of Directors includes a membership meeting to conduct any business that may require action of the membership-at-large. As part of that year-end process, it is customary for organizations to review the year gone-by, and look forward to events of the coming year. In that vein, we would like to share this year's accomplishments, and some of next year's plans.

2018 Accomplishments

During the course of the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year, the Association's standing list of events was accomplished in good order. Those events include: Fishing Tournament, Golf Outing, Annual Picnic, 5K Run, and Diane's Lights Night.

In addition to standing events, a variety of routine duties were also performed by a host of member volunteers. Those activities include: Carp Trap Inspection and Cleaning, Water Quality Measurement and Sampling, Apparel Sales, Vegetation Committee, and Watercraft Inspection Coordination.

The Board of Directors also accomplished a number of significant items on behalf of the SLA membership:

- Developed and adopted a 'Rapid Response Plan' for addressing potential future infestations of Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Migrated various administrative and financial functions to digital platforms: cash and banking functions were moved to on-line banking; membership functions were moved to a single, user-friendly web application; the on-line payment feature for Dues and Donations was initiated on the SLA website; and responsibility for bookkeeping functions was transferred to our accountant.
- Increased SLA membership to 283 members/families. 34 new members this year; up 54 from two years ago. Along with the membership increases, total contributions to SLA in 2018 topped \$51,000. This is the largest amount recorded in a single year. Developed a formal list of 135+ membership prospects, and reached out to prospects with an invitation to the annual picnic.
- Voted to support the Wright County Regional Inspection Pilot Program (WRIP) requiring inspection of all watercraft entering Lake Sylvia, Pleasant Lake, and Lake John. As part of this support, the Board made a formal request to the Wright County Board to be included in the pilot program if and when expansion is allowed. Also represented Sugar Lake interests on the WRIP Governance Council.
- Initiated efforts with Wright County to improve highway signage approaching the North Landing.
- Moved the Invasive Species Treatment approval process to a 'public notice' approach, eliminating the labor and expense required for individual mailings.
- Updated and refreshed the SLA website.

Thanks to the Board members, Event Coordinators, and all of the dedicated volunteers who give of their time for the betterment of Sugar Lake.

Plans for 2019

In addition to discharging the routine duties of the Board, the following items are being considered for the upcoming year:

- Refine the Invasive Species 'Rapid Response Plan', adopting the electronic forms developed by Ramsey County to streamline the notification process that is required in the event of an infestation.
- Develop water quality improvement projects for consideration by the Board.
- Initiate a Strategic Financial Planning Committee. Operating expenses of the Association have increased significantly with the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in the region. The goal of the committee would be to develop a plan to sustain the Association financially for the future, with a particular eye toward the needs required to respond to potential future infestations of unknown Aquatic Invasive Species.

August 2018; SSW in found in Pleasant Lake

During the first week of August, the invasive plant Starry Stonewort was found in Pleasant Lake. The link to the DNR press release is provided below:

http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/2018/08/10/starry-stonewort-confirmed-in-pleasant-lake-in-wright-county/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

While the infestation is small, and can be pulled out by hand, it is worrisome nonetheless. Pleasant Lake is the second lake in close proximity to Sugar Lake to have been infested by Starry Stonewort, with Lake Sylvia being the first. It points up the need for us all to remain aware, and be on the lookout for unusual vegetation in the lake.

Earlier this summer, Blue Water Science conducted an underwater survey of the vegetation in Sugar Lake. The divers sampled plants in over 200 locations around the lake. No Starry Stonewort was found. The Association has periodically conducted these surveys. The results of these surveys have allowed us to better understand the variety of native vegetation in Sugar Lake, as well as to keep track of the growth and movement of invasive species. These surveys will be conducted routinely for the foreseeable future.

The Sugar Lake Association Board of Directors adopted an invasive species 'Rapid Response Plan' last year. The plan outlines the steps to be taken to address a potential future invasive species infestation (be it Starry Stonewort, Zebra Mussels, or other) in a timely fashion to minimize impact to the lake.

Sugar Lake Weather

Dave Arnason in area E maintains a local weather station. The link below is the Weather Underground connection to his station. It reports current conditions on Sugar Lake, weather history, links to a Maple Lake forecast, and a local weather radar. Click the link below or go to wunderground.com and search for KMNMAPLE41.

Weather link:

www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KMNMAPLE41

Outdoor Catholic Mass

On Sunday of Labor Day weekend Father Marty Shallbetter will again celebrate an outdoor Catholic Mass at his family's cabin. It is located on the west side of Sunset point at 11777 Gulden Av. N W (area G). Park on the west side of the road. If you wish to come by boat, you may tie up at any of the neighboring docks. Look for the sign. 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. Please join us.

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