



The Sugar Lake News

JULY 2018

2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28-Golf Benefit

August 4-SLA Picnic

August 18-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

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.

Send Newsletter submissions to:

Don Peterson

E-mail don@sugarlakemn.net

For membership,

address, e-mail, or property owner
changes

contact :

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 and adjoining Kanniainen property, SE corner of the lake. 7112-108 St NW, Maple 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.*

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

Text or call 952-210-2511

email: dbeltrand@comcast.net

If you, or someone you know, are interested in donating prizes for the picnic

please contact:

Gary Borrell

651-503-3470

Email: garyborrell@yahoo.com

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
07-20-12	11'	81°	93°	19.25"	24.25"
07-19-13	13'	83°	74°	17"	22"
07-16-14	15'	74°	70°	21.5"	26.5"
07-17-15	13'	80°	78°	20.25"	25.25"
07-15-16	9'	76°	74°	22.25"	26.25"
07-14-17	12'	76°	73°	16.50"	21.50"
07-21-18	11'	80°	76°	14.50"	20.00"

Membership

Paid membership is over 250. 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

Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2018

General Fund	\$24,151.42
Lake Improvement Fund	\$49,701.44
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$130,328.75
Total All Funds	\$204,181.61

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.

Annual Meeting and Board Election

Proxy vote ballots 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 address listed on the ballot, on or before 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 18.

Rainfall

June rainfall was 4.24 inches. Thanks to Doug Beckman for providing rainfall data.

Proxy
Sugar Lake Association
Annual Meeting
August 18, 2018

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, 2018. 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 Candidates for Director by placing a mark next to the name:
_____ Dan Salfer

- Please return this form on or before 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, 2018, to:
- The Sugar Lake Association
- PO Box 373
- Annandale, MN 55302

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Vegetation Report

This year we hired Steve McComas of Blue Water Science to do a complete invasive plant survey of Sugar Lake looking particularly for Curly leaf pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) in the entire lake. He did that by driving his boat in a zig zag pattern from near shore to a depth where the plants don't grow and then back again, etc. He examined over 200 locations by tossing a rake and retrieving plant samples looking for EWM and CLP. We have maps indicating where he traveled and sampled. He found CLP and/or EWM in very few locations. Dan Erdman and I have reviewed several of the sites where Steve found some CLP and EWM, but none of them appear to be significant enough for us to treat. We have a few other areas we need to check, and we will continue to watch these areas to see if they develop into treatable areas. Please watch around your part of the lake and areas where you travel. If you see any areas of EWM that has matted on the surface, please contact Dan or me so we can review and map those locations.

Steve McComas will do more work for us this summer and will deliver a very detailed report about our vegetation and recommendations for what to do in the future.

Steve's comment about Sugar Lake is that our lake is in "extremely good condition in relation to CLP and EWM. Keep up the good work and watch for Zebra Mussels and Starry stonewort".

This VERY GOOD REPORT is possible because of your continued support of our efforts to test, find, and treat Invasive Species. Your donations have allowed our association to treat when needed to protect our native plants so we can maintain the diversity of plants that make our lake so special. Yes, we do have lots of aquatic plants in our lake and sometimes they can get to be a little too much, but the diversity and density we have are a very large part of the health of Sugar Lake.

Thank you again, and please continue your great support in the future

Dale Gustafson – Vegetation Committee

Chair's Corner

Greetings to all!

I am writing this at the end of another beautiful summer weekend on Sugar Lake. I heard some of my favorite sounds this weekend: laughing kids! Some were swimming and splashing in the water, others were gliding by on their tubes. Lots of families were enjoying the lake; many boats with 3 generations aboard. And, as usual, there were plenty of boat-to-boat and boat-to-shore greetings.

Sugar Lake is a great place, in no small part, as a result of the efforts of the Sugar Lake Association. Blue Water Science, a marine biology service organization, recently completed their underwater survey of lake vegetation. The divers found that our native plants are healthy, and our invasive plants are under control. They commended us for doing an 'excellent' job of controlling our invasive plants. Dale Gustafson's article in this edition of the newsletter has more information. Please take the time to read it.

There are some members who wonder if their dues and donations are being put to good use. Here is some proof-positive that those funds are being well spent. . . . You have done well, Sugar Lake! Keep up the good work!

We have added a number of new members this year. Greetings to you all! We hope to see you at the picnic.

Regards,
Ron

PS: Don't forget to **Clean, Drain, and Dry** if you are transporting your boat!

End of Season Food Drive

Again this year, we will be conducting an 'End of Season' food drive to collect non-perishable food items. We still have plenty of summer left, but keep it in mind in the coming weeks. Donations will go to the Annandale Food Shelf. The collection point will be Elsner's cabin (10995 Hollister; At the corner of Hollister and 110th on the east side of the lake).

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

Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

It's hard to believe that summer's end is only a few weeks away. We all have an opportunity, though, to say goodbye to our neighbors in a grand fashion. On Saturday night of Labor Day weekend we will hold our annual Diane's Lights Night contest. All lake shore owners are invited to put out luminaries, be it a few or many, as a way of saying farewell to another great season on Sugar Lake. For those of you who are going for the "gold" in putting up a big display remember that all illumination must come from a flame. Any electric lighting will disqualify your display.

To the first place winner goes 12 cases of Pepsi products for the twelve weeks of summer and most importantly - bragging rights. We will also have second and third place winners. Look to the September newsletter for the results.

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