



The Sugar Lake News

October 2017

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

2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 18 SLA Meeting

Planned 2018 Dates

April 21-SLA Meeting*

May 19-SLA Meeting*

June 16- SLA Meeting*

July 21-SLA Meeting*

August 4-SLA Picnic

August 18-Annual Meeting/
Board Election*

September 1-Diane's Lights Night

September 1 Sugar Lake 5K

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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Wright Regional Inspection Program Approved

After months of review, comment, negotiation, and revision, State of Minnesota DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr approved the Wright Regional Inspection Program (WRIP) on September 25, 2017. It is the first time the DNR has delegated its authority to a regional inspection effort targeted at controlling the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The program requires that all watercraft entering East & West Lake Sylvia, Lake John, and Pleasant Lake be inspected at a regional inspection facility prior to launch. Failure to comply may result in a fine. Authority for operation of the program was delegated to the Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Enforcement of the program requirements is the responsibility of the Wright County. **Note that the requirements of the program do NOT apply to Sugar Lake.**

The regional inspection facility, located in the Annandale Industrial Park, opened for business on October 11. At the direction of the DNR, the run was short, ending on October 31. Over the course of the 20 days it was open, about 300 watercraft and trailers were inspected. The largest fraction of inspections was done on lake service provider trailers, J&J, Anchor Dock, A-1, that were shuttling pontoons off of the lakes in the program .

The inspection facility remains a work-in-progress. Site preparation work was limited until the program was approved by the DNR. Following approval, time to prepare for opening day was short. Inspection lanes were established and marked. A portable office trailer was moved to the site. The Wright County mobile decontamination equipment was moved to the site and set up. Certified inspectors were instructed in protocol for inspections at the facility. Permanent lighting was installed. Installation of fencing and construction of permanent storage for the decontamination equipment will take place in the spring of 2018.

Water Quality Report

By Dan Erdmann

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

Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
10-17-09	11'	57°	55°	18"	23"
10-14-10	10.5'	60°	55°	25"	31"
10-20-11	8.5'	54°	45°	19.25"	24.75"
10-19-12	10.5'	55°	53°	7.75"	13.5"
10-16-13	9.0'	56°	48°	10.25"	16.5"
10-16-14	13.0'	56°	64°	15.5"	20.0"
10-7-15	9.50'	65°	66°	16.75"	22.25"
10-10-16	9.00'	66°	68°	23.00"	28.00"
10-19-17	9.00'	60°	60°	19.50"	24.50"

Membership

Paid membership this year is 249. 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 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

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

September rainfall was 3.38 inches. October rainfall was 6.13 inches. Thanks to Doug Beckman for providing monthly rainfall totals.

Newsletter

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Program work will continue over the winter. Data and input gathered during the short run at the regional inspection site during October will be tabulated and reviewed. Results will factor into the plan and proposal for the 2018 boating season. The SWCD will need to apply to the DNR for a facility operating permit for 2018. The application is expected to be submitted in February of next year.

During the next several months, the SWCD will also be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for inspection services for the 2018 boating season. The successful bidder will provide inspection services for the regional facility, as well as for individual lake associations (like Sugar Lake) that are not part of the program.

End of Season Food Drive

The inaugural End of Season Food Drive has come to a close. We got off to a good start this year. Thanks to all those that donated. All donations were given to the Annandale Food Shelf which provides assistance to the citizens of Annandale, South Haven, Fair Haven, and Maple Lake. We will look forward to expanding participation next year!

Ron & LuAnn Elsner



Chairman's Corner

Greetings,

For many of us, the late part of the fall is a time of anticipation as we look forward to the holiday season. While that sense of anticipation is probably most evident in our youngsters (children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends), some of us older 'kids' look forward to the fun, too. As we close out 'open water' activities on the lake, there are plenty of 'solid water' activities to look forward to, be they on the ice or on the snow. For some, the open water activities continue, just in much warmer and sunnier climes.

Year-end is also a time for many of us to make choices about our charitable contributions. There are a host of social service and religious organizations that need our support to continue their important (and, often, vital) work. As you prioritize your giving, please remember Sugar Lake. The work that the Association does remains focused on the health and well-being of the lake; the needs of the organization are not insignificant. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

We hope you'll take the time to pause and enjoy some time with your families and friends over the holidays. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish the best for you and yours this holiday season.

We will be in touch next spring!

Best Regards,
Ron

PS: As you travel to visit family and friends for the holidays in the weeks to come, remember to Be Safe!! . . . Don't drink and drive!!!

Winter Reminder

If you are out on the lake this winter take the time to pick up any trash left behind. Anything we leave on the ice will be in the water this spring.

ALSO-

Don't forget to remove any buoys or equipment from the lake before ice-over.

Directories

A new directory was printed in 2017. If you did not receive your directory please send an email note to

membership@sugarlake.org

Who's next?

We are looking for someone to step into the role of coordinator for the annual Association Picnic. After many years, our able picnic coordinator, Deb Beltrand, is ready to pass the baton. During her tenure, Deb has provided a steady hand to grow and maintain the annual Association picnic. It is a testament to her work that 500-600 members, friends, and family turn out for the picnic year-in and year-out. We are grateful to her (and to Denny and the rest of her family) for the countless hours she has spent to make sure that the event goes off without a hitch. Deb, please accept our heartfelt thanks for all of your work!!

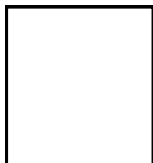
So, that begs the question: Who's next? We are looking for a candidate who is naturally outgoing, who is well organized, and who is self-starting, as well as self-motivating. The specifics of the job are pretty well laid out. Deb has kept great records over the years, and has a thorough event plan to pass along. Training, coaching, and mentoring are all available for the asking.

Sound like you? Or, someone you know? If you, or someone you know, is interested, please have them text or call Deb Beltrand (952-210-2511) or Ron Elsner (612-718-2087).

We would love to hear from you!



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