



# Lake Sarah Improvement Association Newsletter

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## LSIA Annual Member and Nonmember Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2013

Time: Picnic games 2:00 p.m., Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Location: Jorgenson Park, Shady Beach Circle, Maple Plain

For details about the Picnic, see page 4. We hope you can join us!

### AGENDA:

Call to order	Roger Van Beusekom
Treasurer report	Brent Lau
Water level	Scott Walsh
Whole Lake Treatment Results	Joe Baker
July 4th Parade Results	Nicole Rice
Other items	All members
Election of new Board members	Jerry Wise

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## President's Letter

On May 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, your association successfully completed, its first whole lake treatment (260 acres) initiative on the Curly-Leaf Pondweed by applying a low dose of Aquathol K. (624 gallons)

This was only accomplished by the many volunteers that stepped up to the task: They are:

### **BLOCK CAPTAINS:**

- County Rd 11 & Windmill Dr. -----Ron Lyrek
- Fern Dr. -----Chad Langdon
- Lake Sarah Hts. Dr. (East) -----Todd Zaugg & Dan Cady
- Lake Sarah Hts. Dr. (West) -----Paulette Speed; Sally Moen & Terry Holten
- North Shore Drive-----Terry Wise; Doris Smeby & Joey Larson
- Genaker Way & Rachel Ridge Crt.-----Greg Koopman
- So Lake Sarah Dr. East-----Mike Malone & Jon Arneson
- So Lake Sarah Dr. West-----Mike Peterson & Gerry Evenson
- Shady Beach Circle-----Wade Bemmels

Woodhill Dr.-----Matt Den Hartigh & Jeff Hansen

Sunset Ln.-----Melissa Sorensen

Channel-----Jerry Horazuk

**PONTOONS WITH CAPTAINS:**-----Kraig Smeby & Al Moen

**PONTOON HANDS:**-----Scott Walsh, Mike Peterson & John Wise

**TRUCK & TRAILER:**-----Todd Zaugg

**CLP PLANNING COMMITTEE:**-----Scott Walsh, Brent Lau, Joe Baker (Water Quality Chair) &

Roger Van Beusekom

When you see these volunteers, please recognize them for their contribution in improving Lake Sarah.

**OTHER SUPPORTERS:**

- Rich Brasch of The Three Rivers Park District
- Craig Mueller and Paul Ohnsorg of Aquatics Solutions
- Eric Fieldseth of AIS Consulting Services
- Jerry Wise – our representative on the Pioneer Sarah Creek watershed Commission.
- Keegan Lund, Chip Welling, and Wendy Crowell of the MN DNR.

Last, but certainly not the least, the Board thanks all those who donated (some very generously) to this tax deductible event. Your generosity allowed your organization to maintain a static fund balance and allows us to move forward to year 2 of our 5 year journey.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!**

Have a great summer.

Roger Van Beusekom

## Water Clarity Report

From Mike Peterson

2013 Secchi Readings to Date / Comparison to 2012				
May	East Bay	East Bay	West Bay	West Bay
	2013	2012 *	2013	2012 *
5	5.5'	19'	6'	22'
16	7'	12'	6'	14'
23	18.5'	12'	20'	11.5'
29	NR	10'	20'	8.5'
June				
1	25'	8.5'	24'	8.5'
13	6.5'	5'	7'	4'
17	NR	4'	4'	3.5'
19	4'	4'	4'	3.5'

\* Closest date to 2013 reading available. NR = No Reading Taken.



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Boat Parade!

3:00 p.m.- July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013

# WANTED Dead or Alive

“Saddle up” for an amazing time!

Stagecoaches, Rodeo, Open Fields, Shoot Outs!

## Theme: WESTERN

As always there will be a "most patriotic" winner too. For more information about the below details, go to [LakeSarah.com](http://LakeSarah.com).

- Registration Slips
- Prizes
- Route and Times
- Judging

REWARD OF  
\$250,000

BY ORDER OF THE SHERIFF

Questions: Contact [stuffitinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:stuffitinfo@yahoo.com)

## LSIA 25th Anniversary Picnic

From Terry Wise

**COME ONE, COME ALL!  
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS!**

**WHERE AND WHEN:** LSIA will hold the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning with games and fellowship at 2:00 p.m. at Ron and Mary Jorgenson's Park at 4594 Shady Beach Circle.

**BE A PART OF LAKE SARAH HISTORY:** Lake Sarah history will be gathered from residents at large, but especially from Dolores Ullstrom who has archived information over the years which will be made available by her for your viewing and enjoyment. Please bring anything you have to add to the history table. Make a poster board of your experiences over the years on the lake, pictures on the lake with your family, neighbors, or at the resorts. Try to date items on your poster board for others to enjoy.



History will also be made that day with a **group photo of all the residents who attend** this year. The group photo will be taken right after dinner at about 5:00 p.m. Volunteer photographers will be taking the group photo and **individual family photographs by request**. Some photographs will be in the newsletter and family photographs will be up loaded to a site yet to be determined....Snapfish, Shutterfly, etc.

**ADULT AND FAMILY GAMES:** This year we will hold a Kubb tournament! Look it up on Google and you will find that it is the craze right now. This game is played with a partner, and works well with one adult and one child, or two adults. So, be sure you and your partner are ready to play by around 2:30 p.m. Jerry Wise is the expert on this game, or maybe it is his son Tom. In either case he will be setting up three courts and the brackets for this tournament. Make sure you are a part of this craze....there will be a first and second place winner!

We have something special for the children this year too! A "Coloring Contest" for children of all ages begins now by coloring the Lake Sarah picture on the next page. We will have five age groups: toddlers, children ages 5 & 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 years and older. So make several copies and have all your children, grandchildren, or neighbors' children enter this contest by coloring and bringing it to the picnic with their name and age printed on the back of the page. We will have a "kick your shoe contest" for adults and children, a hula hoop contest, and time for making bubbles.

**LSIA Annual Meeting:** A brief meeting will begin around 3:00 p.m. where new board members will be elected and Boat Parade Contest winners will be announced and awards presented.

**FOOD:** The menu is "All American" traditional picnic food of hamburgers and brats with sauerkraut. Please bring a dish to pass, and new this year, its recipe! For those of you who are purchasing a side dish, see if you can either get the recipe from the restaurant, or modify it to make it your own and give us that recipe. We will be voting for the winning side dish. IF WE GET RECEIPES.....WE MAY PUBLISH A BOOK....BUT MOST LIKELY YOUR RECIPE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

**VOLUNTEERS:** If you are interested in getting involved with the picnic, please email me at [Theresaewise@gmail.com](mailto:Theresaewise@gmail.com). I would really appreciate your help! I especially need help with the history table, photography, the games, the food table, and contest judging.

Please join us! R.S.V.P. to me at [Theresaewise@gmail.com](mailto:Theresaewise@gmail.com) by July 16<sup>TH</sup>. We hope you all can attend!



**SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013**

**LAKE SARAH'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC  
CELEBRATION**



**COLORING CONTEST**

**BRING TO PICNIC FOR JUDGING**

## Treasurer's Report

From Brent Lau

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$17,733 through May 31, 2013, which is down from the beginning of the year balance of \$45,688. We have paid \$46,710 relating to the CLP treatment through May while having receivables from the DNR of \$26,000 and Three Rivers Park District / Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed of \$9,923. Once these are collected, we will have a balance similar to 2012.

<b>Treasurer's Financial Report as of: 5-31-2013</b>		<b>2012 ACTUAL TO DATE</b>	<b>2013 BUDGET</b>	<b>2013 ACTUAL TO DATE</b>
<b>Assets:</b>	Beginning checking 1-1-2013	\$ 5,330.21	\$ 6,619.07	\$ 6,619.07
	Beginning checking Walleye 1-1-2013	3,098.50	3,208.50	3,208.50
	21st century CD (renewed to 6/18/13)	6,942.46	6,959.87	6,959.87
	21st century CD (renewed to 7/27/13)	8,849.76	8,900.87	8,900.87
	21st century CD (renewed to 4-17-13 and redeemed at that time)	20,119.51	20,000.00	20,000.00
	<b>Total Beginning Cash Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 44,340.44</b>	<b>\$ 45,688.31</b>	<b>\$ 45,688.31</b>
<b>CD Activity:</b>	4-18-12 CD to checking w/ interest of 120.00 this yr.	20,239.73		
	10-17-12 CD from checking (mature date 4-17-13)	(20,000.00)		
	4-19-13 CD to checking w/interest of 24.93			20,024.93
	10-19-12 from checking (mature 4-19-13)			(20,000.00)
<b>Receipts:</b>	Memberships-(target 200x35 for2012...46 paid in 2011) (Achieve 154)	3,780.00		
	Membership for 2013 (40) members pd in 2012)(102 pd in 2013)(target=125)	1,361.12	4,400.00	3,608.88
	Contributions-Other	178.75	100.00	75.00
	Contributions-Clean water	2,090.00	1,400.00	375.00
	Contributions-Walleye Fund	1,110.00	1,000.00	200.00
	Fundraising-United Way	13.26		
	EWM (All North Shore prepayment)			841.00
	Interest-checking	15.38	15.00	4.29
	Interest-CD's	188.74	150.00	15.54
	Advertising proceeds	475.00	889.50	411.75
	<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>9,212.25</b>	<b>7,954.50</b>	<b>5,531.46</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Printing/Mailing (directory, news letters, postcards)	1,015.19	1,500.00	279.43
	Office Supplies		100.00	34.31
	Dues/Subscriptions			
	Membership/Board meetings	146.93	400.00	100.00
	Fundraising cost-Other			
	Boat Parade (prizes)	200.00	200.00	
	Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	1,186.61	600.00	
	Walleye Program	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	Clean Water Fair		100.00	100.00
	Other lake Improvement Projects			
	Lake Improvement Projects (see note (B)-2 below)	22,365.73		
	Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds) (see note (B)- 1 below)	(18,071.20)		
	Lake Improvement Projects (cost) (C-1 below)		47,052.00	46,709.92
	Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds) (C-2below)		(43,413.00)	(13,770.00)
	PayPal fees	21.12	25.00	58.18
	<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>7,864.38</b>	<b>7,564.00</b>	<b>33,511.84</b>
	<b>Overage / (Deficit)</b>	<b>1,347.87</b>	<b>390.50</b>	<b>(27,955.45)</b>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$ 45,688.31</b>	<b>\$ 46,078.81</b>	<b>\$ 17,732.86</b>

(B-1) Treated membership proceeds including \$7500.00 from DNR

(B-2) Includes \$2,290.17 of excess inventoried treatment product to be used next yr.  
\$1,680.45 of consulting fees and \$18,047.84 treatment product and  
\$347.27of misc cost. (Yr 2012)

(C-1) Product cost of \$45,552, consulting and supplies of \$1,500 (Budget Column)

(C-2) Expected DNR Grant of \$26,000, Watershed contribution of \$2,200  
TRPD contribution of \$7,700 and Lake shore owners Est.  
contribution of \$ 12,000. (Budget column)

## Nominating Committee Report

From Jerry Wise

### WE NEED YOU!

The Lake Sarah Improvement Association is looking for LSIA members to serve on the Board. The terms of the Secretary and five Directors-at-large expire in July 2013. The Nominating Committee is identifying one candidate for each open seat and presenting this slate at the Annual Meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to become a candidate or know of someone you think should be on the Board of Directors of the Lake Sarah Improvement Association, please contact Jerry Wise at [cleanwater@frontier.com](mailto:cleanwater@frontier.com).

#### Descriptions of office:

Secretary is an Officer and has the duties of keeping accurate records of all Board and Membership meetings.

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association, under the direction of the president and shall have general supervision over the conduct of the officers.

Directors-at-Large can serve as head of the various committees that are available to chair:

MEMBERSHIP – Keep records of the membership data base and promote membership. (Knowledge of Access and Excel a plus.)

COMMUNICATIONS – Newsletters and general communications.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Coordinate activities: meetings, boat parade, picnic, etc.

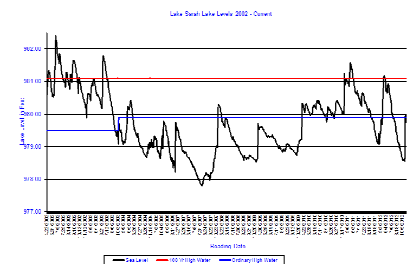
FUND RAISING – Promote fund raising activities and grants

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS – DNR liaison, Fisheries, etc.

As a Board member, you would be expected to attend up to six board and three general membership meetings a year and be willing to make decisions which you deem beneficial to Lake Sarah and its stakeholders. If you need more information before making the decision to serve your lake community, contact Jerry Wise at [cleanwater@frontier.com](mailto:cleanwater@frontier.com).

## Water Level Report

The most recent water level reading was **980.41'** on **June 23, 2013**. Over 5.5" of rain fell Friday morning 6/21 through Sunday morning 6/23, which pushed water levels to new highs for 2013. For reference, our 100 year flood elevation is 981.20' and our no-wake trigger level is 981.10' (for 3 consecutive days). The Ordinary High Water Level for Sarah is 979.90'. Thank you to Cindy Keating (west bay) and Fred Lang (east bay) who continue to volunteer their time to monitor our lakes' water levels for the MN DNR, LSIA, and LakeSarah.com for yet another year!



## Summer Fish Kills

A number of metro lakes are experiencing fish kills right now, and it appears Lake Sarah has some fish dying off too. This is not related to Lake Sarah's CLP treatment, but rather it is due to the fast warming water and some decomposition of weeds. This is a normal occurrence for all lakes and happens every summer.



## Water Quality Update

From Joe Baker

We're pleased to share that on May 15th we treated 260 acres of Lake Sarah for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and we have since confirmed via 3 lake wide post treatment inspections that we have effectively killed off all CLP in the entire lake - well before the CLP had a chance to form their "turion" seeds. While this is a great 1st year accomplishment, we want to remind everyone that the sediment survey last fall confirmed an average of 1,100 turion seeds in each square meter of sediment - which explains why this will be at least a 5 year journey to gain full control of CLP.

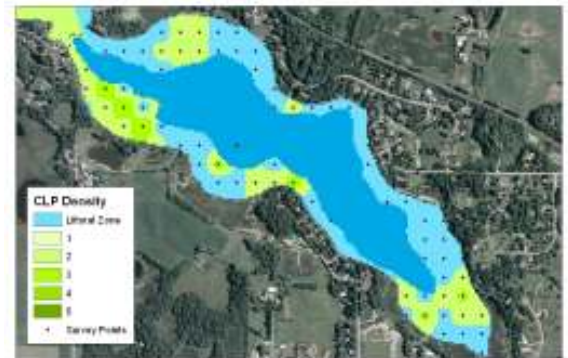
Our total cost for the CLP treatment was \$48,165 and with the DNR grant of \$26,000, and the "cost sharing" by the TRPD and Watershed of \$9,923, we were left with \$12,242 of costs to cover by your donations. We are pleased to report that we had 87% of shoreline owners contribute - and some donated more than the suggested \$100. In total, we received \$15,295 in contributions designated specifically for this CLP treatment - which exceeded our total costs by \$3,053. Please note that as we are on a 5 year plan for treating CLP, the availability of DNR grant funding can vary greatly from year to year. The LSIA board agreed to preserve these excess donations to apply only toward future CLP treatments - where the DNR grant funding might not be available.

As for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), the other invasive species we are wanting to control, we have yet to see enough EWM to warrant treating.

We believe it may still "pop" - as it can grow as much as 3 inches per day - and thus we will continue to monitor the EWM growth, and we will submit for a DNR permit to treat up to 50 acres of EWM - should it become a problem. To date we have seen less than 30 acres of EWM, and where it is located it does not appear to be causing much of a nuisance problem. We will keep you updated as we continue to monitor EWM.



Our weed inspections are confirming we have mostly Coontail, a native species which we want to see replace CLP and EWM as it provides the cover and oxygen the fishery needs - with limited surface matting. In some places the Coontail is quite thick, in which case we suggest you consider borrowing the LSIA owned Beach Buddys as a roll-in rake option to remove your nuisance Coontail. The Beach Buddy rake is ideal for sandy and gradual sloped shorelines - with limited rock riprap. If you have a nuisance weed problem, feel free to call Joe Baker at (612) 868-8702 to discuss potential further options in more detail.



Lake Sarah East  
Daily Leaf Pondweed Density  
6-8-2012



Lake Sarah West  
Daily Leaf Pondweed Density  
6-8-2012

**On behalf of the Water Quality Committee, we want to personally thank you for your support of our lake wide CLP treatment efforts!**