



# Lake Sarah Improvement Association Newsletter

October 2013

## LSIA Fall Member and Nonmember Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Meeting

Location: Independence City Hall/Community Center, 1920 County Rd 90., Independence

We hope you can join us!

### AGENDA:

Call to order (7:00 p.m.)	Roger Van Beusekom
Set Agenda	Roger Van Beusekom
Board introduction	All Board members
Approval of last meeting minutes (7/20/13)	Roger Van Beusekom
Treasurer report	Brent Lau
Fishery	Brent Lau
Water level/Outlet/Nav.	Scott Walsh
Membership/Directory	Anne Horn
Community relations	Terry Wise
Water quality	Joe Baker
Open/Miscellaneous	All

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## Board Member Terms & Assignments

<u>Title (term expires)</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee Assignments</u>
PRESIDENT (2014)	Roger Van Beusekom	Water Quality (member)
VICE PRES. (2014)	Joe Baker	Water Quality (chair)
SECRETARY (2014)	Victoria Marley	Communications (chair)
TREASURER (2014)	Brent Lau	Fisheries (chair), Water Quality (member)
DIRECTOR (2014)	Scott Walsh	Water Level, Outlet, Navigation (chair) & Water Quality (member)
DIRECTOR (2015)	Mike Peterson	Membership/Directory (member)
DIRECTOR (2015)	Matthew Den Hartigh	Director
DIRECTOR (2015)	Nate Uselding	Membership/Directory (member)
DIRECTOR (2015)	Terry Wise	Community Relations (chair)
DIRECTOR (2015)	Brent Foster	Fisheries (member)
DIRECTOR (2015)	Anne/Kevin Horn	Membership/Directory (chair)
DIRECTOR (2015)	Joe Kittok	Director

## Meet the New LSIA Board Members

### Matthew Den Hartigh

Matt lives at 4250 Woodhill Dr. with his wife, Michelle, and their three-month-old puppy, Nelly. He is the Senior Financial Analyst at a printing company called IWCO Direct, and enjoys wakeboarding, fishing, snowboarding, golf, broomball, and most outdoor activities. He joined the board because he wanted to learn about the lake, meet new people and help improve water quality over the long-run.



### Nate Uselding

Nate, his wife Lindsey, and their two daughters Alivia (5) and Braylin (4), have lived at 5375 Sunset Lane since 2012. They have enjoyed the last two years immensely and love the fact they can swim anytime they want. He joined the board because he wanted to share his passion for this great lake with others and ensure our neighborhood community stays connected.

### Theresa "Terry" Wise



Terry lives at 6515 North Shore Drive with her husband, John. They have lived on Lake Sarah for 17 years and before that had their cabin on that property for 21 years. They have two grown daughters and five grandchildren ages 9 months to 14 years of age. In 2009 after working 37 years in Hennepin County Corrections, Terry retired as the Superintendent of the Adult Correctional Facility in Plymouth. Terry likes to garden, cook, have the children enjoy Lake Sarah and travel. Terry joined the board because she is interested in helping improve the water quality of Lake Sarah and bringing the community together to accomplish this.

### Brent Foster

Brent lives at 4755 Lake Sarah Heights Circle with his wife Heidi and four children Brayton, Halle, Boston and Hilton. Brent is a Regional Manager for Allergan Inc. and enjoys coaching sports, church activities, family "living room" wrestling and anything on the lake!



### Anne/Kevin Horn



Kevin & Anne Horn live at 4310 Woodhill Dr. They have two grown sons, Adam and Ryan. Kevin is a Project Manager at Alliant Techsystem in Plymouth, and Anne is an Emergency Flight Nurse for North Memorial Air Care. They cherish time with their family and also enjoy biking, hiking and snowshoeing. Kevin is also an avid golfer. They joined the LSIA board to meet more neighbors and get involved in their new community. They enjoyed their first summer on the lake and look forward to many happy years on Lake Sarah!

## James Buck — Neighborhood Hero

On September 25, West Hennepin Public Safety responded to a crash at County Road 11 and Independence Street that had hit a tree head-on with smoke was coming from the vehicle. A passerby, James Buck, from Independence, noticed brake lights down in the ditch. James immediately pulled his vehicle to the side of the road to assist. As he approached the vehicle, James observed smoke coming from the minivan, opened the door and pulled the driver, Brittany Mehofer, out of the vehicle in fear that it was going to start on fire. Seconds after pulling her out, her minivan went up in flames. Director Ray McCoy stated, "Thanks to James Buck's observation and immediate actions to pull Mehofer from her vehicle, she is alive today. This crash had all the potentials to be a fatality instead of a personal injury." **Thank you, James, for being our neighborhood hero!**

## Annual Picnic Wrap-Up

From Terry Wise

A great turnout and a great time was had at LSIA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Picnic. A special thank you to Ron and Mary Jorgenson for hosting the picnic at their "park" even though they could not attend. A big thanks also goes to Larry and Katelin who really made the party happen! Thank you also to Nicole Rice and Dan Martineau for organizing the silent auction, and to the following people and organizations who donated items:

Classic Cleaning Company of Buffalo - condo stay	Dobo's Café
Caribou Coffee – (2) tours	Bridge Street Cafe
Stuffit - money jar	Koch's Korner
China Buffet – dominos	Green Rock Deli
Hikko's Entertainment Center	Dairy Queen – Buffalo
Buffalo Perkins	Cub Foods
Foster Brother's – cooler	Renee Burrows – cards
Celebrate Your Faith	Mary Jorgenson – designer handbag
Buffalo Lesson Pros	Holiday gas station – ice for the event
Hallmark	



The picnic included games and activities for all ages. For the children there was a coloring contest, bubbles, shoe kicking contest, hula hooping contest, and an Oreo contest. The adults had an Oreo contest as well and played a Kubb tournament. The winners of the Kubb contest were the Lau brothers. Jerry Wise and Tom Thielen set up and facilitated the game and are now offering a special discount to LSIA members. See below for details.

History was made that day with our honorable Lake Association Historian in attendance, Delores Ullstrom. We also took a group photo of everyone who was at the picnic. Both Cheryl Wise and Mike Peterson took a lot of family photographs. If you remember being photographed visit [www.lakesarah.com](http://www.lakesarah.com) to see your photos.

Congratulations to the silent auction's winning bidders listed below!

- Cindy Swanger: food basket, Choo Choo gift card, Cub Foods gift card, Koch's Korner gift card, Ok Repair gift card, Huikko's Entertainment Center package, and a Lesson Pro's gift card
- Renee Burrows: Caribou tour card
- Larry Nystul: Caribou tour card
- Kirk Reierson: cooler
- Sarah Baker: DQ cake gift card and Hallmark basket
- Delores Ullstrom: special occasion cards
- Jennifer Smeby: "happy hour tote" (purse)
- Sylvia Walsh: food basket
- Joe Slavec: Ok Repair gift card
- Kaitlyn Nystul: money jar



**Mark your calendar for the 2014  
Annual Picnic set for Sunday, July 20,  
at 3:00 p.m. at Jorgenson Park!**

## Kubb Special Offer

Continue the Kubb fun at home! For a limited time the \$85.00 Kubb sets will be available to LSIA members for \$50.00. To purchase a discounted KUBB set, email [cleanwater@frontier.com](mailto:cleanwater@frontier.com) to place your order.



### Set includes:

- (10) 2.5 x 2.5 x 6" Kubbs
- (6) 12" batons
- 3.5 x 3.5 x 12" King
- 84' playing field line marker
- 16' center line marker
- (6) line marker stakes
- Instructions

Each Kubb set, created by OutdoorFun101, is unique. Batons are cut from various species of local trees and are grouped in sets of six with similar uniform size. You will notice nature's imperfections with knot holes, bark and natural bends or curves. Each baton is sanded to remove excess stubble or network branches and hand-dipped with four coats of clear polyurethane. The King and ten Kubbs are crafted using ACR treated lumber for outdoor ruggedness and durability. The lines are measured and marked for easy set up.

## Boat Parade Results

The winners of the Western themed 17th Annual LSIA Boat Parade are:

- **1st Place** Western theme - John & Terry Wise family and their horse drawn covered wagon
- **2nd Place** Western theme - Tom Champion family with the "HOWDY!" design
- **3rd Place** Western theme - Dan & Jane Cady family in their "Moo, I'm a Cow" ski boat

**Most Patriotic entry** - Ron & Mary Jorgenson and family on their flag festooned pontoon!



Thank you to everyone who participated and all the spectators! Thanks also to event chairperson Nicole Rice!

## Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory 2014

The annual neighborhood directory is a great reference to use for contacting your friends and neighbors in the Lake Sarah area. To ensure the directory is accurate, we need your help! We will be emailing a directory listing form (survey) in a few weeks. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Then in early 2014 the directory will be emailed to you. If you know of a neighbor who may not have an email address or the ability to print the directory, please contact Anne Horn ([annehutchhorn@msn.com](mailto:annehutchhorn@msn.com)). Thank you for your help!

## Treasurer's Report

From Brent Lau

### Treasurer's Financial Report as of: 8-31-2013

	2012 ACTUAL YEAR	2013 BUDGET YEAR	2013 ACTUAL TO DATE
<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)	<u>20,119.51</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
<b>Total Beginning Cash Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 44,340.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 45,688.31</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 45,688.31</u></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/interst 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 155)	3,780.00		
Membership for 2013 (40) members pd in 2012)(105 pd in 2013)(target=125)	1,361.12	4,400.00	3,713.88
Contributions-Other	178.75	100.00	85.00
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	7.13
Interest--CD's	188.74	150.00	32.00
Advertising proceeds	<u>475.00</u>	<u>889.50</u>	<u>551.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b><u>9,212.25</u></b>	<b><u>7,954.50</u></b>	<b><u>5,805.01</u></b>
<b>Disbursements:</b> Printing/Mailing (directory, news letters, postcards)	1,015.19	1,500.00	279.43
Office Supplies		100.00	34.31
Membership/Board meetings	146.93	400.00	100.00
Boat Parade (prizes)	200.00	200.00	200.00
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting (silent auction proceeds of \$497 included)	1,186.61	600.00	(127.60)
Walleye Program	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Clean Water Fair		100.00	100.00
Lake Improvement Projects (cost)	22,365.73		
Lake improvement Projects (proceeds)	(18,071.20)		
Lake Improvement Projects (cost) <b>(A-1 below)</b>		47,052.00	47,140.57
Lake improvement Projects (proceeds) <b>(A-2 below)</b>		(43,413.00)	(51,217.98)
PayPal fees	<u>21.12</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>67.31</u>
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b><u>7,864.38</u></b>	<b><u>7,564.00</u></b>	<b><u>(3,423.96)</u></b>
<b>Overage / (Deficit)</b>	<b><u>1,347.87</u></b>	<b><u>390.50</u></b>	<b><u>9,253.90</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b><u>\$ 45,688.31</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 46,078.81</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 54,942.21</u></b>

**( A-1 ) Budget-**Product cost of \$45,552,consulting and supplies of \$1,500.

**Actual-**Product cost of \$45,886,consulting and supplies of \$1180.

**( A-2 ) Budget-**Proceeds of: DNR Grant of \$26,000, Watershed contribution of \$2,000, TRPD of \$3,413 and stakeholders of \$12,000.

**Actual-**Proceeds of: DNR \$26,000;Watershed \$2,216; TRPD \$7,707; Stakeholders \$15,295.

## Water Clarity Report

From Joe Baker

If you've been out enjoying the lake this summer, we hope you have noticed the almost complete ABSENCE of matting surface weeds this year as compared to previous years. Those mattings of weeds usually consisted of a combination of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) - both of which are invasive species to Lake Sarah.

Our first "whole lake" CLP treatment this year was a great success. With volunteers from our lake community, we safely and cost effectively killed off all of the CLP lake wide - well before the CLP had a chance to form their "turion" seeds. Even better to share is that we had every shoreline owner in support of our treatment efforts and 87% of shoreline owners made a contribution of the suggested \$100 (or more). 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.



As for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), the other invasive species we want to control, we simply did not see enough EWM to warrant treating. We confirmed that other lakes in our area were reporting less EWM this year as well. While we can't fully EXPLAIN why the EWM didn't grow this year as it has in the past, at the same time you won't hear anyone COMPLAIN about the lack of EWM either!! Our summer weed inspections confirmed we have a healthy population of 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.

While CLP treatments are effective at reducing the internal loading of phosphorus in Lake Sarah, the larger source of phosphorus in our lake is attributable to external sources. We are pleased that the cities of Loretto and Medina teamed up last year to receive a grant and complete a water quality improvement pond project at the Loretto ball-fields. This will have a measureable effect on reducing both the sediment and phosphorus run-off into Lake Sarah from Loretto Creek. The City of Independence has also been active in applying for grants to help identify and complete projects that will reduce external phosphorus loadings. The City of Greenfield is currently in the process of approving a grant application that if successful could allow for the further analysis needed to determine the most cost effective improvement projects for reducing sediment and phosphorus run-off from Dance Hall Creek, which is the largest tributary flowing into Lake Sarah. Know that the LSIA will be actively working with all of our surrounding cities in promoting and/or partnering as needed to support cost effective ways to improve Lake Sarah's water quality.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY!

The Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission is leading a project to protect and improve water quality within the watershed. In order to tailor outreach for this project, the Commission is conducting a study to better understand the knowledge, needs, and concerns in our community about water quality. We would greatly appreciate your participation in the survey to help demonstrate to the watershed commission how important water quality is to Lake Sarah residents. You can take the survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/86JW7T2>. You can also access the survey on the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed website at <http://www.pioneersarahcreek.org/>. The survey should take less than ten minutes to complete, and closes on October 7th. This is your opportunity to share your views and concerns and make your voice heard! To encourage participation, three gift cards will be awarded in a random drawing to those taking the survey.

**The Water Quality Committee thanks you for your support of our LSIA water quality improvement efforts!**

## Fishery Update: Walleye

From Brent Lau

In 2007 there were no walleyes included in the DNR survey taken, while in 2013 we had 9 walleyes caught as part of the same survey! The average weight of these walleyes was 2.21 pounds which is approximately 18 inches. The largest walleye caught was almost 23 inches!

### Fish Stocking Activity

Walleye Stocked for the Last Seven Years

Year	Species	Size	Number	Pounds
2011	Walleye*	fingerlings	1,000	33.3
2010	Walleye*	fingerlings	1,000	50.0
2008	Walleye*	fingerlings	1,000	25.0
2007	Walleye*	fry	170,000	1.7
2006	Walleye*	fry	75,000	0.8

### Stocking Fish Sizes

**Fry** - Newly hatched fish that are ready to be stocked usually called "swim-ups". Walleye fry are 1/3 of an inch or around 8 mm.

**Fingerling** - Fingerlings are one to six months old and can range from a size of one to twelve inches depending on the species. Walleye fingerlings range from three to eight inches each fall.

**Yearling** - Yearling fish are at least one year old. A one-year-old fish can range from three to twenty inches depending on the species. Walleye yearlings average from six to twelve inches.

**Adult** - Adult fish are fish that have reached maturity. Depending on the species, maturity can be reached at two years of age. Walleye reach maturity between the ages of four and six years.

Be sure to visit the DNR website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showreport.html?downum=27019100> to see the final survey results which should be available early 2014!

## Lake Sarah Secchi Readings

By Mike Peterson

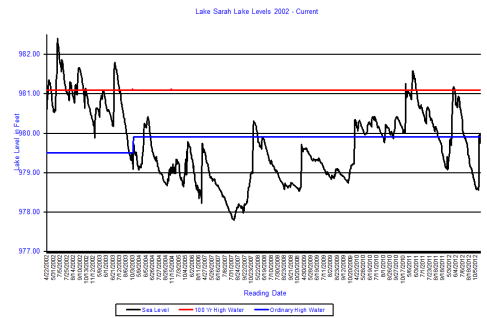
Yearly Comparison of Lowest Secchi Reading Recorded in Lake Sarah, West Bay									
Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Lowest Clarity Recorded Entire Year.	1.75		2		2	2			
		1.5		1.5			1.5	1.5	1.5
Date First Reached.	16-Jul	9-Sep	1-Jul	9-Jul	8-Aug	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jun	16-Jul
Conclusion?	Unfortunately, I don't see a long-term trend of improving water clarity. Good news is that it doesn't appear to be getting worse.								



## Water Level Report

From Scott Walsh

In many respects 2013, turned out a lot like 2012. Plenty of rain and water coming into Lake Sarah in the spring time, then turning to drought conditions in the summer and early fall. Early this year (right after ice out) we had a lot of loose vegetation coming from the lake getting caught in Sarah Creek, that continued until mid July. In mid June-July beavers started damming Sarah Creek and their dams were removed 11 times. One of the biggest projects in 2013 was clearing trees that had fallen into Sarah Creek south of the TRPD dog park after the June storms that hit our area. So far this year volunteers from the LSIA put in 66 hours of work as compared to 72 hours in 2012 and 180 hours in 2011.



Although a lot has been done in the last 3 years we still have some concerns:

- 1) Excessive cattail growth in the lake as well as Sarah Creek. In late August of 2012 a permit from the DNR was granted to LSIA to chemically treat a 300' long and 15' wide stretch from just south of the weir to just north of CP Rail culvert. This was accomplished with support from the City of Greenfield, TRPD, Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed and a couple of volunteers from LSIA. The goal was to see if we could keep the creek from getting over grown with cattail and the results would show up in the year 2013. Well it turns out that our efforts were very successful and cost effective as well. The treatment cost about \$100 doing the work ourselves, and would have cost around \$2,400 based upon estimates from a couple of commercial applicators. We plan on continuing to do this as necessary.
- 2) Loose bogs.
- 3) Beaver dams.
- 4) Working with CP Rail to make sure culverts and their 50' of right of way is maintained.

**I would like to thank the volunteers who helped this year: Joe Slavec, John Wise, Craig Smeby, Mike Peterson, Roger Van Beusekom, Brent Lau, Joe Baker and Matt Baker.**

## LSIA Membership 2014

From Anne Horn

It's time to renew your LSIA membership or to become a new member! It's a great way to support a variety of projects to improve the quality of Lake Sarah and to get to know your neighbors. The dues for 2014 will remain \$35.00. Your annual membership fee helps support:

- Water quality improvement projects
- Informational events and causes that support Lake Sarah
- The newsletter and Neighborhood Directory
- The vitality of the fishery
- Three yearly membership meetings
- The annual summer community picnic
- July 4th boat parade/decorating contest
- Safe and legal utilization of the lake

To renew your membership or become a new member you can use the membership form on page 9 or go to [www.lakesarah.com](http://www.lakesarah.com). Click on the Lake Sarah Association page, then Membership Information. The form can be downloaded there or you can use the convenient PayPal option. For more information, contact Anne Horn @ [annehutchhorn@msn.com](mailto:annehutchhorn@msn.com).



**LSIA 2014 Membership Form**

<b>Member Information:</b>
Name
Address
City
State
Zip Code
Lake Address (if different from above)
Telephone(s)
Email(s)

<b>Annual Dues:</b>	
2014 Membership Fee:	\$35.00
Additional Donations:	Water Quality Fund
	Walleye Fund
	Other
*All fees and donations to LSIA are tax deductible	Total:

**Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to LSIA and mail to:**

LSIA  
PO BOX 25  
Loretto, MN 55357

Interested in getting involved? Volunteer on one of our many committees! Please check here to be contacted with more info!

Membership Committee

Water Quality Committee

Summer Picnic/Boat Parade

Bog/Outlet Army

Fishery Committee

Ice Clean Up Committee

**Thanks for supporting LSIA! We are looking forward to another great year on Lake Sarah!!!**