

LSIA Newsletter

2015 Lake Sarah Neighborhood

Check it Out! We updated our neighborhood directory and sent out an electronic copy to everyone in our database. If we missed you or if you would like a paper copy, please email lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com



LSIA Fall Meeting

Date: Wednesday October 7th, 2015

Place: Choo Choo Bar & Restaurant (in the Caboose)

Time: 6:30pm Social, 7:00pm Meeting

Agenda

Call to order (7:00 p.m.)	Nate Uselding
Set Agenda	Nate Uselding
Approval of Minutes	Nate Uselding
Water Quality Update	Nate Uselding
Treasurer report 3/31/14	Tom Lendt
Water Level	Andy Lewis
Fishery Update	Brent Lau
Membership & Directory	Kevin Horn & Reid Lau
Community Relations	Anne Horn
Fund Raising	TBD
Nominating Committee Selection	Nate Uselding
Open / Miscellaneous	All

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LSIA Mission Statement

To promote policies and practices those represents and protects the interests of the Lake Sarah stakeholders and enhance their ability to maximize enjoyment of their shared resource.

Water Quality

We're moving into year 4 of our initial 5 year plan to control Curly-Leaf Pondweed (CLP). The good news is what we're doing is working. For the past 3 years LSIA volunteers treated the whole lake for CLP and this year we solicited offers from commercial applicators to apply our Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). We spoke before of how applying ourselves saved us money, however after receiving bids for a whole lake treatment, we couldn't pass up the opportunity. Moving forward we're committed to doing what's best for LSIA and Lake Sarah.

A new development from the DNR about available grant money:

In the Spring of 2015 the DNR Invasive Species Program made \$675,000 available for grants to control Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curly-Leaf Pondweed and / or Eurasian Watermilfoil. Due to reduced resources in 2016 there will only be \$200,000 available for this grant program.

This is a significant decline in available funds and we'll continue to look for ways to help pay for our CLP treatment and continue our 5-year plan.

Block Captains

Please let LSIA know if you are interested in becoming a Block Captain

LSIA TREASURER REPORT

Numbers as of: 9-7-15

	2014	2015	2015
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL TO DATE</u>
Assets:			
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$ 9,023	\$ 14,469	\$ 14,469
21st century CD - 6 month	\$ 6,974	\$ 6,984	\$ 6,984
21st century CD - 12 month	\$ 8,930	\$ 8,951	\$ 8,951
21st century CD - 6 month	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	\$ 54,927	\$ 60,404	\$ 60,404
Receipts:			
Membership for 2015	5,145	5,250	5,180
Contributions-Other (Includes Silent Auction of \$1,490)	3,000	3,000	4,260
Contributions-Walleye Fund	435	400	920
Contributions-Water Quality			
Interest-checking	9	10	3
Interest--CD's	27	30	35
Total Receipts:	9,472	8,690	10,398
Disbursements:			
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (directory, news letters, etc.)	783	750	
Membership/Board meetings	296	300	150
Boat Parade (prizes)	200	200	200
Biff at Public Access	-	225	236
Biff at Picnic Grounds		-	114
Winterfest	-	100	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	209	200	582
Walleye Program	1,000	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	49,242	44,000	44,144
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(49,006)	(44,000)	(46,829)
PayPal fees	85	100	121
Other	1,186	800	
Total Disbursements:	3,994	3,675	(1,283)
Overage / (Deficit)	5,478	5,015	11,681
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	60,404	65,419	72,086

LSIA Summer Highlights

2015 has been a beautiful and fun summer here on Lake Sarah!

Boat Parade

On July 4th we held our annual boat parade. We had over 10 boats decorated and participating this year. The theme was the annual Patriotic and this year a Disney/cartoon theme. The winners were announced at the LSIA Summer picnic on July 19th.

The winners included:

Patriotic - 1st Place – Scott/Shelley Heintzeman and family

Disney/Cartoon – 1st place – Madagascar – Dan/Nicole Martineau and family

Disney/Cartoon – 2nd place (tie)

Toy Story – John/Terry Wise and family

Up! – Nate/Lindsey Uselding and family

Thanks to all who participated and supported this popular Lake Sarah tradition!

We are looking ahead to the 2016 4th of July Boat Parade. If anyone has a theme to suggest (we always have the Patriotic and one other theme) please let us know. Also if there are suggestions for changing/improving the parade we are open for new ideas!



LSIA Summer Picnic

Our 27th annual Summer Picnic was held on Sunday July 19th. It was a beautiful summer day and over 100 lake neighbors and families attended! It was once again held at Jorgenson's "Park" on Shady Beach Circle. Activities included the popular Kubb Tournament, yard games, the kids Coloring Contest and many new "Minute to Win it" games for the kids.

A brief LSIA summer meeting was held to elect new officers and board members. Winners of the Boat Parade Decorating Contest and the Fishing Contest were also announced.

The meeting was followed by our picnic which included hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and many dishes brought by neighbors to share.

Our Silent Auction was held throughout the event. We had many wonderful donations and the auction was able to donate over \$1400.00 to LSIA! Huge thanks to all who donated and supported this auction. Special thanks to Nicole Rice/Martineau and family for organizing the auction for the picnic.

Keep our annual picnic and auction in mind for next year. Any suggestions or donations would be appreciated!

Many thanks to all who helped to make this event such a success including all who helped with set up and cleanup (too many to name!), Jerry Wise and Tom Thieden for running the Kube Tournament, Lisa Wise and Anne Horn for planning and running the kids games, Larry for cooking the meat, and the Jorgenson family for the generous use of their park! Special thanks to Terry Wise who once again chaired this wonderful event!



Fishery Update

Throughout 2015, Edge Bowfishing guided multiple groups on Lake Sarah. These groups were able to land 210 fish and with an average of 12 pounds each, there were over **2500 pounds** of rough fish removed in 2015! The season was cut a bit short due to low water levels and an influx of vegetation, but Edge Bowfishing plans on coming back next year to continue the rough fish removal efforts. Please feel free to contact Edge Bowfishing directly next year if you want to give it a shot!



New Board Members Bio

Ronald Jorgenson

I have lived at 4594 Shady Beach Cir. Since 1997, I own the 4.5 acre park. I am owner/Founder of Max-tech CORP. Hamel MN. Semi retired

Tom Lendt

I am the new treasurer. My wife, Sharon, and I live at 6375 North Shore Drive and have been here for 3 and half years. I am a CPA and own a small tax and accounting practice in Minnetonka. Sharon works in the health insurance field in Plymouth.

Michele Sebenaler

My husband Tony and I moved from St. Louis Park to Lake Sarah in the spring of 2014, and are so happy to be part of this wonderful community. I currently work as the Director of Administrative Operations and Global Marketing for an international health care organization. We are empty nesters and have two Children, Chelsea 24 and Trent 20. I look forward to working with the board and serving the members in Community Relations and any other areas where assistance is needed. Please let me know if you have any interests or suggestions in how we can serve you and our neighbors as part of LSIA.

Reid Lau

I lived in Crystal, MN. My brother and sister in-law live on South Lake Sarah Drive. I have enjoyed spending time on the lake, especially the fishing since they moved onto the lake a few years ago. I do not live on the lake, but spent a lot of time on it and decided to take my turn and help the lake association out.



Lake Sarah Membership Application

Member Information

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Lake Address:

Telephone(s):

E-Mail(s):

Annual Dues

2015 Membership fee: **\$35.00**

Additional Donations: Water Quality _____

 Walleye Fund _____

 Other _____

Total:

***All fees and donations to LSIA are tax-deductable**

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

LSIA
PO BOX 25
Loretto MN 55357

You may also pay with PayPal on www.lakesarah.com

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

Membership committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summer picnic/Boat parade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bog/Outlet army	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishery committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ice Clean-up	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for supporting LSIA! We are looking forward to another great year on Lake Sarah!