

LSIA Newsletter



LSIA Spring Meeting

Special Guest: Lake Restoration

Date: Wednesday April 13, 2016

Place: Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, Independence MN

Time: 7:00pm Meeting

Agenda

Call to order
Approval of October minutes
Membership Update
Directory
New signs at the landing
Water quality and lake treatment
Open

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It's Time!

2016 LSIA Membership Drive

A big thank you to all of the Lake Sarah area residents who have sent in their 2016 membership donation! Once again our annual dues are only \$35.00. We usually have around 150 paid members and are about half way to our goal. Our Lake Sarah Improvement Association (LSIA) supports efforts to improve water quality, the fishery, a neighborhood directory, and a number of community events including our 4th of July boat parade and the popular summer picnic!

So please help support our lake and community by joining LSIA. You can print the membership form and mail it along with your tax deductible check for \$35.00. You can also find membership information and a convenient link to PayPal at LakeSarah.com

Not sure if you have paid yet or have any question? Please feel free to contact Anne Horn @ annehutchhorn@msn.com

2016 Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory

Each year LSIA updates and distributes a neighborhood directory. It is a quick and convenient way to contact you friends and neighbors! The updated directory is usually distributed by the annual spring LSIA meeting. It is always a challenge to keep this information up to date. This spring our "Block Captains will be going door to door in to collect signatures again for the lake treatment project. This will allow us to check that we have current information. This will delay the distribution of the 2016 directory until this summer but will ensure more accurate information. When complete the directory will be sent out in an electronic format via email or a number of hard copies will be available. We

MISSION – To promote policies and practices that represent and protect the interests of the lake Sarah stakeholders and enhance their ability to maximize enjoyment of their shared resource.

LSIA TREASURER REPORT

As of 3/21/16

	2014	2015	2016	2016
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL TO DATE</u>
Assets:				
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$ 9,023	14,469	\$ 24,916	\$ 24,916
21st century CD - 6 month	\$ 6,974	6,984	\$ 6,991	\$ 6,991
21st century CD - 12 month	\$ 8,930	8,951	\$ 8,967	\$ 8,967
21st century CD - 6 month	\$ 30,000	30,000	\$ 30,038	\$ 30,038
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	<u>\$ 54,927</u>	<u>60,405</u>	<u>\$ 70,911</u>	<u>\$ 70,911</u>
Receipts:				
Membership for 2015	5,145	5,180		-
Membership for 2016		105	5,250	2,415
Contributions - Walleye Fund	435	920	500	300
Contributions - Water Quality				265
Contributions - Curly Leaf				100
Contributions - Other	3,000	4,260	3,000	250
Interest -- checking	9	5		1
Interest -- CD's	27	60		17
Total Receipts:	<u>9,472</u>	<u>10,530</u>	<u>8,750</u>	<u>3,348</u>
Disbursements:				
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (news letters, postcards)	783	54	500	
Directory			100	
Membership/Board meetings	296	225	300	
Spring Meeting			150	75
Spring Meeting Room Deposit (to be refunded)			1,000	1,000
Boat Parade (prizes)	200	200	200	
Biff at Public Access	-	236	250	
Biff at Picnic Grounds		252	250	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	209	583	600	
Fall Meeting			150	
Winterfest	-		100	
Walleye Program	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	49,242	44,144	46,500	
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(49,006)	(46,779)	(16,800)	
PayPal fees	85	106	125	36
Other Fees	1,186	4	600	
Total Disbursements:	<u>3,994</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>34,425</u>	<u>1,111</u>
Overage / (Deficit)	5,478	10,507	(25,675)	2,237
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	<u>60,404</u>	<u>70,911</u>	<u>45,236</u>	<u>73,149</u>

Three Common Weeds in Lake Sarah

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

An invasive species in Minnesota lakes. CLP actively grows throughout the winter and this is the first weed we see on our shores in the spring. Our goal is to treat CLP just at the right time in the spring when lake temperatures are in the 50s and we see an upward trend. We want to kill the plant before it has a chance to seed out, thus eradicating future generations from growing.



Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

Another invasive species in Minnesota lakes. We see EWM form early to mid June and when left untouched, it forms a thick mat on the surface. Last year we saw great results after spot treating the lake as some parts were becoming difficult to navigate.



Coontail

We see coontail form around the same time milfoil forms and it has a Christmas tree like appearance. This weed doesn't mat like EWM, however it may become thick in certain areas. Coontail is not an invasive species and the DNR won't allow us to treat Coontail on a large scale. Homeowners who wish to have a weed free shore may need to contract out to a private company to treat.



Block Captains

Terry Wise
Paulette Speed, Sally Moen, and Terry Holten
Joe Baker
TBD
Nate Uselding
Jerry Horazuk
Melissa Ulberg
Ron Lyrek
Matt Den Hartigh and Jeff Hansen
Kent Roers
Gerry Evenson, Mike Peterson
Colleen and Mike Malone
Greg Koopman

North Shore Dr
Lake Sarah Heights Dr West
Lake Sarah Heights Dr Central
Lake Sarah Heights Dr East
Sunset Lane
Channel
Fern Dr
Windmill and CR 11
Woodhill Dr
Shady Beach Circle
So Lake Sarah Drive East
So Lake Sarah Drive West
Rachel Ridge and Genaker Way

New Signs at Landing



Lake Sarah Weed Treatment Status

LSIA's goal with treating Lake Sarah is to reduce the amount of aquatic invasive species in our lake, reduce algae blooms, and make the lake easy to navigate. CLP and EWM are the worst two weeds in terms of phosphorus input and nuisance weeds for our lake. Four years ago, we partnered with Three Rivers Park District and the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed to assist us financially and in monitoring of treatment results. We're happy to report that the last Fall's results confirm that our progressive efforts are effective.

The 2015 results are significantly less than the numbers that were measured when we first started 2012. The east bay comparison (2012 to 2015) shows we've reduced turion counts by just over 50%, and we're seeing reductions in the west bay at just over 70%. Turions are the seeds that the CLP plant produces. While this suggests a pretty good control over the past 3 years, the absolute number of turions in the sediment is still higher than we'd have hoped by now. By treating the whole lake again this year we can get turions to continue to drop to where we can focus on spot treatments in the future. This is why we desire to see a "good crop" of turions sprout each spring so we can knock back the viable turions in the sediment.

The other component to reducing the phosphorus in the lake is to manage the external loading. Phosphorus that comes in via Dance Hall Creek produces a significant amount external loading and we're working with Hennepin County, the City of Rockford and Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed to formulate a plan on how we can reduce these numbers. The bottom line is our original plan from 2012 is working! As we enter our fourth year, we want to say thank you for your support over these years. This takes a community effort and we appreciate all the man-hours residents have put forth to make Lake Sarah a great lake. We are making a difference not only for today, but the future too.

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!