

LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



Changing of the Seasons

The Fall LSIA Newsletter



Fall is upon us and therefore it's time for the Fall LSIA newsletter. We hope everyone had a great summer and hope you find the information here to be informative and valuable. We always welcome your feedback as well as any submissions or ideas who may have for newsletter articles! Enjoy!



LSIA Fall General Membership Meeting

Date – Monday October 22

Place – Choo Choo Bar

Time – 6:30 Social, 7:00pm Meeting

Please come and join us for the last general membership meeting for 2018. Great opportunity to meet neighbors and the LSIA board members. Light appetizers will be served.

Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory

The 2018/2019 Lake Sarah Neighborhood directory is finally complete! The directory was sent out by email to everyone on our list. If you did not receive it please contact Anne Horn at annehutchhorn@msn.com. We have a limited number of hard copies which will be available at the Fall General Membership meeting.

Klaers Family Celebrates 100 Years!

On September 15 the Klaers family celebrated 100 years of owning their family farm!

It has been officially designated as a “Century Farm”. The celebration included a blessing of the farm, a barn jump house, live music and lot of food and beverages! Congratulations to the Klaer family!



It's Walleye Time!

Plans are underway to once again add **1000** walleye fingerlings to the lake in October! Thank you to all the LSIA members who have contributed to this fund. There have been some great walleye caught this year!



LSIA Board Members/Assignments: Fall 2018

Assignment	Name	Committee Assignment	Term expiration
President	Kevin Horn	Membership/Directory	2020
Vice President	Nate Uselding	Water Quality/Directory	2020
Secretary	Bill Scandrett	Communications	2019
Treasurer	Mike Malone		2019
Director	Scott Walsh	Water Quality	2020
Director	Anne Horn	Community Relations	2020
Director	Kent Roers	Fishery	2020
Director	Andy Althausser	Water Quality	2019
Director	Scott Beaupre	Water Quality/Community Relations	2019
Director	Jon Arneson	Navigation/Water Level	2020
Director	Marcus Zahn	Fishery/AIS	2020



Financial Update – Q3 2018

Lake Sarah Improvement Association			
Financial Statement			
Budget 2018			
	2017 ACTUAL TO DATE	2018 APPROVED BUDGET	NOTES
Assets:			
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$35,897	\$31,981	
PayPal cash balance	\$-	\$83	
21st century CD - 6 month (7378)	\$-	\$-	
21st century CD - 12 month (0805)	\$8,976	\$8,985	
21st century CD - 6 month (0003)	\$-	\$-	
21st century CD - 6 month (0389)	\$37,019	\$37,056	
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	\$81,892	\$78,105	
Receipts:			
Membership for 2015			
Membership for 2016			
Membership for 2017	4,790	4,900	140 x \$35
Contributions - Walleye Fund	565	500	
Contributions - Water Quality	70	-	
Contributions - Curly Leaf	17,130	16,500	110 x \$150
Contributions - Other	400	-	
Interest -- checking	6	-	
Interest -- CD's	47	-	
Total Receipts:	23,008	21,900	
Disbursements:			
Office Supplies, Printing/Mailing (news letters, postcards)	56	200	
Directory	21	100	
Membership/Board meetings	-	300	
Spring Meeting	46	150	
Spring Meeting Room Deposit (to be refunded)	-	-	
Boat Parade (prizes)	258	250	
Biff at Public Access	-	250	
Biff at Picnic Grounds	302	375	
Water Quality Education Seminars	-	500	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	531	600	
Fall Meeting	41	150	
Winterfest	-	100	
Walleye Program	1,000	1,000	
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	44,893	36,000	CLP \$30, EWM \$4, AIS \$2
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(20,177)	(15,000)	DNR \$0, PSC/TRPD \$15
PayPal fees	170	200	
Other Fees	(346)	-	
Total Disbursements:	26,795	25,175	
Overage / (Deficit)	(3,787)	(3,275)	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	78,105	74,830	
Reconciliation			
6-mo CD - 7378	-		
PayPal cash balance	83		
12-mo CD - 0805	8,985		
6-mo CD - 0003	-		
6-mo CD - 0389	37,056		
Checking	31,981		
Total	78,105		
Difference	-		

Lake Sarah Summary

Summer has faded away and signs of fall are surrounding the lake. It has been a great year for boating and fishing on Lake Sarah! We had another successful year for treating Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). We treated for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Our total cost for treatment of AIS this year was \$ 30,734. We collected \$15,125 from lakeshore owners and \$11,551 from Three Rivers Park District and the Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Commission. Total money collected was \$ 26,676. Total expense for treatment was \$ 30,734. The difference was covered from the general treasury fund. The treatment is limited by permit from the DNR. It is often referred to as a “whole lake treatment for CLP” which might be bit misunderstood. The goal is to eliminate the spread of AIS especially in the areas where recreational boating occurs. Some people have noticed that they still have weeds (likely native) on their lakeshore. If that is a concern or problem, individual property owners may hire commercial applicators who will apply for a permit and treat the weeds as allowed by the DNR. We will provide more information about this again in the spring. Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered countless hours of time to ensure a successful treatment and to all who have so generously donated money to improve the quality of Lake Sarah.

Although we enjoyed many days of sunshine in August, the end of the summer did not provide much rain this year. Since Lake Sarah is not spring fed, the water level is dependent on Mother Nature and the weir functioning as designed. For those of you who may be unfamiliar, our lake outlet is at the far west end of the lake. A “weir”, also called a “low head dam” is a barrier across the horizontal width of a river or stream that alters the flow characteristics of water usually resulting in a change in the water level. Weirs are commonly used to prevent flooding, measure water discharge, and help render lakes/streams more navigable by boats. (Thank you, Wikipedia) In an effort to help control the dangerous high water conditions that were experienced in the early 2000’s and help maintain a water level determined by the DNR



(978.6-978.8 feet above sea level) the weir was renovated in 2004. There was a lot of work (and differing opinions on the level of the weir) involved in the final decision. For anyone interested in more information on the history of the project, it can be found on the lakesarah.com website. To be clear, the level of the weir was determined by the DNR based on water level history. Only the DNR can approve any changes to the weir. The City of Greenfield owns the weir and the property on which it is located. The main responsibility of LSIA in relation to the weir is to monitor lake levels and help maintain the patency or flow. Our lowest water level recorded this year was 978.56 on 8/25/2018. The lowest recent water level recorded was 977.78 on 8/10/2007. The most current water level was 979.14 on 09/24/2018. (Thank you, Mother Nature, for the rain!) Although low water levels can be a recreational inconvenience for some lake shore owners, high water levels can damage the entire lakeshore affecting all property owners. According to the DNR, the weir is functioning as it was designed. LSIA has a number of volunteers who will continue to check and monitor the weir to be sure it is functioning as designed.

2018 was a good for Lake Sarah, good for water quality, navigation, fishery and recreation. The board whole heartedly wants to represent the interests of the Lake Association Shareholders to maximize the enjoyment of our shared resource. We look forward to an even better 2019.