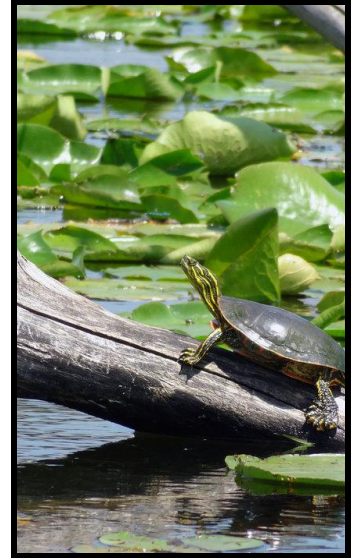




Spring on Lake Sarah

LSIA Spring 2021 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar!

- **April 26** – Spring General Membership Meeting
 - Venue/format TBD
- **July 4th** - Boat Parade (more details to come!)
 - 2:00pm gathering near the public landing
- **July 18** - Summer General Membership Meeting and Picnic! (tentative date, more details to come!)
- **October 18** – Fall General Membership Meeting
 - 6:30 social hour/7:00pm meeting
 - Venue/format TBD

Welcome Spring!



We have made it through another winter and are all looking forward to a warm, fun summer on and around Lake Sarah! Thanks to good ice and good weather, we had many folks enjoying activities on the lake including ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, flying kites and snow shoeing! Early in the season when the ice was smooth, we even had an ice boat sailing on the east bay. How fun!

Meetings and Gatherings in 2021

As we all know, COVID kept all of us from attending many events last year. That included all of the scheduled LSIA general membership meetings and the summer picnic. At this point we are still uncertain about gathering for our meetings or the summer picnic. We will virtually for our Spring General Membership Meeting on Monday April 26th. Please use the link below for to access the meeting via Zoom. Unfortunately, the hall at the City of Independence is not available due to construction and we are looking at alternative sites.

[Access the Membership Meeting Here!](#)

How about the summer picnic???

That is a little tougher this year for a couple reasons. One is possible COVID restrictions. Traditionally we have a big buffet of food, play games and have fun! It's too early to say if we can have our traditional picnic with all the food. Additionally, Jorgensen park where we have met for years may be unavailable due to a possible change in ownership. We may be able to have an Ice Cream Social instead. We will have to wait and see but the date will be Sunday July 18. Stay tuned for more details!

Ice Clean-up Day

After a busy winter season, we always plan a day to check and be sure any left-over trash has been removed from the surface to keep it from polluting our lake. On Saturday March 6, around 30-40 Lake Sarah residents joined in for our annual Ice Clean Up Day! We know many of you who are on the lake in the winter keep an eye out for trash and remove it when they see it which is very helpful.



Thank you to everyone who joined us to help keep our lake clean!

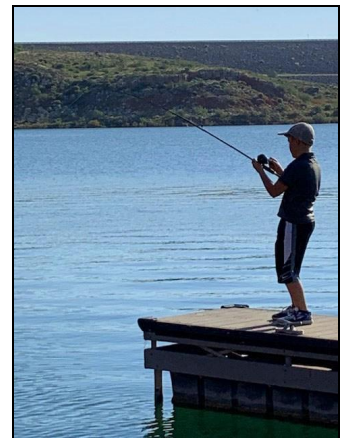
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Fishing Update

What a great winter fishing season! There has been a record number of ice fishers on Lake Sarah this winter. Many anglers have been catching walleye, crappie and spearing large northern.

Did you know that we privately stock walleye in Lake Sarah? Since 2006, LSIA and many generous neighbors have contributed money to stock walleye in our lake. Your donations have provided 12,700 fingerlings and 290,000 fry! Why do we need to stock walleye? The short answer is that Lake Sarah is capable of growing and sustaining walleye but there are insufficient spawning areas for the walleye to be self-sustaining. Oh... and we stock walleye cuz who doesn't like to catch and eat walleye!

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IMPORTANT!

FISHING LIMIT CHANGE in 2021

Beginning March 1, 2021, Sunfish and Crappie limit will be reduced to 5 each per day. This is a new special regulation from the DNR for 2021. The Quality Sunfish Initiative is intended to allow more of these fish to mature to a bigger size. Any questions? www.mndnr/sunfish

Lake Sarah Neighborhood Directory

As a courtesy to all neighbors, LSIA updates and distributes a neighborhood directory annually. It's a convenient way to know who your neighbors are and be able to contact them. The 2020/2021 directory was distributed by email late last fall. If you did not receive one and would like us to send one to you please send us an email with your request to lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com. We also



have a limited number of printed copies available upon request. If you notice a change or correction is needed in the directory please send a note to the email listed above and we will make the correction in the next edition this fall. It is a MAJOR task to keep this updated so any help in keeping it current is appreciated!

Want to stay connected and current?

Want to know when important events are happening on Lake Sarah?

We need Your Email Address!

One of the ways LSIA is able to communicate with everyone on and around the lake is through email. We use a service called Mail Chimp to send out our emails. We have an extensive PRIVATE list that we use. However, we know that we don't have everyone's current/preferred email and that only about 53% of the emails we send out are actually opened. We get it. People are busy and get a lot of emails. Current information and events are often published on Lakesarah.com (thanks to Brad Spencer!!). If you have not been receiving emails from the lake association please send us an email at lakesarahassociation@yahoo.com and we will add you to the list.

2021 Membership Drive

The annual Membership Dues will once again be only \$35.00

The membership dues help support a number of projects including our 3 annual meetings, our neighborhood directory and a number of community events. There is a membership form included with this newsletter. Please complete [the form](#) (including your preferred email) and mail it along with your tax-deductible donation to the address listed. If you prefer, there is an option to pay your dues, lake treatment donation and walleye donation via PayPal on the lakesarah.com website. However, we prefer you mail us a check rather than use PayPal as they charge us transaction fees and the completed form allows us to be sure we have accurate information in our database.

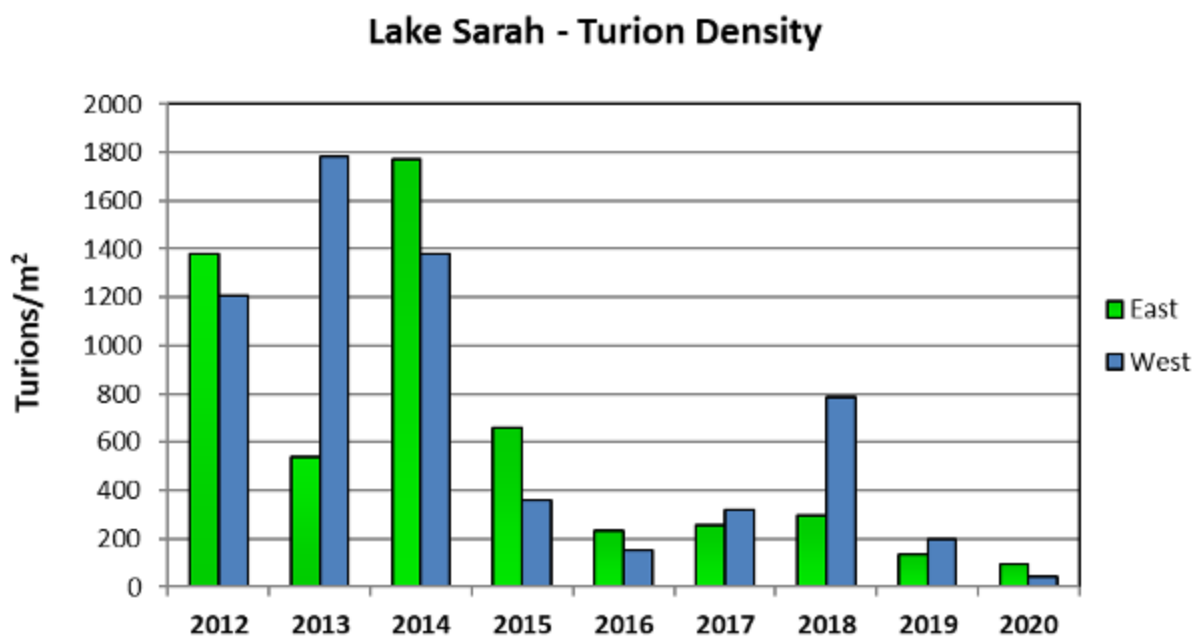
All paid memberships will receive a discount for Randy's Sanitation! **This year, Randy's has offered additional discounts to those who use the 65 and 95 gallon size!** Info at lakesarah.com (LSIA membership discounts)

Thank you to all who have already sent in their membership dues!

Summary of 2020 CLP and EWM Management on Lake Sarah by Eric Fieldseth, AIS Consulting

2020 was another good year of progress managing Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in Lake Sarah. This last year we treated 122.1 acres of CLP (44.8 acres on East Basin and 77.3 acres on West Basin). That is down from our original treatment acreage in 2013 of 260 acres (95.5 acres on East Basin and 164.5 acres on West Basin). Each fall, new Curlyleaf Pondweed plants sprout from turions. The goal is to treat the CLP in the spring before the plants form new turions and deposit those turions in the sediment. Turions buried in the sediment can remain dormant for up to 10 years before conditions prompt them to sprout. Through our treatment strategy, we've dramatically reduced the number of turions in Lake Sarah from pre-treatment levels (figure 1). In 2012, there was an estimated 1,381 turions/m² in the East Basin and 1,207/m² in the West Basin. The 2020 turion survey estimated 95 turions/m² in the East Basin and 41/m² in the West Basin.

Figure 1. Lake Sarah Curlyleaf Pondweed Turion Density



Eurasian Watermilfoil management continues to provide good seasonal control where we treat. In 2020, 34.25 acres were treated across the lake (12.25 acres on West Basin and 22 acres on East Basin). This last year we also sent milfoil samples to a lab at Montana State University to determine if hybrid milfoil is present in Lake Sarah. Hybrid milfoil is a cross between the native Northern Watermilfoil and the invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil. Hybrid milfoil is an area receiving a lot of research lately, with a project between the University of Minnesota and Montana State University ongoing. The concern is that some genotypes of hybrid milfoil can be more invasive or more resistant to management. This has not been observed in Minnesota yet, but with more lakes being sampled researchers will be able to have a better understanding of the impact's hybrid milfoil may present and hopefully better inform management. All samples sent to the lab came back as either Eurasian Watermilfoil or hybrid, no native Northern Watermilfoil was present. Northern Watermilfoil was present at some point in Lake Sarah, but all milfoil in Lake Sarah right now is likely invasive, either Eurasian or hybrid. This will directly inform management in 2021, in the past some plants had very similar characteristics to the native Northern watermilfoil and were thus not treated. Those plants were likely hybrid milfoil and will be targeted for management in the future.

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Lake Treatment Donation

The estimated cost to treat the invasive weeds is around \$36,000, which is consistent with the amount spent the last two years. We continue to get some financial support from Three Rivers Park District and Pioneer-Sarah Creek Watershed Management Commission. We have applied for some possible grant money and recent indications from the DNR are positive for some reimbursement post treatment. In order to continue the treatment and improve the quality of our lake we need your continued financial support.

We are again asking all lakeshore residents and dock owners to donate \$150.00

The recommended contribution will remain the same for 2021 even though we may treat less CLP acreage than past years. Why? First, treatment costs have continued to rise. Secondly, recent findings indicate we may be able to treat more acreage for EWM. Additionally, the state has reduced funding and has not been issuing as much grant money as they did in years past. Finally, only approximately 110 out of the 170 lakeshore residents donate. Sad but true...

We all love this lake and everyone benefits when the lake is clean and weeds are controlled. Not only is it more enjoyable, a healthy lake adds to the value of your property!

Opportunity for Boat Storage Discount

Calling all LSIA members! As you might recall, LSIA has partnered with Moorhouse Motorsports to offer our members a group rate for winter boat storage.

We have been informed that in order to continue receiving the group storage rate, we will need to get a few more folks on board. Moorhouse offers a very competitive flat rate to LSIA members for indoor/outdoor storage, winterization, and shrink wrapping. Also available is fall and spring transport to our public access for just \$50 (regularly \$125).

If you are currently storing your boat with Moorhouse, please let us know so we can get a solid tally on our members who are Moorhouse customers. And if you are interested in storing with Moorhouse in the winter of 2021, please reach out to marcus.zahn@gmail.com for pricing details.

Financial Report

Please view the most recent Lake Sarah Improvement Association financial report.

Lake Sarah Improvement Association					Prepared by	Mike Mabne
Financial Statement						3/10/2021
12/31/2021						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021	
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	Year to date	APPROVED	NOTES
Assets:						
Beginning checking (Jan1st)	\$ 31,981	\$ 31,256	\$ 28,211	\$ 24,605	\$ 24,605	
PayPal cash balance	83	34	68	34	34	
Outstanding checks written				(600)	(600)	
21st century CD - 12 month (0805)	8,985	8,994	23,092	23,395	23,395	
21st century CD - 18 month (0389)	37,056	37,092	23,208	23,628	23,628	
Total Beginning Cash Balance:	\$ 78,105	\$ 77,376	\$ 74,579	\$ 71,062	\$ 71,062	
Receipts:						
Membership for 2018	4,890	-	-	-	-	150 x \$35 budgeted in 2021
Membership for 2020		35	5,180	-	-	149 members in 2020
Membership for 2019		4,925	-	-	-	141 members in 2019
Membership for 2021	-	-	70	-	5,250	2 members to date in 2021
Contributions - Walleye Fund	380	845	1,170	-	1,200	0 donations to date in 2021
Contributions - Water Quality	15,125	15,555	15,860	-	-	0 donations to date in 2021
Contributions - Curly Leaf	-	-	-	-	16,500	110 x \$150 budgeted in 2021
Contributions - Other	1,594	500	500	-	500	channel treatment / RBC
Interest -- checking	6	6	5	-	5	
Interest -- CD's	46	326	723	-	188	new lower CD rates
Total Receipts:	21,842	22,192	23,507	-	23,643	
Disbursements:						
Supplies, Printing/Mailing, PO box (news letter)	134	64	561	-	600	hard copy newsletter / updates
Directory	35	21	-	-	25	
Membership/Board meetings	-	-	-	-	100	
Spring Meeting	-	82	-	-	-	cancelled for COVID
Boat Parade / Ice-Out contest (prizes)	200	150	-	-	100	
Biff at Public Access	-	-	-	-	-	
Biff at Picnic Grounds	283	266	-	-	-	
Water Quality materials / equipment	100	-	-	-	-	
Water Quality Seminars / insurance / member	-	654	754	-	750	
Summer Picnic/Annual meeting	741	693	-	-	500	
Fall Meeting	84	78	-	-	75	
Winterfest	-	-	-	-	-	
Walleye Program	1,000	1,400	2,200	-	2,400	match donations
Lake Improvement Projects (Cost)	31,354	34,798	35,694	-	36,000	CLP \$30, EWM \$4, AIS \$2 budgeted
Lake Improvement Projects (Proceeds)	(11,551)	(13,398)	(12,326)	-	(12,000)	DNR \$0, PSC/TRPD \$12 budgeted
Hennepin County AIS Survey Grant (Cost)	-	4,203	6,861	-	-	Paid to Fortin / AIS
Hennepin County AIS Survey Grant (Proceeds)	-	(4,203)	(6,861)	-	-	from Hennepin County
PayPal fees	155	181	141	-	150	
Other Fees	35	-	-	-	-	reconciling item
Total Disbursements:	22,569	24,989	27,025	-	28,700	
Overage / (Deficit)	(727)	(2,797)	(3,517)	-	(5,057)	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:	\$ 77,378	\$ 74,579	\$ 71,062	\$ 71,062	\$ 66,005	
Reconciliation						
6-mo CD - 7378	-	-	-	-	-	
PayPal cash balance	34	68	34	34		
12-mo CD - 0805 at 0.45% rate matures 07/	8,994	23,092	23,395	23,395		
6-mo CD - 0003	-	-	-	-		
18-mo CD - 0389 at 0.35% rate matures 06/	37,092	23,208	23,628	23,628		
Outstanding checks written	-	-	(600)	(600)		
Deposits in transit	-	-	-	-		
Checking	31,256	28,211	24,605	24,605		
Total	\$ 77,376	\$ 74,579	\$ 71,062	\$ 71,062		
Difference	2	(0)	(0)	0		

LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



Lake Sarah Improvement Association

2021 Membership Form

Please complete the form below and return to ensure that we have your correct information.

Member Information:		
Name(s)		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Lake Address (if different from above)		
Telephone(s)		
Email(s)		

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

2021 Membership Fee:		\$ 35.00
\$150 suggested for the annual AIS weed treatment program	Water Quality Fund	
Your donations have provided 10,400 fingerlings and 290,000 walleye fry since 2006!	Walleye Stocking Fund	
	Other	
*All fees and donations to LSIA are tax deductible	Total:	

Make checks payable to LSIA and mail to: **LSIA , P.O. BOX 25, LORETTO, MN 55357**

You may also pay with PayPal on <http://www.lakesarah.com/lakesarahassociation/lsiamembershipinfo.html>

Interested in getting more involved?

Volunteer on one of our many committees!

Please check here to be contacted with more info or contact any board member!

Board of Directors ☐ Water Quality / Weed Control ☐ Summer Picnic/Boat Parade/Special events ☐
 Membership / Directory ☐ Ice Clean up ☐ Public Access Cleanup ☐ Spring mailing help ☐