



The Siseebakwet Lake Association Journal

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VIEW FROM THE EAST END

By Pat Doherty, 2015 SLA President

With the beginning of the 2015 Board meeting schedule we are reminded that the more things change, the more they remain the same. With the normal beginning of the year issues like the porta-potty at the #458 boat ramp, the renewal of contributions to those local activities that make this community great, lake water testing and planning for the Association meetings - the SLA spring meeting on Labor Day weekend; the two top issues AIS and the Sugar Brooke Weir remains foremost.

AIS will continue to demand the best of us, if we are going to succeed in keeping Siseebakwet one of the best lakes anywhere. If you follow the metro newspapers, you will have read about the recent reversal of Zebra Mussels in Christmas Lake. This is very encouraging as it represents only the third time the presence of this invasive has ever been (by water testing results) removed from a lake. This may also be very unique to Christmas Lake given the way the mussels were found and the nearly unlimited resources that were devoted to (at least for now) removing them. We will spend time at our Spring Potluck trying to gain some of your time and money to address "No AIS" in Siseebakwet Lake.

The Weir (mostly through the efforts of Marv Christenson) has continued to move forward this winter and early spring. We have received back the validation of the extensive work that Tim Monson organized and lead last summer and fall from Itasca County. The DNR is still slow in their responses; and there is some reason to understand this given the vast number of changes in water quality process (es) since last fall. On April 27th Marv informed me that he has received a commitment from both the DNR and Itasca County to meet at a special meeting of the SLA Board on May 22. We will have the results of that meeting at the Spring Potluck meeting May 24.

Lastly, we need the active participation of all of us in the lake community. Tell us what you want or don't want. Give us some of your time to help keep AIS out of our lake.

AND THE ICE-OUT CONTEST WINNER IS

Bill Hagenbuck with his guess of April 15. The actual Ice-Out date was April 16. Lisa Kellin guessed April 17, but Bill's guess was received earlier than Lisa's.

SPRING POT LUCK MEETING

Sunday, May 24, 2015 5-7:45 P.M. at Sugar Lake Lodge (See the Events Cut -Out Page for details)

Celebrate the beginning of summer with friends, neighbors and relatives!!! Sugar Lake Lodge has again generously provided the SLA with their facility and place settings to use for the potluck. Sugar Lake Lodge will prepare turkey and lemonade. Please bring a favorite dish to share along with a serving utensil. A cash bar will be available for your enjoyment.

The guest speaker will be Mary Shideler, also known as the Kayak Lady. Over 15 seasons, Mary kayaked all of the 1007 lakes in Itasca County. To document her paddling adventures, she wrote and self-published *The Kayak Lady: One Woman, One Kayak, 1007 Lakes*—a memoir that includes color photographs. Mary's articles and/or photos have been published in *Minnesota Monthly*, *Lake Country Journal Magazine*, *The Minnesota Conservation Volunteer* and *Minnesota Woman's Press*. She has been featured on Minnesota Public Radio, Fox News, *On the Road with Jason Davis*, and in numerous newspaper stories.

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY by Bill Grantges

Clean - Drain - Dry. It's more than just a catchy slogan or good watercraft hygiene. **IT'S THE LAW.** Hopefully you all have heard by now that Itasca County will have extra DNR and Itasca County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspectors at the public landings throughout the county this boating and fishing season. These DNR trained AIS Inspectors have legal authority to require you to stop and have your watercraft and water related equipment inspected for the presence of AIS and for compliance

to all MN AIS laws. They can require you to have your equipment decontaminated and can deny you access to all MN waters if you refuse an inspection or until a decontamination order has been fulfilled. If you see one of these Inspectors at a public landing, you can expect to be inspected. Their goal is 100% inspection. These Inspectors all care about our waters as much as you do and are trying their best to keep our waters safe from the spread of AIS. They are here to educate the public about AIS and how to stop its spread. A well kept watercraft with no AIS warning signs should be able to be inspected in 5 minutes while you ready your watercraft for launch.

Here are a few laws you should all be aware of. These are also key things that AIS Inspectors will be looking for.

- ✓ You must drain **ALL** water from your watercraft before leaving the public landing. This includes all bait containers, live wells, equipment storage lockers, ballast tanks and bilges. Drinking water is ok. You should bring fresh water with you and keep it in your vehicle for use to replenish any water needed for bait or preserving your dead catch. It is against the law to transport live fish in MN, bait excluded.
- ✓ No plant matter of any kind can be transported. Be sure your trailer bunks, rollers, frame and axles are free of any plant material.
- ✓ You must pull all drain plugs before leaving the public landings. Every one. Live wells, ballast tanks, bilges... every one.
- ✓ Any water related equipment (docks, boat lifts, swim platforms...) that is moved from one lake to another **MUST** first remain out of the water for at least 21 days.

You should be familiar with all laws related to operating your watercraft in MN. Please visit the DNR website for more information www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/laws.html

Let's all do whatever we can to help stop the spread of AIS. Please make every effort to keep our beautiful Siseebakwet Lake and all our waters in their pristine condition.

FIREWORKS FUND

The Lake Association is again asking monetary support from all the members of the lake community for the fireworks on the July 4th weekend, specifically Friday, July 3rd this year. All donations – large or small are appreciated. For those with legal or liability concerns we again remind you that SLA neither sponsor nor produce the fireworks – the Sugar Lake Lodge does. Because we have contact with a very large segment of the lake community and because a large portion of that community enjoys the fireworks SLA does help with fundraising.

Please make your donation to the Siseebakwet Lake Association (SLA works fine) and note “Fireworks Fund” on the memo line. Early donations do help provide a better show. Your donation can be sent to: Roger Quern – SLA Treasurer, 39454 Siseebakwet Shores Rd. Cohasset, MN 55721 OR SLA- P O Box 295, Cohasset, MN 55721. Donations can be given in person to Pat Doherty (contact information at the end of this newsletter).

ROAD CLEAN UP APRIL 2015

by Bill & Deb Hagenbuck

Spring is upon us, well, at least the lakes are soft and blue instead of hard and white! Once again SLA members helped pick up a collection of beer cans, pop cans and bottles along with scrap paper and other miscellaneous items. We continue to be blessed by lake area stewards who pick up litter as they walk on a regular basis as well as folks who responded to an early call to start the clean up since the snow had melted off earlier than the past two years. We started the Spring Road Cleanup with a significant percentage of the 7 miles we clean up in memory of Betty T. Olson already committed to or done. A big thanks to our die hards and the folks who took time on a Saturday to help out with the rest of the road. If you haven't participated in the past, your next opportunity to help will be Saturday, September 19.

FLOTILLA IS FRIDAY, JULY 3, AT 9 PM

Gather your family and friends together and begin making your creative plans for this years 4th of July Flotilla. The parade will start at 9 p.m. in the Sugar Lake Lodge bay. Decorate your boats with lights or just come on out and enjoy a unique

nighttime tour of the lake. We will gather in the Lodge bay area and set off on the one hour tour of the lake no later than 9 PM. After circling the lake the Flotilla will arrive back at the Lodge bay area in time for you to select your spot for optimum fireworks viewing around 10 PM. In the event of bad weather, there are no plans for an alternate date for the Flotilla. Call Bill Grantges @ 259-8797 if you have any questions.

SLA BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Each September 5 Board members three year term ends. Our next newsletter (August) will place new nominees in front of the membership for election.

Please consider serving on the Association Board – we will treat you well. If you know another member of the lake community that you feel could serve the community well, please forward the name to the Nomination Committee and we will work on the convincing. Nominating Committee members are John Otis 218/326-5565 & Pat Doherty 218/327-1456.

BE PART OF THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have something you would like included in the next newsletter, such as Community Service Announcements, Nature Notes or items for sale, please send it via:

Mail: SLA Editor, PO Box 295, Cohasset, MN 55721

Email: djheren@q.com **Call:** Dianne Herendeen 326-8487.

Submission deadline for the next Newsletter is July 27, 2015

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Otis's Grill and Bar will open on Friday May 22nd. Information can be found on the Sugar Lake Lodge website: www.sugarlakelodge.com or call 218-327-1462.

Ladies Golf - Each Wednesday starting at 3 PM on June 3, 2015 lady golfers will be teeing off. Any and

all ladies are welcome to join us at Sugarbrooke Golf Course. This is a fun group and each week we play a different game as we play 9 holes. After golf we stay for drinks, dinner and conversation. Nonmembers pay \$10 to play plus everyone pays \$1 for the prize fund. Just show up at 2:30 PM any Wednesday that you can play. I am looking forward to seeing some new faces. Joyce Dudley

GARBAGE LONGEVITY **HOW LONG WILL TRASH LAST?**

Scientists' approximations of how long certain items remain in a recognizable condition in a landfill: (These times will vary depending on soil and moisture conditions.)

- banana – 3 to 4 weeks
- paper bag – 1 month
- cotton rag – 5 months
- wool sock – 1 year
- cigarette butt – 2 to 5 years
- leather boot – 40 to 50 years
- rubber sole (of a boot) – 50 to 80 years
- tin can (soup or vegetable can) – 80 to 100 years
- aluminum can (soda pop can) – 200 to 500 years
- plastic 6-pack rings – 450 years
- plastic jug – 1 million years
- Styrofoam cup – unknown? forever?
- glass bottle – unknown? forever?

SPRING POTLUCK & MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

LOCATION: SUGAR LAKE LODGE

The Potluck and Meeting will be held in Alexander I

5:00 Registration, Social and Cash Bar

5:45 Introductions, Announcements – Meeting (Weir, etc.)

POTLUCK Please bring a dish to share--with serving utensils

6:45 GUEST SPEAKERS:

Mary Shideler

The Kayak Lady

7:45 Adjourn to Otis's Grill & Bar (formally known as Jack's)

- Turkey and lemonade will be provided compliments of Sugar Lake Lodge and SLA
- Bring a Dish to Share and a Serving Utensil.
- Place settings and a cash bar will be provided for your enjoyment.

This Potluck Meeting is the perfect time to get acquainted with the people in the area and enjoy some great food!

SEE YOU THERE!!

4TH OF JULY NIGHTTIME FLOTILLA

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 9 P.M. LOCATION: Sugar Lake Lodge bay area.

Please join us for the Nighttime Flotilla and join in on the fun! You can decorate your boats with lights or just show up 'as you are'. Please be sure that your navigation lights are in working order. The start and finish of the Flotilla will be at the bay area off shore from Sugar Lake Lodge. The Flotilla will start the tour of the lake no later than 9 P.M. A lead boat identified by a white strobe light will show the way. Circumnavigating the lake should take about an hour. The Flotilla will arrive back at the Lodge bay area in time for you to select your spot for optimum fireworks viewing, around 10 PM. In the event of bad weather, there are no plans at this time for an alternate date for the Flotilla.

Contact: Bill@Grantges.net or Bill 326-0486

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015 LOCATION: Sugar Lake Lodge

TIME: When it gets dark. (Before 10 PM for the best spots)

Come to Sugar Lake Lodge to view this special **private** show for Sugar Lake Lodge guests and lake area residents.

Fantastic viewing can also be had on the water from your boat!

Many will have a good view from their own docks.

No rain date information is available at this time.

Please make a donation to the Fireworks Fund. Send your donation to Siseebakwet Lake Association, P.O. Box 295, Cohasset, MN 55721. Make the check payable to Siseebakwet Lake Association and earmark it **Fireworks**.

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL and CONCERNS/INTERESTS FORM

Membership information is on the mailing label. Dues are \$10.00 per adult per year or \$20.00 per household. You can also pay for a four year membership and receive the fifth year free! That's \$80.00 for a five year household membership, or \$40.00 for an individual adult membership. Use this form to pay your 2015 dues. Help update our database by completing your mailing information. PLEASE consider giving us your e-mail address; in the future we may be able to cut costs with electronic transmissions to members. To locate you on the SLA lake map, please indicate the neighbors on each side of your property or the previous owner of your property. Completing the Concerns and Interest section helps set future priorities. Please mail to Roger Quern, 39454 Siseebakwet Shores Rd, Cohasset, MN 55721.

Name(s): _____

Lake Address: _____

Telephone(s): Lake: _____ Permanent: _____

E-Mail: _____ Newsletter by E-mail: Yes: _____ No: _____

Property Owner: Yes: _____ No: _____ Permanent Resident: Yes: _____ No: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If different than above)

Neighbors/Previous Owner: _____

Lake Concerns and Interests: _____

Please send me my Newsletter by email only: Yes: ___ No: ___

PLEASE JOIN THE SLA or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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Preventing the spread of AIS

It's all about preserving our outdoor traditions



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Any Questions?



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