Note from the President: Tim Ward

Happy Holidays to everyone, I hope you all have had a Happy Thanksgiving as we head into the Christmas Season. I thought the beautiful picture on the right side taken by Gary Bahn a few weeks ago was fitting, the bell has rung and now the season changes again. We thought as a board we would just send out a quick note to everyone giving members an electronic update as we head into a new year.

The lake levels are down pretty low again at this time, see the article to the right on where we stand for this year. Unfortunately we have also seen a declining trend in our Secchi Disk values as well. More info inside.

I have copied some excerpts from an article the DNR news of additional lake findings with AIS. So far we have not found anything in Lake Mary and I would like to take this moment to make sure everyone knows to check their docks and lifts for any signs. If you do find something, take pictures and do not transport, but instead notify the DNR immediately and let them verify the findings.

As everyone knows we have been doing sampling in the water for some time now. Both in the main lake and for four years now we have also been checking the inlets. The inlet monitoring was part of a Grant and was performed by the SWCD along with Volunteer Gary Bahn. That Grant has now ended and if we do not secure more grant funding we intend to continue testing at our own expense. We hope to have some information to present to the members by our next annual meeting and newsletter.

This fall we began work with the DNR and Douglas County to request a no wake zone between Little Mary and Big Mary. Look for some notices in the local newspapers for awareness and feedback session to the county.

This fall the electrofishing showed good numbers and in following our lake management plan with the DNR we did not stock on an even year that the DNR stocks on when we have good electrofishing numbers. We fully expect to stock again next year.

Finally a special thank you to everyone who has supported the Association this past year. Membership is strong and appreciate your support and feedback. Look for meeting notices later in this newsletter and join us for an update and lunch.  Thank you Tim Ward

Water Level Fluctuations on Lake Mary

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The Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) elevation is 1369.10 ft. During the period 4/6/2011 to 5/03/2012 the lake level changed drastically. We started out last April 2011 about 2 inches over Ordinary High water level. Then by 8/25/2011 the lake has raised to 22.875 inches above high water level. We had 26 inches of rain during that time period. But with little rain in the fall and no snow over the winter the lake changed almost 3 feet over the fall from 2011 to spring 2012. The lake started out in 2012 at 1367.99 which is 33 inches lower and during the year peaked at 1368.73. So the spring rains and early summer kept the lake steady and then when rain stopped in August the lake began to drop quickly. The lake on 11/15 is at 1367.04 just over 12 inches lower than we started the year and 24 inches lower than the highest levels.
Carp Pull update:

The 2012 Carp Pull was only a partial success. We harvested 5405 Lbs. of carp. The first pull turned out good with an abundance of help and many spectators. A week later we had very little help but managed to complete a pull. Because of the low number of Carp and Volunteers we decided to wait 2 weeks for the 3rd pull to give more time for more carp. Nine days later we found out the lake side throat that traps the carp broke and all the carp escaped back into Lake Mary. We fixed the throat and secured it back in place but few came back due to timing and water temperature and so after 5 days the traps were removed. Carp will only enter the trap at a small range of water temperature to spawn.

We are fortunate enough to have a local farmer hall the carp away to process, special thanks to Al Zeithamer. He needs enough lbs to make his processing work. Kids go in there between pulls and bow fish them out and they found a buyer so it is double fun for them. We had the DNR post signs but they destroyed them and continued on. Next we put in heavy duty signs that are difficult to destroy and also had the Douglas county Sheriff keep watch. Some kids got warnings. The broken throat was caused by kids standing on it because we did extensive carpentry work to get it back. The good news is the kids took thousands of pounds out, but our farmer needs them to continue. Next spring we will have the heavy duty “Keep out” signs in place and we ask for your help to periodically drive by and if you see kids with bows call the sheriff. Remember the carp pulls are always on a Saturday at 3 pm. We need the help.

Willie Goodrich
Average Rainfall Yearly Total 24.9 Inches

Source: ALEXANDRIA CHANDLER, DOUGLAS COUNTY data derived from NCDC Cooperative Stations, 52 complete years between 1940 and 1995

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Secchi Disk Trends

The graph to the left represents our data we have been collecting over the years on Secchi Disk Values. The data below represents data we got from ALASD who has also been doing some testing on the lake over the past years.

The two graphs depict what we as a board believe to be a steady trend of declining values in our Secchi disk values. We are working with Marilyn Bayerl and Bayerl Water Resources along with SWCD who has been our sponsor in our latest Grant Project of testing the inlets to determine what conclusions if any we can gain from these values. Stay tuned for more info in the spring newsletter.
Membership Update
Membership is strong as 109 families joined together to support the Association this year. That number is great, but many could still join so let your neighbors know. This year we also put $1,958 back into the Walleye fund and hopefully with next years donations will have another successful stocking in 2013.

Aleshire, Keith & Janice  
Almich, Sarah & Bob  
Anderson, Paul  
Anderson, Vern & Judy  
Andrus, Wally & Marilyn  
Anfinsen, Pete & Dawn  
Bahn, Gary  
Bahn, Louis  
Bauer, Paul  
Bayerl, Tim & Marilyn  
Beliveau, Janice  
Bolinger, Juanita & Dutch  
Bresson, Del & Barb  
Brokke, Dave & Sue  
Brooks, Kathy & Jeff  
Brygger, Michael & Iverson, Gloria  
Buss, Albert & Lauara  
Busack, Steve  
Carlson, Len & Nancy  
Christianson, Delano & Colleen  
Daniels, Art  
Davidson, Steve & Sue  
Dokken, James & Arlis  
Dokken-McFann, Mike & Linda  
Dodd, Neal  
Endres, Joan  
Engelgau, Teri  
Ewers, Donna  
Fischer, Mike & Michelle  
Fischer, Tom & Sarah  
Fischer, Bill & Lisa  
Fischer, Jerry & Bev  
Freed, Jack  
Furland, Russ & Ruth  
Gallagher, Stan & Joyce  
Gamm, Darvin & Carol  
Garay, Becky  
Golenbeck, Gerald  
Goodrich, Willie & Mary  
Gran, David & Anne  
Gunderson, Gary  
Gustafson, Mike & Barb  
Harvey, Barbara  
Hauswirth, David & Beverly  
Hinderschied, Robert & Sandra  
Hitchings, Tim & Karn  
Hoppe, David Ness, Carlene  
Hudalla Family  
Huston, Kathy  
Huver, Linus & Janet  
Johnson, Tom & Jan  
Johnson, Walt & Lynn  
Johnson, Delroy & Karen  
Jung, Perry & Sue  
Kay, Todd & Terry  
Kiecker, Lyle  
Kimman, Reiny & Annette  
Kletscher, Randy & Erin  
Korbel, Arnie & Lisa  
Kragenbring, Mark & Christine  
Krieger, David & Julie  
Lamb, Orville & Virginia  
Lasch Dick  
Lidberg, Dale & Donna  
Lindquist, Barry & Geor  
Longaker, Chet & Darlene  
Lucas, Darlene  
Mader, Jim & Carol  
Marschke, Jerome  
Martin, Joe & Teresa  
Melin, John  
Meyrink, Save & Sue  
Meyer, Terry & Karen  
Meyers, Ronald  
Millenacker, Rick & Linda  
Miller, Tom  
Nelson, Vernal & Marlene  
Newhall, Lee & Kari  
Peterson, Maurice  
Persons Ben  
Platt, Arthur  
Nordos, Kathy  
Nohl, Robert & Marilyn  
Olson, Steve & Carol  
Oxendale, Laverne  
Paquin, Jayme  
Peffer, Maryann  
Raalum, Linda  
Ramerth, John & Karen  
Ramerth, James & Dolores  
Ransom, Alan & Lynn  
Reinert, Isabelle  
Rechtzigel, Wayne & Phyllis  
Rusch, Norbert  
Schindler, Doug & Kay  
Seymour, Dennis & Sharon  
Schmitz, Glenn  
Steffi, Ray  
Stensrud Chery  
Tripp, Mike & Barb  
Walsh, Mark  
Ward, Tim  
Wilkey, Sandy & John  
Woizeschke, Ernest & Sharon  
Wolf, Clarence & Gertie  
Woolery, Don  
Zieskie, Darrell & Lynnae  
Zismer, Daniel  
Zoellner, Scott

Special thanks to the people who donated in memory of someone special.
ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE: July 06, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lake Mary Township Hall 4791 County Road 4 SW
Meeting starts at 11:30 / lunch at 12:00 noon by Pizza Ranch (chicken and pizza) - Free will donation for food
Next Quarterly Meetings: January 12, 2013 , April 13, 2013
Lake Mary Association’s current website at: http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/lakemary/welcome.

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**Fish Stocking Activity - by Gary Bahn,**
Fish Stocked for the last ten years

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*Indicates privately stocked fish. Private stocking includes fish purchased by the DNR for stocking and fish purchased and stocked by private citizens and sporting groups.

**Walleye Stocking Program:** April 14, 2012 Lake Mary was stocked with 350 lbs or approximately 5000/7000 walleye fingerlings. The Vikings Sportsmen’s Club matched 70 percent totaling 1400.00 and the lake association put in 2000.00. The Walleye Re-stocking Account currently has $1980.00 for the 2013 year. This program has been very successful for our lake.

The DNR stocks Lake Mary on even years and the goal is to put in 2,400,000 Fry. They do electrofishing every year and in the chart below you can see two things that stand out. One, when the DNR does not stock on the odd years the numbers are lower, that is why the association is stocking and we appreciate & need your continued support. Lastly I have heard of quite a few bigger fish being caught the past year, we suspect they are coming from the 2004 & 2006 class of fish that very high electrofishing results.

**Electrofishing Trends**
The top row below is the year and the second row represents the Year of Young fish for that year.

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