

THE SIBLEY STEWARD

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SIBLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 19TH!

Mark your calendars for our Annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 19th. The meeting will begin at 10:30AM at the Sibley Lake Park covered picnic area.

We welcome all members and their families for an informative meeting and an opportunity to provide your input to our Association Board. It's also a great opportunity to meet other residents of our lake and once again see old friends.

Our tentative agenda and topics for this year's meeting include many points of interest regarding Sibley Lake. This includes introducing the current board of directors and electing future SLA officers. We'll review the current financial and secretary reports, and provide updates on weed control and water quality. All of this will be topped off with the annual association picnic (food provided.)

We hope to see you on the 19th!



VISIT THE SLA WEBSITE!

If you have not visited our website recently, you will notice a new look. Kirby Koster was kind enough to continue the management of our website with Paul Meehl's retirement. The website provides updates on the activities of our Association along with water quality data and other pertinent information. Board minutes and contact information are also included as well as pictures and pricing of our Sibley Lake apparel. The website may be accessed at www.minnesotawaters.org. Click on "Lakes and Rivers Groups."

MONITORING OUR LAKES HEALTH

Dave Lind, Mark Jurchen, and Jeff Benson met with representatives of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Crow Wing Soil and Water District this spring to discuss Sibley Lake's invitation to participate in a water quality testing program in 2008. It is a one year program sponsored and paid for by the MPCA. Dave, Jeff, and Mark attended a training workshop on May 7th outlining the process.

The program includes collecting water samples throughout the summer and sending them to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes for analysis. The monitoring will include readings on lake clarity, chlorophyll, and total phosphorus. Test results will be posted both on our Association website and on RMB Lab's website: www.rmbel.info. The results from this one year program will be compiled along with previous water quality reports to determine trends in our lake's water quality.

Sibley Lake is currently on the MPCA's watch list due to excessive levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll. Close monitoring and efforts to improve our lake's water quality are vital to prevent our lake from being designated as impaired. Margaret Lake was recently placed on the list of impaired lakes and faces a costly and extensive process to improve its water quality.

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PARADE TIME AGAIN!

It's almost time again to decorate the boats and pontoons (or anything else sea worthy) for an evening of fun and fireworks. As in the past, we will gather for the boat parade at the south end of the lake (near the Beckers') on Thursday, July 3rd at 7pm. The Pequot Lakes Chamber will hold their annual fireworks' display at dusk.

PROTECTING OUR LAKE - EXOTIC WEEK CONTROL

The Sibley Lake Association continued its efforts to control the spread of Curly Leaf Pondweed this past year. As a result of your continued generosity, we were able to treat the maximum acreage allowed by the DNR. Professional Lake Management was again contracted to perform the treatments and according to Patrick Selter, PLM, our program has proven to be one of the most effective ones they have seen. PLM believes that our lake has improved in quality since the inception of our treatments and we are all excited to see noticeable reductions in the amount of Curly Leaf Pondweed around the lake.

Based on our current level of success, Patrick believes that in the next year we will be able to reduce our treated acreage or possibly even skip treatment. This would be a significant cost savings for our lake owners. In any case, we will continue to monitor the spread of this and other exotic plant life to ensure we are prepared for any future outbreaks.

Thank you again for your financial support of this extremely important program!

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLORS - SAVE BIG ON SIBLEY LAKE APPAREL

All of last years remaining Sibley Lake Apparel is on sale at **HALF OFF** the original price! All tees and tanks are \$5.00, and all sweatshirts are \$10.00! Don't miss your chance to get a great deal on some great gear and support the Lake Association at the same time!

Call Mimi Swanson at 218-568-7800 or check the Association website for availability.

WE'RE APPROVED! LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

On Tuesday, May 13th, the Crow Wing County Commissioners unanimously approved the Sibley Lake Improvement District. (A copy of the resolution is included). Both Sibley Lake and Kimble Lake applied for a lake improvement district at the monthly meeting.

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LINGER LONGER LODGE - STILL THE WAY IT USED TO BE

It all started in the summer of 2001, with a phone call from their daughter Karie Svien. An attorney in Minneapolis and one of four children to parents Larry and Nancy Greden of Altura, Minnesota, it was love at first sight.

She was visiting friends on Sibley Lake enjoying an afternoon of boating when she saw the "For Sale" sign on the resort. By September of that same year, Larry and Nancy were the proud owners of a Sibley landmark.

The Gredens had just sold their seasonal home in the Wisconsin Dells and were searching for a place "up north". The Gredens have carried on the tradition of renting out the three cottages during the warm months of the year leaving the structures pretty much the same as when they were built by the Rush family back in the 1940's.

Formerly Hossier's Resort, the resort is located at the end of Sibley Lake Road on the west side of the lake. The cabins were enlarged years ago in a unique way. Instead of adding on, Mr. Rush cut the cabins down the middle and added room by building between the two separate pieces. All three cabins still stand and are used by the family half of the summer and rented out for the other half.

For the Greden family, it is a dream come true and all of the 4 children and 11 grandchildren pitch in with the duties and chores associated with running a resort. In addition, the Gredens farm 1,500 acres and milk 450 head of dairy cows outside of Altura. However, they still find time to enjoy their pride and joy along with fishing our local waters.

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or give them a call at 800- 584-6672.



Linger Longer Lodge

LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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The decision to approve both lakes' requests was made after considerable discussion about the increased tax burden to lake residents and what level of government is ultimately responsible for maintaining the environmental quality of our lakes and rivers.

We will now begin the process of forming a separate LID Board to manage the Lake Improvement District. The board will consist of not more than 6 board members of the Sibley Lake Association and at least 3 riparian lot owners who are not members of the board.

A special mailing will go out in the next few weeks to all riparian property owners on Sibley lake explaining the LID process and requesting volunteers and nominations for those who are willing to serve on the LID board.

The Association Board welcomes your input and will provide additional information at the annual meeting. We ask that you contact Dave Lind at 218-568-6715 with any questions or if you are interested in serving on the LID Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

AS OF MAY 2008

Balances

Checking	\$733.33
Savings	** \$6,058.82
Weed Control Fund	\$3,242.79
	<u>\$10,034.94</u>

** Savings includes \$2,384.09 designated for Bob Johnson Memorial Pier.

Weed Control Fund Update

92 of 181 Lake Owners have donated \$13,780 towards our goal of \$14,200. The total cost of this year's treatment is \$14,184.30, which meant we had to access some of the Association's reserve funds to complete the treatment.

Annual Dues

Annual Lake Association dues are \$20. So far we have had 116 Lake Owners already submit their annual dues for 2008.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Lake Association!

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Annual Meeting & Picnic
Saturday, July 19th, 2008, 10:30am

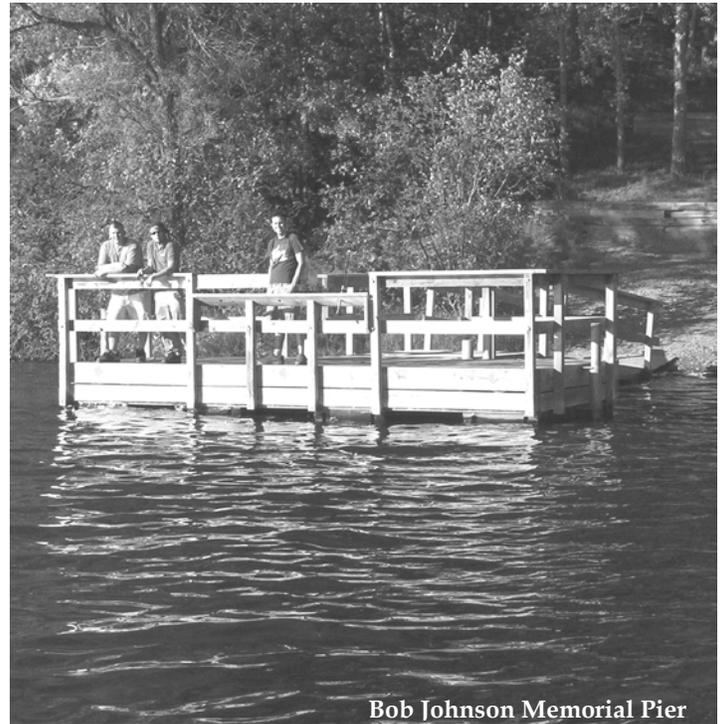
IS YOUR DOCK IN COMPLIANCE?

NEW DOCK REGULATIONS FOR 2008

In 2002, the DNR issued new dock rules that for the first time placed restrictions on not only the length, but also the width of docks, limiting all docks and dock platforms to no more than 8 feet in width. These rules started being enforced by the DNR in 2006, but were still not clearly understood by manufacturers and home owners alike. After much deliberation the DNR has recently released new updated dock guidelines in January 2008.

These new guidelines extend the existing rules to better clarify the use of dock platforms and other dock configurations such as "L" or "T" shapes. Under the existing guidelines any dock or platform that is no more than 8 feet wide can be as long as necessary to reach navigable depth. Therefore, as long as your dock is less than 8 feet wide at any point you are already compliant. Under the new guidelines, platforms may be up to 120 square feet exclusive, or 170 square feet inclusive of the main dock walkway. However, under these rules the main dock walkway is restricted to 5 feet in width.

For more details, links, and history of these regulations check the Association website.



Bob Johnson Memorial Pier

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