

THE SIBLEY STEWARD

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SIBLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ANNUAL MEETING IS SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

SIBLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, July 25TH, 2009 @ 10:00AM
Sibley Lake Park Pavilion

Agenda

1. Introduction of Officers
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Overview of the year's activities and updates
4. Election of Board Members

In conjunction with our general membership annual meeting, we will also hold the annual meeting for the Sibley Lake Improvement District. Reports will be brief to accommodate the full schedule.

SIBLEY LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID) ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, July 25TH, 2009 @ 11:00AM
Sibley Lake Park Pavilion

Agenda

1. Introduction of LID Board Members
2. Update of LID activities
3. Review and approval of By-Laws
4. Discussion and action on levy for 2010

The meetings will be followed by:

The Sibley Lake Raffle and Annual Picnic
(Hosted by the Lake Association)



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Our Annual Membership Drive will kick off the 1st of July and you'll see a separate mailing for dues in the near future. The annual membership dues are only \$20.00 and the proceeds go towards funding our annual July picnic, post office box fee, mailing costs, association liability insurance fees, various association fees (such as Minnesota Waters) and miscellaneous expenses. In the past, we have had over 75% of our lake owner's support our membership drive. This year our goal is to surpass last year's membership quota, so we will need your support! Please encourage your neighbors to support the Sibley Lake Association. Sibley Lake is the "Best Kept Secret" in the Brainerd Lakes Area and we all strive to keep it that way! Have a great summer and we hope to see you at the Annual Picnic!

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 Friday, July 3rd at 7pm. The Pequot Lakes Chamber will hold their annual fireworks' display at dusk.

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LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - FIRST ANNUAL SIBLEY LID MEETING: JULY 25TH

The Lake Improvement District (LID) for Sibley Lake was established this past year. The initial levy for this year has been made of all property owners on Sibley Lake in Crow Wing County. The funds will not be available for use until 2010. At our annual picnic in July of 2008, the general membership in attendance voted unanimously to levy funds sufficient to complete the maximum treatment for curly leaf pondweed. This will insure that we have ample funds for curly leaf treatment. Residents of Cass County will be asked to contribute the same amount as the levy voluntarily as Cass County does not participate in Lake Improvement Districts. We will hold the first annual Sibley LID meeting on July 25 following the annual meeting of the Sibley Lake Association. The meeting will include discussion on the budget for the tax levy in year 2010.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD - THANKS, MEL! FOR ALL THE YEARS OF SERVICE

Mel Granos has passed the treasurer torch on to Jeff Benson. Mel served honorably for over 15 years as the treasurer and has been a board member for over 20 years! Mel and his wife have had a cabin on Sibley since 1952. They replaced the cabin with a year round home in 1989 after Mel retired from Honeywell where he worked for 37 years as a Journeyman Machinist. The next time you see Mel please thank him for a job well done! And wish him luck as he spends more time going after those elusive 14 inch Crappies!

SELLING YOUR LAKESHORE PROPERTY!

If you sell your lake property, please let Sibley Lake Association know who the new owner is and tell them about us! Also, if a new neighbor moves in near you, introduce yourself and be neighborly! We would appreciate it if you would contact us, Sibley Lake Association, as we would like to welcome newcomers with a welcome packet! As lake ownership changes frequently, the only way we learn of new owners is through word of mouth from people like yourself, therefore, we would really appreciate your assistance! Please mail correspondence to: Sibley Lake Association, PO Box 83, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472 or Email: jjeben1@tds.net

WATER QUALITY REPORT - CONTINUING TO MONITOR OUR LAKE

In cooperation with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District, we will be performing water quality sampling again this year. The testing will include phosphorus and chlorophyll levels along with scheduled secchi disc readings. The testing is provided free of charge with the stipulation that volunteers collect the samples and deliver them to their office on scheduled dates throughout the summer. RMB Labs does the testing and results can be found on their website at www.rmbel.info/Sibley Lake. Increased levels of phosphorus and chlorophyll reflect downloading of nutrients from sources on the lake such as failing septic systems and use of fertilizers on lawns. Also affecting those readings are various nutrients that enter from the watershed including animal waste and use of agricultural fertilizers. The secchi disc reading monitors water clarity.

LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE! SHARE THE LAKE

One of the great activities of the warmer months in our area is boating. A friendly reminder to all of us that we share the lake with local wildlife, as well as each other. Awareness of waterfowl such as ducks and loons, including their offspring, can prevent injury or death to our feathered friends. Proper boating etiquette and following the rules of safe boating helps to insure that we all have an enjoyable summer free of injury and expensive repairs to our watercraft.

SIBLEY LAKE APPAREL - GET YOURS NOW!

Board Member, Sean Kaneski, is currently working with a local business, Minnesota T's, in Brainerd to develop a line of Sibley Lake apparel which can be purchased on line through the company. This will eliminate the need to purchase and store an inventory of clothing for sale and increase the selection of items available to our members. You may contact Sean at 218-330-9205 with any questions or comments you may have. You can visit Minnesota T's website at www.mn-ts.com. The board hopes to have a sample of the new clothing line at our annual meeting in July.



THERE'S A NEW TREASURER IN TOWN

Hello Sibley Lake Enthusiast! Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jeff Benson and I have graciously accepted the position as your treasurer.

My wife Julie and I, along with our two children; Emma (7) and Jack (6) moved to Sibley Lake back in March of 2007 when I retired after a 23.5 year career in the Navy. I currently fly an Emergency Medical Service helicopter for North Memorial Medical Center.

I have some big shoes to fill and also have a great mentor, as a neighbor. That's right, Mel Granos is my next door neighbor and has given me a great turn over! First order of business is to thank all of you who have kindheartedly donated to the Weed Control Fund for the 2009 season! To date, 76 members have donated \$7,605 towards the Weed Control Fund for the 2009 season, which amounts to a total of \$10,539. This amount will allow us to treat a large portion of the lake this year. This will be the last year we solicit for weed control due to the LID money being available in 2010. Again, thank you Sibley Lake Owners for your generosity, your efforts have enabled us to enjoy a pleasant boating and lakeshore living experience!

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JUNE 2009

Balances

Checking	\$1,563.75
Savings	** \$4,824.76
Weed Control Fund	\$1,039.36
	<u>\$7,427.87</u>

**Savings includes \$2,384 designated for the Bob Johnson Memorial Pier.

Where To Get More Information!

Visit www.minnesotawaters.org and click on Lakes and Rivers for back issues of The Sibley Steward. Also find more information about our lake, including:

- Board of Directors
- Calendars
- Membership Information
- Sibley Lake Apparel
- ...and other great stuff!



A WEALTH OF INFORMATION SIBLEY LAKE WEBSITE

Thanks to Kirby Koster, Lake Association Vice President, who also coordinates our Association's website, our members and the public are able to access important information on our Association's activities including financial information, minutes and our lake management plan. You can access our website at www.minnesotawaters.org. Click on Lakes and River Groups, click on "S" and locate Sibley Lake Association.

SIBLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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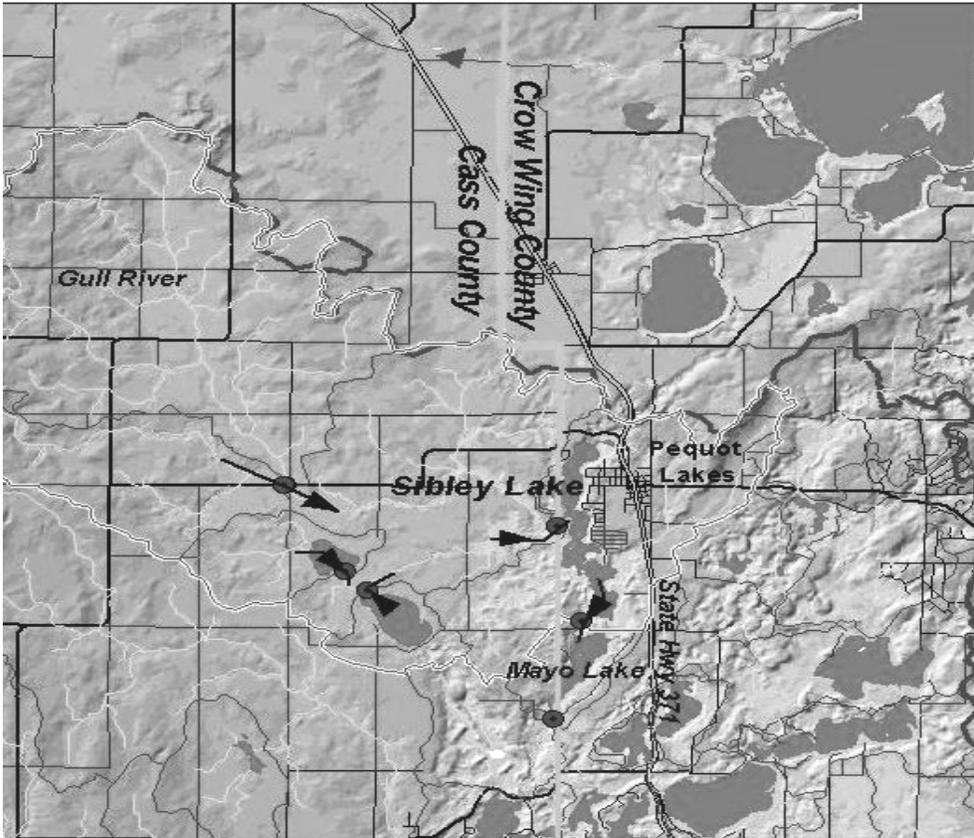
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SIBLEY LAKE WATERSHED MAP



The watershed map to the left represents just a small portion of the massive area that feeds into Sibley Lake. Sibley has 43 acres of watershed for every acre of lake.

The Sibley Lake Board of Directors, along with other lake associations of the Gull Lake Chain, are focusing our attention on the effect that runoff from the watershed has on our water quality.

Lake Margaret has just completed a study that indicates a possibility of significant pollution from its watershed. Lake Margaret has 220 acres of watershed per acre of lake.

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