



LEWIS LAKE NEWSLETTER

Lewis Lake Property Owners' Association

Fall 2016

Welcome to the fall edition of the newsletter for property owners on or near Lewis Lake. Following is the Mission Statement of the LLPOA for all to review:



Cole Olson, CLF Contest Winner

The mission of the Association is to encourage the residents of the lake and their guests to:

- ✓ Use the natural resources of the lake conservatively.
- ✓ Work for water quality improvement.
- ✓ Strive for improvement of its fishing.
- ✓ Encourage a sense of community among the residents and to actively participate in the gathering and sharing of lake conservation knowledge with other lake groups, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and other groups that work for better use of lake resources.

*This is your newsletter, your comments are invited. The Lewis Lake Homeowner's Association meets two times per year, **May** and **September**. It is a place to meet your neighbors who share the beauty of our wonderful little lake. The dues are \$20.00 per year per property owner, and can be given or sent to Joyce Frick, 1700 Lake Drive, Braham 55006. Besides mailing expenses for those who don't have email access, the fund pays for the annual picnic, and the trash collection bin at the public landing.*

From the CHAIR'S Chair:

We are now engaged in fall activities with the green foliage having turned to hues of gold, brown and red. I have started the process of getting ready for the cold weather just ahead as I have picked up my antifreeze to winterize my water lines in the cabin. I am hoping for a fair amount of warm weather to do a list of seasonal projects at the lake.

Lewis Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA) was the recipient of a grant from Kanabec County COLA for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) on our lake. We initially started out with the mindset of treating our Curly Leaf Pondweed with a chemical to manage the CLF. However after a survey by the DNR person responsible for issuing permits we learned that we had two rare minnow species that would negate any chance of chemically treating our lake. Thus we were issued a permit to hand pull CLF to managed the species on Lewis Lake. The DNR person suggested that we hire scuba divers to pull CLF that line of control seemed to be an expensive proposition. Mary Shimshock asked if we could get a permit to hand pull CLF. We were granted a permit to hand pull CLF through June 30th. Mary proposed a plan wherein she would act as a consultant to our association members who would do the hand pulling. She would identify the CLF in our lake, train members in identifying CLF and generally monitor the time



spent pulling same. She asked that pictures be sent to her documenting piles of CLF. The lake association offered a \$100 gift card to the person who pulled the most CLF (had the largest pile). I was surprised by the prevalence of CLF in our lake it had migrated from generally the south bay to areas along the north bay. The \$100 gift card was awarded to Cole Olson (see photo above) who by far had the largest pile of CLF. Thus after paying for a delineation study on our lake and consulting fees our hand pulling we were able to make a substantial deposit in our checking account.

The election of 7 directors was held at our fall meeting on September 17th. The directors elected are: Joyce Frick, Karin Gustafson, Dan Hair, Roger Johnson, Oren Larson, Ross Nelson and Robert "Boo" Olson. I wish to thank Ken Cleland for serving on the board of directors for the past two years. The officers elected by the board were: Chair- Oren Larson, Vice-Chair- Robert "Boo" Olson, Treasurer- Joyce Frick, Secretary- Roger Johnson. The board met by tele-conference earlier this month. The board decided to move forward on our AIS grant application for 2017, to have a porta-potty installed at the public landing for the winter ice fishing season (3 months \$450), join MN Lakes and Rivers \$100 and to consider monitoring the phosphorous levels next summer. The porta-potty situation was to be re-evaluated at the end of the ice fishing season to determine feasibility for continuing in subsequent years. Lewis Lake is generally healthy compared to other comparable lakes in the area however ever increasing levels of phosphorous and the discovery of blue-green algae (red pigment) we need to remain alert to take action if trends continue.

Have a great winter season and we will see you in the spring.
Oren Larson

Annual LLPOA Picnic

Thank you to Marge and Ken Korin and their family for hosting again! Our annual Lewis Lake picnic was held on a sunny, warm August 13th. The hot dogs and pot luck dishes provided a hearty, plentiful and delicious buffet meal for everyone. We had a good turnout - about 40-50 people along with a dog or two! We saw a lot of old regulars and a few very welcome newcomers. Thank you to all who attended, please make it your goal to attend next year.





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Our sincere sympathy goes out to the families of George Datko and Anna Boe, longtime Lewis Lake residents.



September 17 2016	LLPOA Fall Meeting at 10 am
Nov 17, 2016	KCOLA Meeting
May 14, 2017	Minnesota Fishing Opener
May 20, 2017	LLPOA Spring Meeting

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LLPOA Annual Picnic Saturday, August 13 2016







