

# The Sandpiper – Spring 2020



*“The Sand Lake Shoreowners Association is formed for the purpose of promoting (1) boating safety and stocking programs, (2) conservation of our natural resources, (3) to be concerned about the watershed as to how it affects the lake, and (4) to promote the enforcement of all town and county laws and ordinances affecting Sand Lake”*

## Association Officers

Warren Johnson, President 563-212-1510  
Tom Baranick/Vice President 715-957-0058  
Kathy Hanson, Treasurer 952-240-0554  
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## Board Members

Dave Anderson 612-860-2481  
Tom Huebner 715-865-2912  
Barb Peterson 715-475-9369  
Tom Schneider 612-839-9890

## From the President

Greetings from Sand Lake. I hope this finds everyone safe and healthy in these very challenging times. Hopefully, everyone had a good winter and survived the heavy snowfall that occurred in December, the water and slush on the ice in January, and a bit more normal weather and conditions later in the winter. The ice was completely off the lake on April 13<sup>th</sup> which I believe is about the “normal” or average time for Sand Lake. Over the past several years we have had some extremes in terms of ice on and off, so it is good to see something more normal. Maybe the normal date will encourage a good fish spawn this year.

I understand that the local Native Americans were spearing on Sand Lake a few evenings shortly after ice out. For your information, Max Wolter, DNR Fisheries Biologist emailed out the following:

“If you are indoors and looking for some infotainment, check out this link:

[http://www.glifwc.org/publications/pdf/Spearfishing\\_web.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0BjWc0bzcFCpYJPMOpwlsM8hFiF4jMo-widIPuv57b7lf\\_tjyHOo0A1A](http://www.glifwc.org/publications/pdf/Spearfishing_web.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0BjWc0bzcFCpYJPMOpwlsM8hFiF4jMo-widIPuv57b7lf_tjyHOo0A1A)

Yes, it’s a children’s book. But it’s a really thorough summary of how the tribal harvest process works and talks about the cultural significance. There are always misconceptions on this topic, and maybe reading something like this can help people understand the reality of tribal harvest.”

It will be an interesting start to the 2020 Summer season at the Lake. I know many of us are really looking forward to another summer and seeing our Lake friends and neighbors. I think all of this can be accomplished with some good old common sense about distancing, bringing our own supplies and doing all we can to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. It does seem very counterintuitive that

## Spring 2020 Meeting Cancelled

Due to the extended “Shelter in Place” orders for Wisconsin, the SLSOA Board decided to cancel the spring membership meeting that was scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

the locals are telling people not to visit their stores in a region that is very dependent on the tourist trade. But again, we need to do all we can to prevent the spread Covid-19.

I am not aware of any break-ins or other security issues over the winter. However, with potentially less visits to the lake due to the stay at home orders, I would encourage you to keep up your neighborhood surveillances and report any unusual activity or evidence of damages.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the SLSOA Board met by conference call. The big item was the decision to cancel the Spring 2020 Membership Meeting. Other items that were discussed are listed as items below in the Newsletter.

I also encourage all of you to be safe in your summer recreational activities and be courteous and respectful of others. Last year we mailed out a summary of watercraft safety rules. These are posted on the SLSOA Website under “newsletters and documents.” Please make sure your guests and renters are aware of the laws and regulations. Let’s all try to keep the lake safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Warren Johnson

## **Burning Permits Suspended**

It has been brought to my attention that the Wisconsin DNR has suspended all burning permits to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 Virus. For more information and specifics, check out the DNR website at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/permits.html>

## **SLSOA Board Positions**

The spring of 2020 resulted in the expiration of terms for 5 SLSOA Board positions. The terms of Warren Johnson, Tom Baranick, Tom Huebner, Tom Schneider and Dave Anderson are all up for election. The election will be held at the September 5, 2020 meeting.

The Board discussed the issue of 5 Board Positions being up for election in one year. It was decided to stagger some of the new terms so there is more uniformity in the number to be elected in any one year. It was decided that the positions currently held by Warren Johnson, Tom Schneider and Tom Huebner would be filled for a 3 year term, The positions currently held by Tom Baranick and Dave Anderson would be filled for a 2 year term in this election and then for 3 years thereafter. If you or anyone you know would be interested in serving on the SLSOA Board, please contact one of the current Board members.

## **Dues for 2020**

A notice for renewal of 2020 dues will be put together and sent by US postal service to all addresses that we have for SLSOA. Annual membership dues are \$25. A membership application/renewal form is included on the last page of the newsletter as well. Please recruit your neighbors.

## **Weed Watchers-**

Thanks to Dave Anderson for once again agreeing to serve as the point person for the Weed Watchers volunteer group. An email has been sent out to all current volunteers to see if they are willing to help in their designated shoreline sections again this year. If you have interest in joining the Weed Watcher Volunteers or would be interested in a weed identification refresher, please contact Dave Anderson.

2019 July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade



## Fishing Contest Awards

Ken Stark has announced the 2019-20 SLSOA fishing contest results. Normally the awards would be presented at the May membership meeting. Since that meeting has been cancelled, we would like to recognize and congratulate the following award winners:

### Adult Division

Walleye- Nick Green 21.5 inches  
Smallmouth Bass- Bill Snyder 19.5 inches  
Perch- Larry Kempen 13 inches  
Muskie- Mike Pouliot 40 inches

### Youth Division

Walleye- Cooper Sanderson 16.5 inches  
Northern Pike- Nathan Keese 19.5 inches

Nathan Keese with a 19.5 inch northern.  
Nathan is the Grandson of Dave and Sue  
Anderson



The SLSOA Fishing contest runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> each year. We encourage you to get out on the lake and try your luck. Don't forget to take and encourage kids to get out fishing and to submit their entries. The entry forms can be found at:

<http://www.sandlakeshores.com/2019-20-slsoa-fishing-contest-entry-1/>

## Christmas Party Follow-up-

The 2019 SLSOA Christmas party resulted in a record \$1,800 raised through donations and the auction. This amount was donated to the Stone Lake Feed a Family Program. Kathy Hanson presented the check to the Feed a Family Program which is a separate account under the umbrella of the Stone Lake Cranberry Festival organization. A big "Thank you" goes out to Betsy Schneider for her efforts on making the Christmas Party a great success, to Ken Stark for his help with the auction, and to all those who donated experiences, items or made donations.



## Upcoming Dates:

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Sand Lake Boat Parade**

**Fall Membership Meeting**

**Saturday Septembr 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**All meetings are held at St. Philips Church,**

**Stone Lake**

**Coffee 8:00 a.m. Meeting 8:30am**

**Sand Lake Shore Owners website at: [www.sandlakeshores.com](http://www.sandlakeshores.com).**

**Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sand-Lake-105008459540107/>**

## Membership Application and Dues Notice

**2020 Sand Lake Shore Owner's Association dues are \$25.**

Mail to: **Sand Lake Shore Owner's Association,**

**P.O. Box 272,**

**Stone Lake WI 54876**

Please note any changes to your permanent address and/or email.

The next Membership meeting will be Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Meetings start at 8:30 a.m. at St. Phillips Catholic Church in Stone Lake

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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SAND LAKE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_