

The Sandpiper – Fall 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	Board Members
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Barb Peterson, Vice President 715-475-9369	Laurie Czechowicz
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From the President

Greetings from Sand Lake. I hope this finds everyone safe, healthy and warm as we head into another interesting and challenging season at the Lake. Hopefully, everyone had a good summer and enjoyed the great outdoors. We found out that people can be quite inventive to fill the social voids due to the virus. Zoom Happy Hours, driveway cocktails, and beach yoga were all innovations that enabled friends, neighbors and family to stay connected. It was great to hear about some nice fish that were caught this summer and fall. I heard of 50”, 49”, 48”, 45” and 42” inch muskies that were caught and released in addition to some nice smallmouth bass and walleyes. Don’t forget to submit your entries to the Sand Lake Fishing Contest and to the new Photo Contest.

Our Fall meeting on September 5th was held on the patio at Red Schoolhouse Wine Shop, so we could be outside and spread out. I was very pleased with the turnout and participation. The Board elections were held at that meeting since the May meeting was cancelled. We welcome, Ann Beatty, Laurie Czechowicz, Pete Reichardt and Larry Boezeman to the SLSOA Board. It was the first time since being involved with SLSOA that we actually had more nominations for Board positions than we had openings. That tells me that people are interested and willing to be involved in lake issues. I would like to offer a big THANK YOU to the outgoing board members who are Tom Schneider, Tom Huebner, Tom Baranick, and Dave Anderson. I am not sure what the total number of board years that this group represents but they have served well and have been involved in Sand Lake issues and activities for quite a while.

2020 Christmas Party Cancelled

Due to the extended concerns about the spread of the Covid19 virus the SLSOA Board decided to cancel the annual Christmas Party for 2020. However, we will collect donations that will be given to the Stone Lake Feed A Family Program. Please see the details below.

The lake levels and water quality seemed pretty normal for the summer. Phosphorous levels were consistent with previous years and there was less algae growth this year. There were observations of

persons operating jet skiis (personal water craft) after the posted hours. The issue and posted hours was researched and I have copied the Sand Lake Township Ordinance section below in this newsletter. We want everyone to be safe in your recreational activities and be courteous and respectful of others. A copy of the watercraft safety rules are posted on the SLSOA Website under “newsletters and documents.” Please make sure your guests and renters are aware of the laws and regulations and consider posting them in your cabin. Let’s all try to keep the lake safe and enjoyable for everyone.

I am very pleased to report as of August, we have 112 memberships for SLSOA for 2020. The real estate market for lake properties has been booming and it is great that the new owners to our Lake have been invited to become members. Thanks for your neighborhood outreach efforts and your support of SLSOA!

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!!
Warren Johnson

Stone Lake Feed A Family Donations

For a number of years the Stone Lake Shoreowners Association has raised funds at its annual Christmas Party through donations and by auctioning handmade items, gifts and social events. The money raised has been donated to the Stone Lake Feed a Family Program. Last year, over \$1,800 was donated by SLSOA to be distributed in the form of food baskets and necessary personal items by the Stone Lake Cranberry Festival Committee.

If you would like to make a donation through the SLSOA to the Stone Lake Feed a Family Program, please send your donation by December 10, 2020. Please make checks out to Sand Lake Shoreowners Association with a note designating it to the Feed a Family Program.
Send your donation to:

Sand Lake Shoreowners Association
P.O. Box 272
Stone Lake, Wisconsin

Thank you for helping support people in need in the Stone Lake Area.

2021 Roadside Cleanup:

For several years SLSOA has been a Roadside Cleanup sponsor for a section Hwy 27 (Basically the segment from DJ’s gas station to the Beechmore). In order to honor our commitment, we plan to restart that activity in Spring 2021 with a Roadside Cleanup sometime during April before the weeds get too high. Please watch for a Volunteer Notice around that time and consider helping out.

Weed Watchers-

A small group of Volunteers continue to monitor sections of Sand Lake for Aquatic Invasive Weeds. For 2020, Dave Anderson reported that 38.5 human observation hours and 11.5 boat hours were reported by the volunteers. The good news continues-- so far no invasive weeds in Sand Lake.

Since the weed watching effort began, Dave Anderson has volunteered to coordinate training, track lake shore sections, and summarize volunteer hours. A a very special **THANK YOU** goes out to Dave for his efforts in organizing and tracking the Weed Watcher effort.

Dave and Sue recently sold their property on Sand Lake and we wish them the very best in the future. As a result, we will be looking for a new person to spearhead the Weed Watcher effort. If you have any interest in coordinating the weed watchers and would like more information on what it would entail, please send a note to Dave Anderson (ander250@umn.eu)

If you would be willing to monitoring one of the lake sections, we will be requesting more volunteers next spring,

July 4th Boat Parade

The annual July 4th Boat parade included a record of 42 participating boats. Thanks to Dewey Vatland for leading the parade and thanks to all of you that participated with your boat or by watching and cheering from the shore.

Fishing Contest

The SLSOA Fishing contest runs from April 1st through March 31st 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/>

Photo Contest

In 2020, the SLSOA initiated a photo contest as a fun way to recognize those special pictures that capture the Sand Lake spirit.

Photo Categories:

Creatures Small and Large – birds, butterflies, deer, bear, etc.

Lake Seasons – sun rise and set, storms over the lake, snow scenes, autumn leaves, spring, flower, etc,

Family Fun – swimming, boating, picnics, etc.

Miscellaneous – whatever doesn't fit a defined category, and

Vintage – old time, historical shots

Contest period July 1 through June 30 of the following year;

Submittals:

Photos and accompanying submittal information form can be sent to the Association email at sandlakes1@aol.com. Printed photos can be mailed to SLSOA, P.O. Box 272, Stone Lake WI 54876.

Guidelines For complete guidelines visit the SLSOA Website: www.sandlakeshores.com and click on Newsletters and Documents



Decontamination Station

A possible decontamination station for the Sand Lake boat ramp was discussed by the SLSOA Board and at the fall membership meeting. These stations include sprayers equipped with very dilute solutions of chlorine to be applied to the hulls and trailers of boats that go in and out of the lake. We understand that these stations target invasive micro-organisms (e.g. Zebra mussels, etc.) rather than weeds. The Township of Sand Lake has passed an ordinance that would require the use of one of these stations if it is available. Washburn County has already passed such an ordinance, and Sawyer County is considering one. There are some concerns with the ability to maintain such a station and anything at the Sand Lake boat ramp would have to be approved through the Wisconsin DNR since they own the ramp. The SLSOA Board plans to keep monitoring and exploring things and we will update everyone at the spring 2021 meeting.

Sand Lake Township Ordinance 5- August 1983

The following is copied from Sand Lake Township Ordinance #5 dated August of 1983. Enforcement responsibility for this ordinance lies with the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office.

***Section One:** It shall be unlawful for a person to operate a motor boat towing a person on water skis, aqua plane, inner tube, or similar device from the hours of 6:00 p.m. to sunset and from sunset to sunrise and from sunrise to 10:00 a.m. on Big Sissabagama Lake, and on Sand Lake and on Whitefish Lake and including all lakes within the boundaries said Town of Sand Lake.*

***Section Two:** It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the act of water skiing, aqua planning behind a motor boat, inner tubing behind a motor boat or riding a motorized water sled or motorized water ski, from the hour of 6:00 p.m. to sunset and from sunset to sunrise and from sunrise to 10:00 a.m. on Big Sissabagama Lake, and on Sand Lake and on Whitefish Lake within said Town of Sand Lake.*

Upcoming Dates:

April 2021 (day to be announced) – Roadside Cleanup

Spring Membership Meeting, Saturday May 29, 2021

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.

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