



2009 FALL NEWSLETTER

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To All SLPOA Members:

As property owners on Star Lake we have all come to recognize that each summer brings more and more activity on the lake.

This expanding recreational use of Star Lake increases the potential for the introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to the high quality water of Star Lake.

During the Summer of 2009 the DNR, more specifically the area fisheries, offered local Lake Associations alarming information regarding the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species into Minnesota Lakes and recently to Ottertail County Lakes – underscoring the challenge for all SLPOA members to become more informed and more involved in the stewardship of Star Lake.

In 2009 the local Fishery staff observed NO invasive plant species in the areas of Star Lake chosen for the Fish Population Assessment.

The volunteer “Weed-Watchers” have NOT observed any Aquatic Invasive Species in any areas designated to be “watched”.

Your SLPOA Board will continue gathering information regarding alternative methods to meet the growing threat of Aquatic invasive Species.

This information will be presented to the SLPOA membership at our 2010 Annual meeting enabling our membership to decide what course of action to take to protect the waters of Star Lake.

Have a Great Fall and Winter!

Jim Ebert
President, SLPOA

2009 Star Lake Observations

- **Increased recreational activity**
- **Fishery survey remains strong**
- **Water quality continues to improve**
- **Increased “Hits” on our website**
- **More members involved in highway clean-up**
- **More members involved in water safety**
- **Star Lake Directory well received**
- **SLPOA membership at 165**

2009 Star Lake Concerns

- **Threat of Aquatic Invasive Species**
- **Identification of good vs bad plants in Star Lake**
- **Members attendance at SLPOA meetings**
- **Expand information presented on our website**
- **Continued increased membership involvement**
- **Implementation of sustainable Lake management Plan**
- **Expand input from SLPOA membership in DNR policies and Shoreland Ordinances**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-A-Highway: The ditch clean-up of Highway 41, from highway 108 to the Camp Joy Road (380th Avenue), will take place again this Spring. More information as to the date and time will be available later.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting date has been set for Saturday June 12, 2010.

Finance: The Bank Balance as of October 31, 2009 is \$ 4,841.41.

Fishery: Currently, Star Lake is on a three year survey Rotation. Netting and testing to be completed in July 2009. Planting Frye to be completed in 2010. Evaluation of all data completed in 2011.

The *draft* version of preliminary data reflecting net catch numbers suggest fish populations in Star Lake remain strong.

A complete standard lake survey report will become available later in this three year rotation.

Lake Preservation & Protection: We have been reporting on a project we are working on with an owner on Star Lake, whose property has significant erosion. Steve Henry, shoreland specialist with the soil and Water conservation District, is providing the owner with technical assistance. After viewing the property, Steve provided a plan, along with potential funding sources, to address the erosion. There are various sources of funding which require a match by the owner and the SLPOA will provide that match in a volunteer labor source to implement the plan. We had hope the project would be done this fall, but it has now been pushed back to next spring.

Questions/Concerns? Contact Arlette Preston at arlette.preston@homeinstead.com.

Membership: Current membership rolls show 165 members and households strong.

Water Quality: Please see the attachments regarding the Citizens Lake Monitoring Program that we are involved in, as well as the Lake Analysis Reports for Secchi disk, Chlorophyll and Phosphorus readings.

108 Access Update: The DNR concept plan for the Star Lake park/access has been reviewed and approved. The next step will be the final design phase and that is where it is currently. Construction is scheduled for late next summer or early in the fall of next year.

The concept plan that has been approved is very close as to what all of the preliminary drawings and plans were at the beginning.

Star Lake Property Owners' Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 155, Dent, MN 56528

Membership Information Form (___ *New* or ___ *Renewal*)

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Star Lake Street Address (If Different) _____

Phone(s): _____

E Mail Address: _____

I/we certify the we ___ *ARE* ___ *ARE NOT* Star Lake property owners.

Dues: **\$25 -Star Lake Property Owner**: Individual, Family,
Corporation, Partnership. (Voting Membership)

\$20 -Associate Member: Non-Property Owner supporting the objectives of
the Association. (Non-voting Membership)

I am interested in volunteering in Association activities as follows:

___ 1. I/we would be interested in working on the following Star Lake

Association project:

- ___ a. Water Testing / Water Safety
- ___ b. Adopt A Highway Clean-up
- ___ c. Annual Picnic
- ___ d. Membership Communications / Web Site
- ___ e. Other _____

___ 2A. I am interested in running for a board of directors' position.

___ 2B. Or, I would like to nominate the following member as a candidate for the board (Obtain Permission):
Name/Address/Phone

___ 3. I want to be a member, but prefer not to volunteer at this time.

Ideas, Comments or Suggestions for the board of directors:

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Please complete this form, include dues payable to the Star Lake Property Owners' Association. Mail to the above address or
give it directly to any Star Lake Association