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To All SLPOA Members:

The early “ice-off” (04/02/10) this spring giving us open water sooner serves as a great spring board to another “Activity-Filled” summer on Star Lake.

As Property Owners on Star Lake we all share the excitement of summer coming. With that excitement comes an awareness of our responsibility as property owners to be involved in acquiring information pertinent to making decisions affecting the future of our favorite lake, Star Lake.

At the year’s Annual Meeting the SLPOA Board of Directors will provide information regarding the following:

- 1) Shore land Management Ordinance – recent charges affecting property owners with lake shore in Ottertail County include:
 - a) Amendment of 03/16/2010 – allows for RCU or a tent on a single family residential lot.
 - b) Sanitation Code of Ottertail County – proposed changes to be adopted in June will affect new individual subsurface sewage treatment systems.

- 2) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – the Annual Report (2009) on Invasive Species and Aquatic Plants and Wild Animals in Minnesota, addresses the spread of invasive plant and animal species to Minnesota Lakes and management strategies sponsored by the DNR.

Additional information is available regarding the spread of invasive species to Ottertail and Becker Counties.

- 3) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – a draft of the 2—9 standard lake survey for Star Lake summarized local fisheries data gathered on Star Lake in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

The status of the Star Lake Fishery reflects – the Test-Net Catch rate for Northern Pike, Blue Gill and Walleye were within the expected range for similar lakes (class 22).

4) Sustainable Lake Management Plan - the SLPOA has in use a functional Lake Management Plan which the SLPOA Members should consider updating to respond to the changing ordinances, increasing non-resident use of Star Lake and the growing threat of Invasive Species are all adding to Star Lake.

All property owners on Star Lake can access the following sources for changing Rules, Regulations and Strategies influencing living on Star Lake.

Visit:

www.mndnr.gov/waters

www.co.otter-tail.mn.us

Call:

1-218-998-8095 - Land and Resource Management of Ottertail County

1-888-657-3929 - Minnesota DNR

Also visit the SLPOA website

www.starlakeassociation.com

Or call any of the SLPOA Board of Directors

Enjoy this summer! Your Board of Directors looks forward to exchanging information with SLPOA Members at the Annual picnic on June 12, 2010 at the Galaxy Resort. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

Sincerely,

Jim Ebert
President, SLPOA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway: Hi Everyone! Hope you had a great winter. As you all know, every year, for many years the SLPOA has cleaned the ditches from Highway 108 to the Camp Joy Road.

We are going to be doing our annual Adopt-a-Highway project again this year on May 12th at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in the parking lot at the Galaxy and then when we are done, we might even have refreshments back at the Galaxy, if anyone has worked up a thirst! Bring a stick with a nail in the end, to pick up paper, and some gloves. The county furnishes the trash bags and the safety vests!

We are looking for people, as always, to help so it is not such a big project for a few people. Come out and meet some new people and have fun with us!!

Annual Meeting: The **Annual Meeting date has been set for Saturday June 12, 2009.**

Registration begins at 9:00 am at the Galaxy with the meeting beginning at 9:30 am.

Finance: The treasurer reports total inflows for the 2009 year of \$ 4,254.58.
Total outflows of \$ 3,780.90. Balance for 2009 \$ 473.68.

The checkbook balance, as of December 31, 2009 was \$ 4,514.10.

Fishery: An up to date report will be presented at the annual meeting.

Lake Preservation & Protection: Committee Purpose:

- 1) To gather information and assist in maintaining working relationships with public officials and policy makers for the SLPOA and the Board to effect long term policies to benefit the membership of SLPOA.
- 2) To identify and take advantage of resources available to protect and preserve the high quality of Star Lake.
- 3) To provide ongoing communications back to membership regarding OTC Land and Resource and state DNR actions/programs affecting Star Lake.

We have been reporting on a project we are working on with an owner on Star Lake, whose property has significant erosion. This project is taking advantage of available state funding and, with the muscle power of volunteers, it is protecting the quality of Star Lake with minimal pain to the property owner. Steve Henry, Shoreland Specialist with the Soil and Water Conservation District, is providing the owner with technical assistance. The project will be completed by the time this newsletter is distributed.

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

Membership: Current membership rolls show 167 members and households strong. If you know someone that would like to be a member please invite them to join. It's Easy!! Fill out the attached form and return it to us or ask a board member for a registration form. We would love to have all property owners take part in our association.

Water Quality: A full report will be presented at the annual meeting.

Water Safety: Another year at the lake is has started. All of the marker buoys are in. We hope that you all have wonderful and safe season on our beautiful lake.

We are always looking for help installing and removing buoys. If you are able to help, please call Duane Salberg at 218-758-3501.

Star Lake Property Owners Association

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 12, 2010

Registration 9:00 am

Meeting 9:30 am



Treasurer's Update

We are pleased to report that membership in the Star Lake Property Owners Association remains strong and is on the increase. At this writing we have 167 active members. This compares very favorably with 2008, up nearly 10%.

Membership includes 162 property owners and 5 associate members. Membership in the Association is open to all property owners on the lake. Associate membership is open to non-property owners who support the objectives of the Star Lake Association. Associate members are most frequently family members of property owners and/or residents of Star Lake resorts and camp grounds.

Please note, membership renewals are payable in the spring prior to the annual meeting in June. Members will be receiving renewal notices around May 1st. It is very helpful if dues are paid by mail prior to the June annual meeting and submitted with the membership Information update form. Annual dues are \$ 25.00 for property owners (voting membership) and \$ 20.00 for Associate Members (non-voting).

Your board recently took action to report and conducts the audit of the SLPOA financial records as of December 31 each year. This will allow more meaningful reporting and avoid the confusion of reporting income and disbursements as of early June in the middle of our membership renewal season.

According to the by-laws, the board is to appoint an Audit Committee (comprised of non-board members) to review the financial records and report at the Annual Meeting. A December 31 cut-off for financial reporting will allow adequate time for the Audit Committee review the records. If you have an interest in volunteering to serve on the Audit Committee, contact Jim Ebert, President at 218-758-2112.

Stu Peterson
SLPOA Treasurer

