



# Little Sand Lake Area Association 2022 Annual Meeting

**In person at Zorbaz  
Online via Zoom**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022  
8-8:30 Log-in to Zoom, Social Time,  
and Registration**

**8:30a.m. Business Meeting Begins**

**NOTE: This meeting may be recorded.**

*Thank you to our many Little Sand Lake  
photographers for the beautiful photos!*

*Photos copied from LSLAA Facebook page.*



# Little Sand Lake Area Association Annual Meeting June 11, 2022

## **Welcome and Call to Order**

**Christine Hobrough, President**

**Introduction of members**

- **In-person participants**
- **Zoom participants**

## **Secretary's Report**

**Cindy Nollette, Secretary**

**Approval of June 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes**

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Punky Catlin, Treasurer**

**Annual financial review**





## **PRESENTATION OF SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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- **YEA**
- **NAY**
- **ABSTAIN**

# **Treasurer's Report**

## **Punky Catlin**

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**Reconciled through**  
**May 31, 2022**

Redacted for website posting;  
contact Treasurer with questions.



# **Treasurer's Report**

## **Punky Catlin**

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**Year End, ending  
December 31, 2021**

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**2022 LSLAA  
Budget  
*and*  
Actual  
Expenses for  
2021-2022**

***Here's how we  
spend your  
dues and  
donations!***

# Unfinished and Ongoing Business







# Healthy Lake Report

**MaJeana Hallstrom, COLA Rep &  
Board Member as Past President**

- **Boat/Launch  
Inspections/Decontamination  
Station**
- **COLA Grant: Vegetation Mapping**
- **Eyes on the Water**
- **Lead and Loons: *A Toxic  
Relationship***
- ***Restore the Shore***
- **Lake Water Quality Monitoring**



# Boat/Launch Inspections

- **Total of 475 hours of inspections**
  - 119 hours paid by LSLAA
  - 68 hours paid by Lake Emma Township (through grant from township)
  - 288 hours paid by county/state
- **Started weekend of fishing opener**





# Decontamination station open

call ahead

**218-252-6738**

*Located at:*

**812 Henrietta Avenue S  
Park Rapids, MN 56470**

**There is also one located at  
the Bemidji Middle School**

A poster titled "BE A HERO TRANSPORT ZERO" with a circular logo featuring a blue wave. Below the logo, it says "FIGHT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVADERS". There are three red buttons with white text: "REMOVE", "DRAIN", and "DRY". To the left of the buttons are three small images: a woman with a "WANTED" sign over her head, a pile of green plants, and a starry stonewort. At the bottom, it says "TRANSPORTZERO.ORG" and "Brought to you by: Counties of Douglas, Otter Tail, Pope, Cass, Becker, Aitkin and LARA and PLA of Crow Wing County and J&K Marine.".

**BE A  
HERO  
TRANSPORT  
ZERO**

**FIGHT THE SPREAD OF  
AQUATIC INVADERS**

**REMOVE** PLANTS, ANIMALS AND MUD FROM  
ALL EQUIPMENT.

**DRAIN** ALL WATER FROM YOUR BOAT AND GEAR.

**DRY** EVERYTHING THOROUGHLY WITH A TOWEL.

**TRANSPORTZERO.ORG**

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and PLA of Crow Wing County and J&K Marine.





# COLA Grant Opportunities

- Up to \$2,000 from COLA for things such as
  - Research, studies or projects on water quality, shoreland development and disseminating information thereof to member associations and the general public.
- **Little Sand Lake has been awarded a grant to do Vegetation Mapping**
  - Follow-up to mapping done by Dan Kittilson and others in 2006
  - *New mapping could start as soon as the week of June 20th*
- See Hubbard COLA website for details





# **ALS Update**

- **Nothing to report in our lake**
- **Faucet Snails in Upper Bottle, 4<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing, and Duck Lakes**
- **Curly Leaf Big Mantrap; Eurasian Milfoil in Big Mantrap, but think it is under control**
- **Zebra Mussels in Long Lake**

## Lead and Loons – *A toxic relationship.*

### Get the Lead Out!

Program sponsored by  
Minnesota Pollution Control  
Agency (MPCA)

Some 20% - 25% of loons die  
from lead poisoning by ingesting:

- Fish that have lead bait in their bodies.
- Lead that is mixed with gravel at the bottom of the lake.

Replace your lead tackle with  
lead-free tackle.

## Lead-free tackle works!

And it protects  
our state bird,  
the common  
loon



### What's the problem with lead?



**Lead is toxic to wildlife.** Even in small amounts, it is lethal to loons, eagles, and trumpeter swans. It is estimated that lead is responsible for up to 25% of loon deaths.



**Loons pick up lost lead tackle** while gathering pebbles for their gizzards. Loons are also exposed when eating fish that have ingested lead.



**Lead is toxic to people,** both when handling lead products and in the manufacturing process.



#### Non-toxic alternatives

- Tungsten
- Bismuth
- Steel
- Tin
- Glass
- Stone
- Metal composite

#### Teach your tadpoles!

Create a lead-free tackle box for your kids or grandkids.



#### Don't throw lead in the trash!

Bring it to your local Household Hazardous Waste dropsite.



# Restore the Shore

Restore The Shore (RTS) is a partnership of HC COLA and Hubbard SWCD. The RTS program allows HC COLA members to place small-quantity orders for high quality, low-cost tree, berry, and shrub plants.

- Order trees in October; pick them up in early May.
- Little Sand Lake residents purchased over \$500 in trees/shrubs in 2020.
- Glenn Gapp is our RTS Coordinator.



**Restore  
Your  
Shore**

Protect water quality and habitat

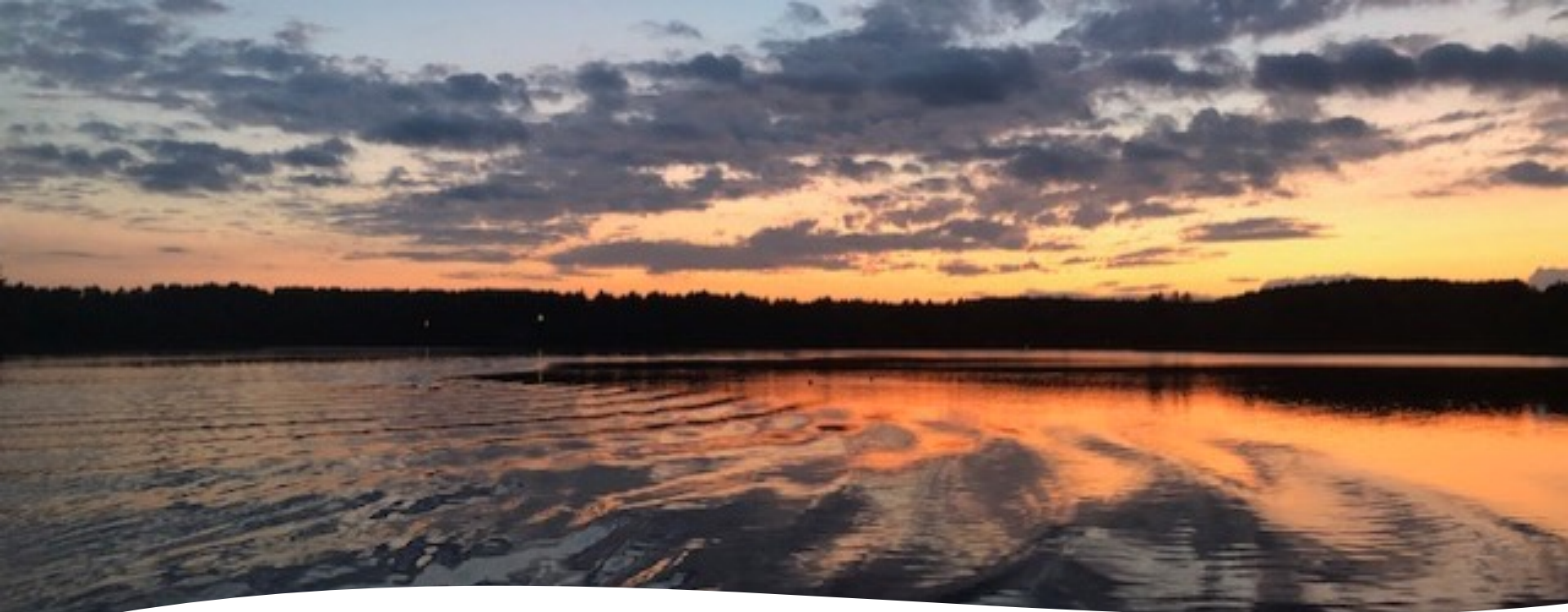


# Eyes on the Water



- If you have a Zebra Mussel sampler (plastic type or cement block)
  - Hang from your dock ASAP if not already done
  - Fill out survey at the end of the summer
  - LSLAA has done a great job in the past





# Maintaining the health of Little Sand Lake

- Lake Water Quality and Environmental Monitoring
- **13 Different Activities** Take Place Multiple Times over the Summer by Volunteers
- **More volunteers needed** – c'mon out and learn more about our lake
- Note about stocking from the DNR: Walleye fry were stocked in Little Sand this year and will be in the even years; a gill assessment is planned for 2027 to evaluate the effectiveness of the stocking program.



# Larry Odegard: Water Quality Monitoring



# Committees & Appreciation

**Membership/Welcome Packets**

Amy Tronsgard

**Communication and Education:**

Newsletter

Website

Directory

E-mail Coordinator

Facebook

County 50 Road Pick-up

Lake Launch Kiosk & Fishing Contest

Luanne O'Neill

Jacob Nollette

Karen Netland

Christine Hobrough

Randi Herda


Larry & Renee Bexell

Nancy & Mark Doda

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



Thank you Luanne O'Neill!



Special thank you to  
Luanne O'Neill for sharing her  
talents in designing and  
publishing our annual  
newsletter. We appreciate the  
many hours Luanne spends  
each year sharing her  
creativity to give us a  
newsletter we are proud of!



*Special thanks to Janet McMillen for  
her many years serving on the Social  
Committee! Thank you Janet!*

## **Recognition *and* More *Thank You*s**

### **Social Committee:**

- Phyllis Trutna, Chair
- Dar Swanson
- Karen Odegard
- Vicki Johnson

### **Healthy Lake Water Monitor Volunteers**

- Wayne Swanson
- Larry Odegard
- Mark Doda
- Janet McMillen &  
Marshall Howe

### ***New starting in 2022:***

- Gerry and Ann Kaluzny
- Rob and MaJeana Hallstrom





**THANK YOU TO OUR LOON LIAISONS:**

**DICK PETERS, ROGER HOCHSPRUNG AND  
STEVE TRUTNA! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR WORK TO HELP ALL OF US CARE FOR  
THE FUTURE OF LOONS ON OUR LAKE.**



And speaking of loons...Marshall Howe had a close encounter of the “turd” kind according to the local news as he rescued a loon from the highway! Check out the Park Rapids Enterprise article for all of the details.

Click [here](#) for the article.

*You know what they say  
about good deeds...*



Contributed / Marshall Howe  
On Memorial Day, Local bird expert Marshall Howe rescued a loon from the middle of Hwy. 34, and the state bird left “a magnificent token of its appreciation” on Howe’s pants.





## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

- **June 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Zorbaz**
- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade starts at 9a.m. near Zorbaz**
- **July 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Rob & MaJeana Hallstrom's**
- **August 6th Fishing Contest**
- **Coffees, walks and other activities – see calendar**

# Annual Picnic: Western Style!!

July 30<sup>th</sup>  
at the Hallstrom's  
5:00pm

Come dressed in your western  
wear including jeans, boots,  
bandanas and hats .....*or not, but  
please come!*

Potluck dinner so bring a dish  
to share & BYOB





# Fishing Contest: August 6<sup>th</sup>

Mark Doda



← Fun

&

Prizes →



# LSLAA Board Members

*We are truly grateful for our all-volunteer board of directors including:*

Christine Hobrough	President—has served first year of first term
MaJeana Hallstrom	Past President
Cindy Nollette	Secretary—has completed one year of second term
Karen Netland	Director at Large—has served first year of first term
Glenn Gapp	Director at Large—has completed first year of second term
Jane Amble	Director at Large – has served first year of first term.

**Punky Catlin**—Treasurer—has served 18 years and is leaving the Board

**Steve Trutna, Vice President** – has served 2 terms as VP and is leaving the Board

**Larry Odegard, Director at Large** – has completed two terms and will be leaving the Board

*The Board thanks Punky, Steve, and Larry for their many contributions to the lake association and our community!*

*Please join us in giving Punky, Steve, and Larry a round of applause to recognize their contributions.*







# Board Members Nomination and Election

**MaJeana Hallstrom,  
Past President**

## **Slate of Candidates:**

- 1) Karen Netland, Director to become Vice President
- 2) Jane Amble, Director to become Treasurer
- 3) New Director at Large candidates include:  
Greg Dravis  
Gerry Kaluzny  
Sandy Younger



## Election Vote

- **Yea**
- **Nay**
- **Abstain**





# New Business

## 1) Directory Status

- a) Available anytime online; printed every couple of years
- b) Password protected on Little Sand Website
- c) Please contact our Email Coordinator for password [LittleSandLakeAA@outlook.com](mailto:LittleSandLakeAA@outlook.com)

## 2) Volunteers

- a) **Help wanted--needed!**

## 3) Payment of Dues

- a) Online – Credit card payment

## 4) Any other business?

# Motion to Adjourn

Business Meeting is  
adjourned, but don't go  
anywhere!

We have a couple of  
announcements  
& PRIZES!





# Announcements

Little Sand Lake Logo  
Apparel & Merchandise  
Angela Albee



## Signs

Larry Odegard



# Prizes

Drawing from list of names of those who paid their dues by June 11.

Thank you to these generous folks who donated prizes:

- Photography by BarbraJo
- Dorset Corner Liquor
- Angela Albee, Adwear Specialties
- Dorset Candle Company
- Unknown Legend
- Companeros
- LaPasta
- Dorset Pizza & Ice Cream
- Cindy Lou's
- Iron Horse
- Emmaville Café & Gas
- Tippy Canoe
- Rhodes Garden
- LSLAA Board and Board Members
- Pure Juice
- Blu North Boutique
- Revel Brewing
- Summerhill Adventures
- Rustic Cabin Décor
- Chicken Coop
- Zorbaz
- Chops n Pops Bakery
- The Good Life
- Muskie Waters
- Two Loon Candy (Nevis)
- L&M Fleet
- Beagle & Wolf Bookstore
- Mary & Mike Nelson

*Donations from these businesses will be going towards prizes for the Annual Meeting, the Fishing Contest, and the Annual Picnic.*





Special thanks to  
Jacob Nollette  
for his technical  
support and  
expertise.



**Thank you Robb Swanson  
and his team at Zorbaz!**





Have a great summer!!