

**LITTLE SAND LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION  
TWENTY FIVE YEAR HISTORY**

**INTRODUCTION**

The task to compile the twenty-five year history of the Little Sand Lake Area Association has been enlightening, if not to say challenging. I thought that this would be a simple undertaking; it was not. On a cold January night 25 years ago nearly 40 residents, though unfamiliar with the concept of a lake association, came together in response to the threat of environmentally detrimental construction on Little Sand Lake. I type this on a wonderfully warm June evening, with the sense that a vibrant, enthusiastic, pro-active, environmentally-knowledgeable and very sociable organization now exists and thrives.

My intent has been to chronicle and record significant activities and issues that have captured the attention, response and commitment of the residents of Little Sand Lake in an effort to maintain the pristine habitat that we enjoy. Data have been gleaned from newsletters and annual meeting minutes. Each newsletter speaks to the dedication of the members involved. The Annual Meeting minutes give us the facts of the past year's accomplishments and the promise of what the future holds if we continue our efforts to preserve and protect our precious resource and our homes on Little Sand Lake.

If I have missed a name, or put something in the wrong chronological order, I apologize. My thanks to Janet McMillen, Marshall Howe, and my husband Tony for their help in editing this document. This history is merely a capsule of twenty-five years of effort by the organization and its members. Highlights of achievements, new projects, thoughtful ideas, and many social activities show the commitment of these individuals. Finances are an important part of all this, but I did not include balance reports as the numbers themselves are insignificant. The ability to sustain the many programs we support is evidence of our fiscal integrity.

The purpose of the Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA) is **to promote and maintain the environmental, economic, and recreational protection of Little Sand Lake and vicinity.** The members who organized the Little Sand Lake Area Association were visionary. Our gratitude will be unending for their foresight. The best we can say is thank you. May the next twenty-five years be as productive and pleasurable.

Maggi Yerkes  
Past President

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**January, 1988** The first organizational meeting to form the association was held on January 13, 1988 at the Dorset Cafe. The main focus of the group was to prevent a commercial venture and preserve the lake's wetlands. Temporary officers were elected: President – Pat Alberg; Vice President – Dick Flaherty; Secretary – Erma Hope; and Treasurer – Dottie Fennel. Dues were established: Initial Membership Fee - \$10 and Annual Fee - \$5 per family or individual; for commercial and resorts: Initial Fee - \$25 and Annual Fee - \$10.

**May, 1988** The first newsletter was mailed.

**June, 1988** **First Annual Meeting** was held at Heartland Trail Park in Dorset on the June 25, 1988, with a pig roast following the meeting. **MEMBERSHIP:** Included Little Sand, Gilmore, Ida, and Big Sand Lakes and numbered 96. **CONCERNS:** Water clarity testing began with Secchi discs – volunteers Bob Shotwell and Chuck Alberg. Loon Project initiated. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Pat Alberg	Board Members – Wallace Vokes
Vice President – Dick Flaherty	Peggy Shotwell
Secretary – Joan Chevalier	Del Cannon
Treasurer – Dottie Fennel	Dick Starn

**1988 – 1989** **Annual Meeting** was held June 10, 1989 at Heartland Trail Park followed by a pig roast. Guest speaker: Vern Massey County Zoning Board. **MEMBERSHIP:** Annual dues were raised to \$10 to accommodate COLA dues. **CONCERNS:** Newsletter was sent in May. The Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) had been formed earlier in the year. Little Sand Lake was accepted for the Lake Assessment Program (one of nine in Minnesota). The MPCA will test for water quality, oxygen levels, pH, solids, and nutrients - Dick Starn was instrumental in this effort. Dye tablets are available for septic tank testing. New lakeshore ordinances were reviewed. Marian Kohlmeyer will work on a lake history.

**OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Dick Starn	Board Members: Little Sand – Tracy Day
Vice President – Wallace Vokes	Ray Hughes
Secretary – Joan Chevalier	Del Cannon
Treasurer – Dottie Fennel	Dick Ness
Past President – Pat Alberg	Gilmore - Charlie Kellner

**1989 – 1990** **Annual Meeting** was held June 30, 1990 at the Heartland Trail Park followed by a picnic; about 60 people attended. Guest speaker was Bruce Wilson from the MPCA regarding the Lake Assessment Program. **MEMBERSHIP** - 77 members (based on dues income); **CONCERNS:** Septic system monitoring was the main concern of residents- 82%; to restrict water ski hours – 61%; speed control and general traffic – 45%; revising county ordinances – 41% and noise control for boat traffic – 35%; Lake Development Survey showed 32 undeveloped lots, 33 year-round homes, 106 seasonal cabins, 25 resort cabins (three resorts) and 1 commercial restaurant. Ladies luncheon held at the River Room.

**OFFICERS ELECTED:**

Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer  
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti  
Board Member – Sarah Mulvaney

**1990 – 1991 Annual Meeting** was held June 22, 1991 at Heartland Park followed by a picnic. Guest speakers were Bill Allen, District Soil and Water Conservation and Beth Kluthe, Environmental Services, and David Olsanowski, County Engineer. **MEMBERSHIP:** 81 members (based on dues). **CONCERNS:** Little Sand Lake maps, coded by developments, were given out. County Shoreland Ordinance Booklets are now available. Tony Kinkel introduced a bill for fines on boats/motors transported with milfoil on them at \$700- - the bill passed. Well testing clinic to be in July and kits are available for \$10. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Dick Starn	Board Members: Tracy Day
Vice President – Wally Vokes	Ray Hughes
Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer	Sarah Mulvaney
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Dick Ness

**1991 – 1992 Annual Meeting** was held August 15, 1992 at Heartland Trail Park, followed by a pot luck dinner. **MEMBERSHIP :** 45 members. **CONCERNS:** Motion, apparently made last year, for the Pinelands Fund was remade to have the Board set a donation amount. Mandatory septic testing will begin in 1993-1994. Motion made to have voluntary participation by lake residents as soon as possible. Septic systems more than 8 years old are likely non-conforming. Financial aid is available for new installations. Established the last Saturday in June next year for annual meeting. Updated maps for Ida, Gilmore, and Little Sand Lakes distributed. Mel Luke is the Advocate for Little Sand. A reminder that the law for water skiing is from sunrise to one hour after sunset. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Wayne Classon
Vice President – Charlie Alberg	Charles Kellner
Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer	Bill O’Neill
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim McAllister
COLA Representative. – Wally Vokes	

**1992 – 1993 Annual Meeting** was held June 26, 1993 at First English Lutheran Church Hall due to weather and followed by a catered luncheon from Mom’s Kitchen. 45 members attended. Guest speaker as Odean Hokanson, County Assessors Office regarding property taxes. **MEMBERSHIP:** Currently 87 for the three lakes (Ida, Gilmore, and Little Sand). **CONCERNS:** Public hearing on Shoreland Management Ordinance changes; Upcoming potluck and barbecue at the Ray Jacobson’s. Lake Gilmore had a “Gilly Fest”. Ladies luncheon at Compadres. **OFFICERS ELECTED:** (Determined to override the by-laws as officers only elected ten months ago and not a full year)

President – Leona Nielson	Board Members: None Listed
Vice President – Charlie Alberg	
Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer	
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	

**1993 – 1994 Annual Meeting** was held June 25, 1994 at the Goose Crossing in Nevis, followed by a buffet luncheon. **MEMBERSHIP:** No references. **CONCERNS:** Mandatory septic inspection is this year; Working with the DNR to improve the lake access road ; Marian Kohlmeyer instrumental with this. Report on water testing given; Wayne Classon will assist Wally Vokes. Fourth of July parade on lake planned. The 911 emergency system being implemented- fire numbers are obsolete. Ladies Luncheon at the Goose Crossing. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Wayne Classon
Vice President -.Dottie Fennel	Charlie Kellner
Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer	Jack Parisian
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim Thomsen

**1994 – 1995 Annual Meeting** was held July 1, 1995 at Mom's Catering, with picnic lunch served after the meeting. Guest Speaker – Shelly Hanson, Wetlands Administrator on Maintaining our Wetlands. **MEMBERSHIP:** No reference. **CONCERNS:** By-Law change to make fiscal year Jan. 1 to Jan. 1 passed. New public access road will begin construction, thanks to Marian Kohlmeyer's work to obtain a \$26,000 State Parks Road Grant. County Road 50 reconstruction is on hold. July 4<sup>th</sup> watercraft parade. Septic system updates nearing completion – low interest loans still available. Lake directory will be done and free to members. Larry and Renee Bexell are doing this. Resolution adopted to limit jet skier use after 6 P.M. Fire numbers still in use but 911 forms need to be completed. Floating rafts may not be in front of neighbor residences. Proposal for dock signs or Association t-shirts made. Anglers' Wood Resort now privately owned by three residents. Ladies luncheon at the Goose Crossing.

**OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Wayne Classon
Vice President - Dottie Fennel	Charlie Kellner
Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer	Jack Parisian
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim Thomsen

**1995 – 1996 Annual Meeting** was held at Mom's Catering on June 29, 1996 with a luncheon following. **MEMBERSHIP:** No reference. Dues to remain at \$10 per family. **CONCERNS:** Septic system update – 74% of Little Sand Lake residences are up to code. Public access road construction to begin soon. It will be graveled, not tarred. July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade. Fires: Bonfires are allowed. Other fires require a permit. Burning of garbage/trash is not permitted. The use of Jet skis and floating rafts again addressed. Weekly summer get-acquainted coffees instituted. Association apparel available. Plans for a "Lake Night Out" later in the summer. Volunteer Water Patrol established with members Rod Westrum, Dean Johnson, Dick Flaherty, and Dennis Block assisting Hubbard County Sheriff's Office. Ladies Luncheon held at Companeros. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Wayne Classon
Vice President – Dottie Fennell	Charlie Kellner
Secretary – Marian Kohlmeyer	Jack Parisian
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim Thomsen

**1996 – 1997 Annual Meeting** was held July 12, 1997 at Dorset Lutheran Church, followed by a catered buffet luncheon. Fifty-four members were present. Guest speakers: Pat Alberg, regarding the controversial plans for Chateau Paulette and Cal Johannson and Jimmy Burgoon from the Sheriff's Office on Crime Watch. **MEMBERSHIP:** No reference. **CONCERNS:** 1996 Christmas party hosted by Roger and Betty Anderson. Public access road completed and will be maintained year round. Lake volunteers (67) helped with the Freshwater Festival for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Complaints re: Chateau Paulette – noise level, dangerous parking, absence of planned food service, and plans for a roof deck. July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade. Upper Mississippians at Chateau on Sundays – Lake members Gwen and Dennis block and Mary Linder are in the band. Lake night out at Spider Web Supper Club. Tee and sweat shirts still available. Nancy Majerus making name signs for County 50 residents who would like them when the highway is completed. Ladies luncheon held at Mom's catering.

**OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Dottie Fennell
Vice President – Jack Parisian	Marian Kohlmeyer
Secretary – Gwen Block	Joan Smith
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim Thomsen
COLA Representatives – Wayne Classon	Lake Advocate – Mel Luke
Rod Westrum	

**1997 – 1998 Annual Meeting** was held at the Dorset Lutheran Church on June 19, 1998. Thirty-one members attended. Luncheon was catered by Lynn Denman. **MEMBERSHIP:** No reference. **CONCERNS:** Directories will not be printed this year as road names are changing for 911. Little Sand roads will begin with “G”. Water sampling volunteers are Rod Westrum, Wayne Classon, Sally Mulvany, Mel Luke, and Roger Anderson on Lake Gilmore. Secchi disc reading at 31 feet. Booklets given out on natural lakeshore maintenance and keeping the lake clean. Weekly coffees June through September; Doug Kingsley from the DNR will speak on July 8th. Tee and sweat shirts still available. 1997 Christmas party hosted by Dorothy and Dick Melby. Ladies luncheon held at Companeros. Pot luck picnic at Gwen and Dennis Block’s in August. Lake night out at the Ranch House, Walker in September. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Marian Kohlmeyer-Strand
Vice President – Jack Parisian	Joan Smith
Secretary – Gwen Block	Dottie Fennell
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim Thomsen
COLA Representatives – Rod Westrum	Lake Advocate – Mel Luke
Wayne Classon	

**1998 – 1999 Annual Meeting** held at the Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on June 26, 1999. Thirty-two members attended and Lynn Denman catered a luncheon afterward. **MEMBERSHIP:** No reference. **CONCERNS:** Reported that Little Sand and Gilmore lakes are crystal clear. Only three of 168 properties have non-conforming septic systems. COLA initiated the program we now know as “Restore the Shore” – cheap trees and shrubs. Brochures on Understanding the Shoreline Ordinance were distributed. Dan Kittilson reported on the state of fishing on the lake. Last year’s July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was rained out; hope it goes well this year. Lake Management Plans from the DNR were distributed. Ladies luncheon will be at Companeros and August pot luck picnic at Block’s. Lake night out will be at Blueberry Pines. New directories will be made this winter when street addressing is completed. School bond issue and its effect on taxes also a concern. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Dottie Fennell
Vice President – Jack Parisian	Marian Kohlmeyer-Strand
Secretary – Gwen Block	Joan Smith
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Jim Thomsen
COLA Representatives – Rod Westrum and Wayne Classon	

**1999 – 2000 Annual Meeting** was held July 8, 2000 at the Dorset Church Fellowship Hall. Thirty-seven members attended and lunch was catered by Lynn Denman. **MEMBERSHIP:** No reference. **CONCERNS:** Lake Gilmore residents voted to have an independent lake association. 1999 Christmas party was hosted by Jan and Jerry Swedberg. Pamphlets on Understanding the Shoreline Ordinance and Rules for Non-Conforming Shoreline Properties were again handed out. Water testing was done by Mel Luke and Sarah Mulvany, but no report cited. Dan Kittilson reported that the DNR will do a fish population survey in 2002. Discussion on trees being taken down in the park on County Road 7 and along County Road 50. July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade again. Ladies luncheon will be at Blueberry Pines and the men will have a breakfast at LaPasta. August pot luck picnic at Block’s. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Leona Nielsen	Board Members: Wayne Classon
Vice President – Jack Parisian	Dottie Fennell
Secretary – Gwen Block	Jim Thomsen
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Lake Rep. – Mel Luke
COLA Representative – Rod Westrum	

**2000 – 2001 Annual Meeting** was held August 11, 2001 at the Dorset Church Fellowship Hall. Lunch was served during an interruption in the meeting by Lynn Denman’s catering. **MEMBERSHIP:** Sixty-seven members. **CONCERNS:** 2000 Christmas party was hosted by Gwen and Dennis Block. Water testing continues to be excellent. Lake directory was finally completed thanks to Renee Bexell and Jan Swedberg. Ladies luncheon held at Gilbert’s this year and men’s breakfast again at LaPasta. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade had 36 units. Main concern was Lake Belle Taine and the high water problem; voted to endorse the efforts of their lake association in solving the problem and accepting the distribution of costs associated with the solution. Concern regarding the renewal of Chateau Paulette’s liquor license with food not being served as required by law. Leona Nielsen thanked for her years of service. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Jerry Swedberg	Board Members: Dan Kittilson
Vice President – Jim Thomsen	Tom Pacholl
Secretary – Nancy Majerus	David Scott
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Past President – Leona Nielsen

**2001 - 2002 Annual Meeting** was held June 16, 2002 at 1<sup>st</sup> English Lutheran Church in Dorset with coffee and rolls social first. Guest Speaker: John Weber on Butterflies at the end of the meeting. **MEMBERSHIP:** About 50. **CONCERNS:** Renee Bexell appointed Newsletter editor. First email coordinator was Jan Swedberg. Rod Westrum was COLA Coordinator. COLA continues with Restore the Shore program. Water clarity is excellent – Secchi disc reading in spring was 38 feet and is currently 28 feet. High water on Lake Belle Taine still a problem. Social Committee of five couples was established during the year. Upcoming events include golf scramble, quilting, bridge, fishing contest. Coffees will be every two weeks. Ladies luncheon at Gilberts’. July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade and August picnic at Block’s. Loon nest building began with Vern Thompson. DNR will conduct fish survey this summer with results next summer (2003). Wake signs were made by Larry Bexell and posted at the access. The idea for road pick up was proposed by Tom Pacholl, but no firm decision made. **OFFICERS ELECTED:**

President – Jerry Swedberg	Board Members – Dennis Block
Vice President – Jim Thomsen	Dan Kittilson
Secretary – Mary Linder	Tom Pacholl
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti	Vern Thompson
Past President – Leona Nielsen	

**2002 - 2003 Annual Meeting** was June 7, 2003 at the Dorset Church. Guest Speaker: Doug Kingsley of the DNR on “The Management Plan for Little Sand Lake. **MEMBERSHIP:** 65 members. **CONCERNS:** 2002 Christmas party hosted by Kay and Jim Thomsen. Freshwater Festival held with COLA. Water testing continues to be great. Secchi disc at 19 feet. Emergency fund for curly pond weed discussed – no action taken. Road side pick-up is now organized. Loon nesting project still going – no successful spot yet. New public access dock is in. Quilting group meets weekly. Ladies Luncheon at Jan Swedberg’s. Annual picnic at Block’s in August and Lake Night Out in September. Opportunity to apply for a McKnight Grant and join the “Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership Program”; a committee will work with this. Motion to raise annual dues to \$20 per household passed in an effort to cover water testing costs. Officer term lengths set at two years and a limit of two consecutive terms, with the Treasurer being exempt due to bonding. Half of the Board to be elected each year. **OFFICERS ELECTED:** (term length and term number indicated )

President – Dan Kittilson - 2 years	Board Members: Dennis Block - 2nd year
Vice President – Jim Thomsen - 2nd year	Vern Thompson - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Secretary – Mary Linder - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Jill Gilbertson - 2 years
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti- 2 years	Joann Snyder - 2 years

Past President – Jerry Swedberg

COLA Coordinator – Rod Westrum

**2003 – 2004 Annual Meeting** was held June 12, 2004 at the Mantrap Clubhouse with coffee and rolls social first. **MEMBERSHIP:** 56 members. **CONCERNS:** 2003 Christmas party was held at Renee and Larry Bexell's. Visioning Session for our lake held in conjunction with Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership Program; received \$800 for our participation. If we meet proposed plan, we will receive \$800 more. Wayne and Linda Gaustad instrumental in doing this. Committee reports: COLA up to 30 – 35 member lakes. Very active. Secchi disc reading at 36 feet. Directory costs \$1 per copy. Roadside pick-up going well 4 times in the summer. Loon nest – still no success yet. Social calendars distributed – coffees, luncheons, fishing contest, picnic, Lake Night Out. Need Welcome committee to educate new residents about keeping chemicals out of lake and wildlife concerns. Lake safe from milfoil and curly leaf vegetation although it is in the area. Resolution to oppose the Works of Improvement (WOI) for the Mantrap Chain of lakes passed. **OFFICERS – CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**  
President – Dan Kittilson – Current                                  Directors: Jill Gilbertson - Current  
Vice President – Vern Thompson - 2<sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years                  Joann Snyder - Current  
Secretary – Mary Linder - 2<sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years                                  Dennis Block - 2<sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years  
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti - Current    Robert Crag - 1<sup>st</sup> term, 2 years  
Past President – Jerry Swedberg

**2004 – 2005 Annual Meeting** was held June 11, 2005 at the Mantrap Conservation Club with coffee and rolls prior to the meeting. **MEMBERSHIP:** 70 members. **CONCERNS:** 2 County did not establish WOI. Controversial issue involving Edgewood on Little Sand as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). PUD was approved, but standards were established. Kiosk was built at the Public Access thanks to Vern Thompson and Jim Thomsen. 12,000 fingerlings were released into the lake. Secchi disc reading at 37 feet. Lake Management Plan completed and distributed to members. Joined the Minnesota Lakes Association. Unitel bringing phone/cable/Internet to the area. First aquatic plant ID workshop was held. Plan to “Adopt a Highway” – Hwy. 50 between County 7 and County 40 – 2.5 miles. Angie Ness working on sweatshirt/caps project. Zhateau Zorbaz opened and Upper Mississippians are back performing there. Ladies luncheon was at Summerhill Farm, Lake Night Out at Blueberry Pines. 2004 Christmas party was held at Virginia and Clair Schwalm's. Current social calendars were handed out. Fishing contest is a big hit and continues. **OFFICERS – CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**  
President – Dan Kittilson - 2<sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years                  Directors: Dennis Block – Current  
Vice President – Vern Thompson – Current                          Robert Craig – Current  
Secretary – Mary Linder – Current                                  Rob Hallstrom – 1<sup>st</sup> term, 2 years  
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti – 2<sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years                          Clayton Peterson – 1<sup>st</sup> term, 2 years  
COLA Representative – Jim Thomsen                                  Past President – Jerry Swedberg

**2005 – 2006 Annual Meeting** was held June 10, 2006 at Northwoods Bank Community Room, following rolls and coffee social. Fifty members present. **MEMBERSHIP:** 85 members. **CONCERNS:** 2005 Christmas party hosted by Dorothy Melby. Committee Reports: Secchi disc at 34.4 feet. Water testing now costs \$190. Wayne Gaustad continues Restore the Shore program. Loon nesting is successful this year – according to Dick Peters we have one by Zorbaz, two on the river and one at Peters'. Lake apparel is available by order. Please attend County meetings regarding updating shoreland ordinances. Recommendation to support the Alternative Shoreland Ordinance Standards. Little Sand is a recreational lake. Newsletter is now on-line. Lake mapping project for vegetation and fishery management completed by Dan Kittilson, Vern Thompson, and Jim Thomsen No water milfoil or curly pondweed found. Adopt a Highway project a success. Approved to establish a Memorial Fund and post it at the Kiosk. Vern Thompson will make a plaque for those remembered. New bridge on County 7 will be an upcoming issue. Social committee members are Linda Gaustad, Ruby Kittilson, Janice Peters,

Kay Thomsen, and June Thompson chair. Social calendars distributed – continues to be busy. Heartland Trail walking on Tuesday and Thursday planned. **OFFICERS – CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED :**

**ELECTED :**

President – Dan Kittilson – Current	Directors: Rob Hallstrom - Current
Vice President – Vern Thompson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years	Clay Peterson – Current
Secretary – Charlotta Catlin – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Bob Craig – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti – Current	Maggi Yerkes – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
COLA – Representative – Jim Thomsen	Past President – Jerry Swedberg

**2006 – 2007 Annual Meeting** was held June 9, 2007 at the Northwoods Bank Community Room following coffee and rolls. **MEMBERSHIP:** 95 members. **CONCERNS:** Sarah Mulvany Sedlak recognized as a 15- year volunteer Secchi disc reader. Big Sand/Little Sand partnership for Shoreland Restoration Grant established. Supported the adoption of “Alternative Shoreland Standards” proposed by the State of Minnesota. Current lake walleye population is the best ever, so we will not be stocked this coming year. Loon platform produced its first hatchling. Lake Vegetation Survey conducted on the lake. 2006 Christmas dinner again hosted by Dorothy Melby. COLA launched the Aquatic Invasive Species Initiative. LSLAA donated \$500 to the signage effort. Volunteer Training Session for lake monitors to be held. Zebra mussels and spiny waterfleas now in Minnesota lakes. County 50 roadside pickup is going well. Decade of lake monitoring showed Little Sand Lake the best in the county. Lake Memorial funds will be used for special projects; these are tax deductible. Hwy. County 7 bridge to be replaced next year – concerns about shoreland restoration and boat traffic allowance. Benchmarks for Little Sand Lake Management Plan presented. Social activities continue with coffees, quilting, twice weekly trail walks, luncheons, breakfasts, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, fishing contest, annual picnic, Lake Night Out, pizza nights, etc. **OFFICERS – CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President – Clayton Peterson – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Directors: Bob Craig – Current
Vice President – Vern Thompson – current	Maggi Yerkes – Current
Secretary – Charlotta Catlin – current	Bob Hallstrom – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 year
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti – No term limit	Wayne Gaustad – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 1 year
COLA Representative – Jim Thomsen	Past President – Dan Kittilson

**2007 – 2008 Annual Meeting** was held June 14, 2008 at the Northwoods Bank Community Room following coffee and rolls. Guest Speaker: Steve Hall on shoreline restoration. Demonstration sites are Bob and Diane Johnson and Tom Pacholl properties. **MEMBERSHIP:** 90 members. **CONCERNS:** 2006 Christmas party was hosted by Jan and Jerry Swedberg. Little Sand/Big Sand dissolved oxygen program going well. Mel Luke recognized as a 20 year volunteer Secchi disc and lake level reader. Little Sand Lake Directory now \$2. Memorial Fund is growing and 12 names are on the plaque; a donation of \$50 or more is needed to engrave plaque. By-Law proposal to formally adopt the following permanent committees: Healthy Lakes, Communication/Education, Membership, Social, and Nominating was passed. COLA AIS prevention was passed. Billboard signage was completed, working with Big Sand Lake to establish boat washing information, and education project for resorts and their guests. LSLAA members participated in boat inspection training. Water clarity continues to be excellent – Secchi disc readings between 18 and 28 feet. Little Sand Lake apparel available at Unknown Legend Designs, north of Dorset. Social activities continue strong with coffees, breakfasts, luncheons, dinner outings, July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, August picnic, Lake Night Out, Mexican night at Companero’s, and impromptu pontoon parties.

**OFFICERS: CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President – Clay Peterson – Current	Directors: Rob Hallstrom - Current
Vice President – Maggi Yerkes – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Waybe Gaustad – Current
Secretary – Charlotta Catlin – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years	Herman Block – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
Treasurer - Leah Pigatti – No term limit	Jean Soderberg – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
COLA Representative – Jim Thomsen	Past President – Dan Kittilson



**2008 – 2009 Annual Meeting** was held June 13, 2009 at Northwoods Bank Community Room following coffee and rolls with 51 members in attendance. Guest Speaker: Jason Durham, fishing guide and author. **MEMBERSHIP:** 103 members. **CONCERNS:** Shoreland stewardship and preserving the sounds of nature stressed. Fall walleye Young of the Year (YOY) count very good at 10.4. 2008 Christmas party hosted by Dorothy Melby. County 7 bridge being replaced this year – traffic will be rerouted. “Let’s Go Fishing with Seniors” inaugurated in the community. Board set aside \$3000 CD for “specific control and prevention of AIS”. Contributions to this fund are welcome and tax deductible. Secchi disc reading was 35 feet. Two Conditional Use Permits were proposed and the Association’s objection to these prevailed and the permits were denied. Dues increase to \$30 was approved and dues now include the lake directory. Lake Emma Township has established a “Healthy Lakes Fund” for clean water initiatives. Once again the Social Committee kept everyone active and their tummies happy; Mary Jo Groehler joined the committee. **OFFICERS: CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President – Clay Peterson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 1 year only	Directors: Herman Block – Current
Vice President – Maggi Yerkes – Current	Jean Soderberg – Current
Secretary – Charlotta Catlin – Current	Janet McMillen – 1 <sup>st</sup> term 2 years
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti – No term limit	Mary Groehler – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
COLA Representative – Jim Thomsen	Past President – Dan Kittilson

**2009 – 2010 Annual Meeting** was held June 10, 2010 at the Northwoods Bank Community Room after coffee and rolls. Fifty-three members attended. Guest Speakers: Marshall Howe and Janet McMillen, both Ornithologists, on “Birds of Our Lake District: Astounding Diversity-but Perilous Existence”. **MEMBERSHIP:** 90 members. **CONCERNS:** President Clay Peterson resigned in the fall for personal reasons. Our newsletter went “green” and the fall newsletter came out in color for those who receive it electronically, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our editor Renee Bexell. 2009 Christmas dinner was held at the Good Life restaurant followed by dessert and fellowship at Dorothy Melby’s. LSLAA awarded Lake Emma Healthy Lakes Grant to establish an AIS Task Force for the identification and surveillance of AIS. Rod Westrum is coordinating this. Shoreland Habitat Grant money is available from the DNR for lake residents. Secchi disc reading excellent at 40 feet. Stormceptor readings by the new County 7 bridge are now being conducted. First baseline reading looks good. Shoreline restoration by the bridge is scheduled. Order “Restore the Shore” plants from Wayne Gaustad. Mary Jo Groehler has joined Jim Thomsen as our COLA representative. The current COLA lawsuit against Hubbard County for failure to abide by strict Shoreland ordinances is a big news item and a funding campaign is underway to assist with expenses incurred. COLA continues its efforts against AIS. Janet McMillen is our email coordinator for Lake notices. . Loon Update: Dick Peters reports five babies to three pair of loons. Name plaques for docks suggested. By-law proposals regarding clarification of fiscal year and Board membership were passed. Social: Janet McMillen and Marshall Howe will host a “Birding Event” in Itasca State Park. “Burger Night” has been added to the monthly activities. Calendars with the many summer activities distributed: coffees, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners etc. continue. We are a very social organization **OFFICERS: CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President - Maggi Yerkes – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 1 year	Director: Mary Groehler – Current
Vice President – Rich Soderberg – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Janet McMillen – Current
Secretary – Karen Odegard – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Larry Bexell – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti - No term limit	Charlotta Catlin – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
COLA Representatives – Jim Thomsen, Mary Jo Groehler	Past President – Dan Kittilson

**2010 – 2011 Annual Meeting** was held June 11, 2011 at the Northwoods Bank Community Room following coffee and rolls. Forty-three members represented 26 households. Guest Speaker: Darrin Hoverson, AIS specialist for the DNR Northwest Region, on “Aquatic Invaders”. **MEMBERSHIP:** Again reached a high of 103 members. **CONCERNS:** AIS Task Force now headed by Marshall Howe and focusing on boat inspections for AIS hitchhikers. Inspection of the lake revealed no AIS. Board voted to donate \$500 to COLA legal fund. COLA continues with AIS initiatives and other programs. Mary Jo Groehler is the lead representative. 2010 Christmas party was held at North Pointe Lodge with a dessert party afterward at the Yerkes. As part of the Downtown Park Rapids Renewal Project, LSLAA obtained the Hwy 34 and Main Street cornerstone inlay for a granite map of Little Sand Lake. An anonymous loan made this possible and donations being accepted to offset this cost. LSLAA received a \$1200 grant award from Lake Emma Healthy Lakes Initiative. Money is used to fight AIS: Boat inspection training, information brochures placed at bait and outdoor stores, and half cinder blocks for early detection of zebra mussels placed on residents’ docks. Also received a Clean Water Legacy Amendment grant allowing us to complete a water quality analysis for \$125, rather than \$1400. Zorbaz held their First Annual Fly-In on the lake. Mary Jo Groehler has taken on the task of chronicling our ice in/ice out; this had been done for 20 years by Mel Luke and then Vern Thompson. Secchi disc reading at 19 feet and stormceptor readings are still okay. Dissolved oxygen/water temperature testing continues. The County 7 bridge shoreline restoration has been completed according to the county, but not to the standard agreed upon at the time of construction – Nancy Doda will follow up on this. COLA won the lawsuit versus the County but an appeal is pending. Issues regarding the former Northern Star Resort becoming a PUD and the consequent density problems have arisen; we encouraged the Planning Board to uphold the law. The public access Kiosk will be updated and include AIS information. End of dock signs are now available and made by Larry and Karen Odegard; cost is \$30 and includes a \$5 donation to LSLAA AIS fund. DNR drain plug reminders given out. A Quilt Raffle (quilt made by June Thompson) will be held at Annual Picnic at the Mantrap Conservation Clubhouse in August; tickets will be sold over the summer with proceeds to the AIS fund. Stewardship Award (an engraved boat paddle) was presented to June Thompson in appreciation for all the extraordinary volunteer work done by Vern and June over the last nine years. Social: Two new items added are kayaking and cooking classes; calendar very busy with coffees, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, trail walking, bird adventure, road pickup, and the fishing contest now named the “Vern Thompson Memorial Little Sand Fishing Contest”. A Little Sand Lake Photo Directory is being developed by Janet McMillen and Doreen Seal. **OFFICERS: CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President – Maggi Yerkes – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years	Directors: Charlotta Catlin – Current
Vice President – Rich Soderberg – Current	Larry Bexell – Current
Secretary – Karen Odegard - Current	Janet McMillen – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years
Treasurer – Leah Pigatti – No term limit	Wayne Swanson – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 1year
COLA Representative – Mary Jo Groehler	Past President – Dan Kittilson

**2011 – 2012 Annual Meeting** was held June 10, 2012 at the Northwoods Bank Community Room following coffee and rolls, with 43 members present. Guest Speaker: Dan Kittilson, COLA President on “The 2011 Lake Protection Challenge Grant Results”. **MEMBERSHIP:** 83 members. **CONCERNS:** Cornerstone fund reached its goal with a little extra in donations for maintenance. Dan Kittilson was presented with a Letter of Appreciation for his many, many years of service to LSLAA far beyond the call of duty. The quilt raffle netted \$522.40 for the AIS Fund. Jerry Swedberg appointed as Acting Past President. 2011 Christmas party again held at North Pointe Lodge with an “after” party at Maggi and Tony Yerkes. Advocated the DNR to immediately list Rose Lake in Ottertail County as an AIS infested lake. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, five baby loons had survived. Again received a grant from Lake Emma’s “Healthy Lakes Grant Program”; the \$3000 will help defray salary costs of trained inspectors to check incoming and outgoing boats on our lake. Additionally, the grant fund is enhanced with our

in-kind share of \$1400. Inspectors will be available 16 hours each weekend. Early spring Secchi disc reading was 41 feet; Rod Westrum continues to do this. Thanks to Wayne Gaustad for his many years as “Restore the Shore” coordinator as he is stepping down after eight years. New coordinator is John Kisser. New COLA representative is Wayne Swanson. Members voted to donate \$500 to the COLA legal fund. COLA continues its many activities and projects. Dock signs again available at a cost for \$40 which includes a \$5 donation each to LSLAA and COLA for AIS prevention. LSLAA will request permission to restore the hill by County Roads 7 and 50 with tree planting; current restoration is unsatisfactory. A letter will be sent to residents reminding them of kindly neighbor relations and good lake stewardship: no bonfire ashes close to shore, phosphorus issues (using soaps and shampoos in the lake), and noise levels before sunrise and after sundown. Leah Pigatti recognized for serving as Treasurer for the last 12 years. Social committee remains very busy. Monthly dinner at Dorset Café was added this year. **OFFICERS: CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President – Maggi Yerkes – Current	Directors: Janet McMillen – Current
Vice President – Rich Soderberg – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years	Wayne Swanson – Current
Secretary – Karen Odegard – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years	Larry Bexell – 2 <sup>nd</sup> term, 2 years
Treasurer – Charlotta Catlin - 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Jim Mead – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 1 year
COLA Representative – Wayne Swanson	Acting Past President – Jerry Swedberg

**2012 – 2013 Annual Meeting** was held on June 8, 2013 at the Northwoods Bank Community Room following coffee and rolls. Forty-nine members attended. **MEMBERSHIP:** All-time high of 106 members. **CONCERNS:** Initially low membership has improved by annual Meeting. “Full moon” pontoon gatherings became fun and participation grew steadily. Stewardship Appreciation Paddles were presented to Dan and Ruby Kittilson and to Jim and Catherine Thomsen for their many years of service to LSLAA. By fall of 2012, five baby loons still survived, two osprey nests were noted, and one eagle’s nest on the river which produced offspring; however the osprey and eagle numbers are uncertain. A temporary Website was established. A second quilt raffle was begun, with the drawing to be in August 2013. A table topper and eight placemats were added as extra drawings. Again, proceeds will be for the AIS fund. A veliger net for detecting zebra mussel larvae was purchased and two lake samples were clean. Volunteers supplemented the paid watercraft inspectors this year. 2012 Christmas dinner was held at Emmaville Café, followed by fellowship at the Yerkes’ home. Ice out set a record on May 11, 2013. Secchi disc reading for early spring was 20 feet. Only one stormceptor reading has been taken due to late ice out. Our Lake Emma Township Grant award this year was \$3400 to assist in AIS inspections. The DNR will have a decontamination station for infested boats/trailers in Dorset this year. Graduate students at Indiana University conducted a lake survey on lake associations this past winter; results are pending. Additional Little Sand Lake directories now cost \$5. By-Law change to clarify deadline for annual dues was passed; dues paid after August 31<sup>st</sup> are considered for the next fiscal year. Tree planting on the hill by Zorbaz’s was completed. June Thompson, Ruby Kittilson, and Mary Jo Groehler were thanked for their many years of service on the Social Committee. Denise Kisser is the new chair; she and Janice Peters are looking for new members. **OFFICERS: CURRENT AND NEWLY ELECTED:**

President – Wayne Swanson – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years	Directors: Larry Bexell – Current
Vice President – Rich Soderberg – Current	Marshall Howe – 1 <sup>st</sup> term, 2 years
Secretary – Karen Odegard - Current	LuAnne O’Neill -1 <sup>st</sup> term, 1 year
Treasurer – Charlotta Catlin – Current	Past President – Maggi Yerkes
COLA representative – Marshall Howe	