

Note from the President

After our very cold winter, I am especially excited about the upcoming cabin season. It was certainly nice to think pleasant thoughts about our lake as I walked the family dog this winter in minus 20 degree temperatures. As we start this season, I want to bring to your attention several important topics - septic inspections, curly-leaf pondweed treatment, the Fish Trap Lake Endowment and others.

Morrison County has completed the process of selecting a septic inspector for those septic systems on our lake with no inspection on record prior to 2011. The county has awarded the inspection contract to Jon Lovdahl who has lived in the Lincoln Lakes area for almost 25 years and is very familiar with Fish Trap Lake. Please visit our new and improved website (fishtraplake.com) for updates on the septic inspection as we receive the updates from Morrison County on the general time period for the inspections and other information. As we've mentioned previously, there will be no costs to homeowners for the inspections but if any septic system fails the inspection, the homeowner must bring the system into compliance as per the County's directive. Low interest loans will be available through the Morrison County Department of Planning & Zoning. Morrison County mailed notices in 2013 to all property owners subject to the inspection.

In our ongoing efforts to control curly-leaf pondweed, our Lake Improvement District selected Lake Restoration to treat our lake in 2014. The decision was not a denunciation of our previous treatment applicator, Professional Lake Management, which has done a very good job over the last seven years but this year responded with a proposal in an amount significantly higher than the proposal submitted by Lake Restoration. Lake Restoration has been in business for many years, has recently treated several other lakes in Morrison County and has good reputation. We will post information on treatment dates on our website as soon as those dates are available.

Our Fish Trap Lake Endowment continues to grow with interest accrued since the inception at approximately \$2,000. At our April meeting, our board recommended forming a committee at the general meeting in June to determine how to use the funds. Two ideas expressed at our board meeting include a comprehensive lake study on water quality and a pilot project for trash and recycling pick-up for association members. Please consider joining this committee which likely will meet once each year.

As always, thank you to the board members who meet three times each year to address lake issues and to Jim Fogelberg, Jim Bluhm, Dale Resch and Gary Greene who assist in monitoring our lake water clarity and phosphorous and chlorophyll-a levels. The results of their water testing are available at

www.mapfeeder.net/rmb.php/quest. Additional information on meeting minutes, lake activities and studies can be found at our website which also contains information on current lake weather forecasts lake photos and other material. Please also feel free to contact us at fishtraplake@yahoo.com.

See you on the lake,

Chuck Salter

Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association Spring Meeting Minutes

Scandia Valley Town Hall, April 12, 2014 9:30 AM

Meeting convened at 9:36 AM

Board members present: Chuck Salter, president; Scott Schnuckle, vice president; Jim Licari; Peggy Swalm; David Thibert; Mary Thibert; Brian Sams; Ron Mash; and Mike Flanagan

Secretary Report: Jim Licari moved and Mary Thibert seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2013 meeting of the Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association (Association). The motion carried.

Financial Report: George Heroux prepared and passed on for presentation, the financial report period September 21, 2013 to March 31, 2014. After a brief discussion the president received and filed the report.

Old Business

- a. Septic System Inspections – As previously stated, they would begin inspections in May. Inspections have begun as of the printing of this newsletter. All properties with structures with no inspection on record prior to 2011 are subject to a compliance inspection. The inspector is inspecting for a function compliant system. The county has hired Jon Lovdahl to conduct the inspections. We will regularly update the association web site with the most current information we receive from the county on their inspection progress. You can find our site at fishtraplake.com.
- b. Initiative Foundation Update – We currently have \$25,842.87 in our account. We continue to receive contributions from association members and other members of our community. There will be a detailed update put into the spring newsletter. We would like to put together a committee at the annual meeting to begin the process of using the interest on these funds. Several ideas for use include an in-depth study of the lake, a more extensive collection site for bait, garbage and recycling at the public landing and testing of a trash/recycling collection program for association members. We are also considering the latter as a service offered by the association for dues paying members.
- c. Curly Leaf Pondweed Update – The Fish Trap Lake Improvement District (LID) will continue treatment of this evasive species in our lake. All indications are that we continue to see improvement. The LID put out a Request For Proposal (RFP) to continue to attack this weed problem. Based on the four responses and bids, the LID is changing service providers for this program and will not be using PLM, the company that has managed this program from the start. Instead, the LID will be using Lake Restoration, the company that currently treats Lake Alexander for its weed problem, at a significantly lower cost for the service. The LID is in the process of developing a multi-year contract for this service. It was brought up that we would like the new company to sign the shoreline of those residents who are within 250 feet of the treatment areas. We will post the date of treatment on the web site as soon as we know when it will be done.
- d. Water quality update – Jim Fogelberg and his team will continue to conduct our water studies for the DNR. We thank him and his team for their continued dedication to this important activity, testing for water clarity and chlorophyll and phosphorous levels.
- e. 2014 DNR Grant – We received a \$7,000 grant from the DNR for 2014. This will be used to offset the costs for Curly Leaf treatment.
- f. Web Site Management – We decided to make an attempt to sell advertising space on our web site. We will be contacting all current newsletter advertisers and other surrounding businesses to seek their support. The ads will cost \$25 and will be simple in nature, with a link to the advertiser's web site if they have one. The list will be sent out and board members will each contact select businesses.
- g. Train noise – Paul Baker continues to head the team on working with the railroad and county on closing the crossing. A new concern was raised. There is a general concern for the personal and environmental safety of our lake area due to the numerous accidents and derailments of trains traveling on the tracks that run adjacent to our lake. We are collecting data pertaining to rail use, accidents and potential harm from activity related to the trains.

We will continue to work with the county and local community of developing the best proposal for the entire Lincoln area community.

- h. Test Bass Season – At this time there will be no “early” bass season on Fish Trap Lake.
- i. Shoreline Development – Scott continues to head the committee that is working with the county on enforcement of the county shoreline development laws. We believe the best route to take at this time is to work with our county commissioner, in cooperation with the other lake associations in the area to get the current laws amended. They are too tough to enforce, so essentially nothing is being done to protect the shorelines today. We will present our concerns at the Regional Lakes meeting in early June.

New Business

- a. The spring newsletter will be in the mail by mid-May. We will not be including colored advertising this year. It made the newsletter very expensive to print and mail.
- b. We will be attending the spring Regional Lakes meeting in early June
- c. The date and time were set for the Annual meeting: 9:00 AM, June 21, 2014 at Scandia Valley Town Hall

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Inspection of Septic Systems on Fish Trap Lake and surrounding properties

The Morrison County Planning & Zoning Office, with assistance from the Morrison County Soil & Water Conservation District, has begun implementing the systematic inspection of septic systems on parcels where current septic system information is not on record. Generally, this is parcels without records filed since 2011. If your property is selected for inspection, you would have already been notified by mail. At that time you were asked if you would like to be notified of the date of inspection. Inspections will take place beginning May 2014. Approximately 235 of the 325 properties on the lake will be inspected.

The inspector will be looking for complete functionality of the system. Once your property has been inspected you will receive a copy of the inspection in the mail. Planning & Zoning staff plan to attend the annual meeting this summer to visit one-on-one with anyone that has received a letter and has questions regarding the inspection process. The Fish Trap Property Owners Association will be updated regularly as to the progress of the inspections. We will be updating our web site regularly with this information. The site address is fishtraplake.com.

2013 Fishing Contest Winners

	Bass	Crappie	Northern	Sunfish	Walleye
1 st	Mary Thibert 2.93 lbs.	John Novak 1.30 lbs.	Dave Thibert 3.88 lbs.	John Novak 0.77 lbs.	John Novak 5.84 lbs.
2 nd	Jim Bluhm 2.86 lbs.	John Novak 1.23 lbs.	Richard Butler 2.18 lbs.	Lareine Butler 0.48 lbs.	Mary Thibert 3.85 lbs.
3 rd		John Novak 1.05 lbs.	Richard Butler 2.16 lbs.	Lareine Butler 0.37 lbs.	Ione Rolstad 2.82 lbs.
				Jake Bluhm 0.37 lbs.	

2014 Fishing Contest

As you can see, it doesn't take a huge fish to win so please enter your fish. The 2014 FTLPOA Fishing Contest will again be hosted by Lincoln Bait & Gas located at the intersection of Highway 10 and County Road 3. They will register fish between 7 AM and 9 PM seven days a week. A current FTLPOA membership card must accompany the fish. 2013 memberships are valid until June 30, 2014, 2014 cards until 2015. First place: \$15, second place: \$10, third place: \$5.

As you enter your fish, please remember CATCH & RELEASE. The larger fish are generally females, they play a large role in the process of preserving the quality of fishing in our lake for years to come.

2013 FTLPOA Membership & Initiative Contributors

Jeff & Karen Althaus	James & Bernie Fogelberg	Arthur Lilga
Tom & Sherry Anderson	Dominic Fragomeni	Jerome & Beverly Lindell
Arlene Baker X	Linda & Gary Gareis	Victoria Littlefield
Paul & Bev Baker B	Mark & Dionne Gigley	Richard Lockwood
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Marcel Bellefeuille	Scott & Joni Gutknecht	C. Darwin & Betty Lundeen X
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Vernon & Dee Berry X	Marvin & Lorainne Hanson	Linda & Ron Mash
Chuck & Carol Blanski	Dana & Katie Harms	Ann & Joel McCann
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Bill & Jeanne Boesel	Scott Haskin, Linda Johnson, Larry Haskin	Joe & Mary McKiernan B
Ken & Pat Bonovsky	Larry D. & Mary K. Hass X	Julie Meadowcroft
Gregg Borgstrom	Carl & Miki Hennen	Doug & Judi Mehr B
Chuck & Cindy Brey Sweetwater Resort	Denise Hanson Hermes	Brad & Kristine Meints
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LaReine B. & Richard Butler	David & Gayla Hoeller	Mike Mrozek / Hilltop Sports X
Mike & Theresa Champeau	Wayne & Cathy Hoffman X	Lois Mullaney & Peggy Kohls
Todd & Amy Chantry	Randy & Rae Hogleund	Alex R. & Pauline Murray
Dan & Barbara Chmielewski	Barry & Kristi Holden P	Terry & Judy Nelson
David Christenson	David & Kathleen Holmquist	Richard & Joann Nelson
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Mark & Shelly Czech B	Paul & Colleen Jensen	Lyle & Connie Nuhring X
Bryan & Cammie Dalbec	Jim & Cindy Johnson	Jann Olsten
Tim & Barb Daniels	Marjorie & Walt Johnson	Barry & Jackie Opatz X
Charles & Olivia DeGeest	Tom & Lisa Kajer B	Irene G. Otte
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Jeannette Dobrick B	Dave & Sue Kerkow B	Dave Perlich X
Rob & Maureen Dolan	Devona Kilgard	Ritch & Sandy Peterson X
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Dick Eich	Steve & Julie Kloster	Pat Potzler
David & Mary Ellering B	Diane Koole	Phil Brezicka & Bill Prodahh
Steve Ethen	David & Pat Krueger X	Les & Mary Lou Proper
Brian & Kris Flanagan	Nick & Donna Krueger	Richard Read
Tim Flanagan X	Gwen Lemke	Todd & Chris Reimringer B
Mike & Bobbie Flanagan S	Tim & Lynne Lenox	Dale & Nancy Resch
Ron & Beverly Flanagan X	Shari & Rich Lero	Thomas & Rebecca Rice

Steve & Jami Flanagan	Jim & Jeanne Licari X	Ernest & Anita & Robinson
Roger & Ione Rolstad	James & Rebecca Smith X	Ted & Beth Thorson X
David & Judie Rose X	Mary & Denny Smith	Rick & Rose Troedson
Mark & Margaret Ruffino G	Norman & Carol Smythe	Lisa Troup
Jim & Mary Rumpca X	Kay & Paul Solon X	Jon Van Loon & Lori Bates
Joan, Brian and Kevin Russell	Bill & Bernie Souvignier	Wayne & Diana Vaverek X
Charles Ryan X	Randy & Michelle Spiczka	Kurt Virnig
David & Susan Sadoski	Stan Sroga	Rich & Mary Vouk
Charles Salter & Kate Bretscher B	Garrett, Leslie, John & Lori Starr	Tom & Jo Vouk
Brian & Heather Sams/Campfire Bay Resort X	Stone Family Property c/o Joan Miller	Roger & Karen Wahlstrom
David Schmid & Lynette Jensen X	Gary & Debbie Sundberg	Lee & Donna Walberg
Bruce & Alison Schmidt	Khris Sundvahl X	Jon Wavinak & George Winfield
Scott & Kristin Schnuckle G	Dan & Peggy Swalm B	Mike & Brenda Wellner
Marion & James Seeley Kreisman B	Rod & Marilyn Swanson X	Robert, Carol, Richard & Barbara Wenner
Kermit & Jane Severson	John Theis	Allen & Jan Wentland
Thomas & Mary Jo Shamp B	Mary & David Thibert X	Don & Jeanette Wippler
Bill & Judy Shoquist	Lucy Thomas & Yosiya Niyo	Mike & Connie Wood G
Clayton Shoutz & Lois Nystrom	Craig Thompson	Paul Young
Sisters of St. Benedict att: Sr Magaret Wurm X	Sandra O. Thompson X	Gary & Chris Ziehmann B
Paul & Mary Skluzacek	David T. & Rose Thorsett	John S. Zignego
Jerry & Pat Smelter X	Marvin & Terry Thorsett	Cindy & Tom Zulkosky

X = up to \$100

B = Bronze (\$100-\$249)

S = Silver (\$250-\$499)

G = Gold (\$500-\$999)

P = Platinum (>\$999)

FTLPOA Initiative Foundation

25,843 in on Initiative Foundation account. We have recognized and thank all member contributors to date. Several others have contributed, we also than them, they include:

Lincoln Area Business Association G Robert & Christina Johnson B Robert & Debra Knutson B
Stanley Kaczor by George Kaczor X Jim & Marilyn Sutton B Sandy & Dan Wiczek X
Tim & Catherine Brattensborg-Brown / Four Pines Association B

We would like to remind you that you can still contribute to the Foundation. At our Annual Meeting in June we will be looking for volunteers to be a part of the committee that determines how we distribute these funds each year. Please consider being a part of this committee.

Trains

Our association board met with Commissioner Kevin Maurer at our September meeting. Commissioner Maurer suggested that since the Morrison County Board considered the train noise issue in 2012, we gather additional new

information to present to the county board in order for the county board to reconsider the issue. One new topic that lake association board members are investigating is the significantly greater risk to our lake of an oil spill given the increase in oil cars coming from North Dakota. Any oil spill at the Lincoln crossing similar to recent oil train collisions would be a wide-ranging disaster for our lake. If oil were to pollute our lake, recreation would be substantially diminished or curtailed and property values would plummet. We will provide members an update at our general meeting in June.

Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association Inc.
Financial Report
9/21/13 to 3/31/14

Total Bank Balance 9/21/13 \$10,308.85

Checking Account:

Balance 9/21/13 \$7,816.40

Income:

Dues Paid 600.00

Interest Earned 1.91

Total Income \$601.91

Other Revenue:

Transfer from Savings 2,400.00

Total Revenue \$3,001.91

Expenses:

Fishing Contest Manager 75.00

Fishing Contest Winners 145.00

Water Monitoring Expense 105.82

Newsletter 569.96

Postage 138.00

Web Page Hosting 375.00

Total Expenses \$1,408.78

Other Disbursements:

Transfer to Initiative Endowment 2,400.00

Total Disbursements \$3,808.78

Adjustment:

Check Returned Not Cashed 250.00

Checking Balance 3/31/14 \$7,259.53

Endowment Savings Account Balance 3/31/14 \$319.44

Total Bank Balance as of 3/31/14 \$7,578.97

Total Members 2012 202

Total members as of 2013 213

Members 2014 as of 3/31/2014 11

Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association Membership & Donation Form

Mission of Association: "To preserve our wildlife and water quality and promote safe recreation for the Fish Trap Lake community".

Members benefit from:

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| 1) monitoring of lake issues and legal advocacy | 2) monitoring water level and water quality |
| 3) current information about lake issues | 4) voting rights at the annual meeting |
| 5) coordination of the annual fishing derby and boat parade | 6) group action when new issues arise |

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Lake Address _____

e-mail _____ Telephone _____

All donations and dues are fully tax deductible.

Contribution details:

2014 Annual Membership Dues **\$25.00**

Fish Trap Lake Initiative Foundation Grant Contribution _____

Total: _____

All donors to the Fish Trap Lake Initiative Foundation will receive recognition for their contributions to our lake.

Make checks payable to: Fish Trap Lake Owners Association

Send check and form to: **George Heroux (Treasurer)**
1032 Postel Drive
Motley, MN 56466

Our Annual Meeting will be held June 21, 2014 at 9 A.M. at the Scandia Valley Town Hall. We will listen to updates from several area officials and representatives. Discussions will include the update on the septic inspections, concerns about train volume and safety, establishing a committee for determining uses for our Initiative Foundation dollars and other topics. We will be looking for volunteers to sit on the board and the Initiative committee. We will also be

**celebrating 40 years of the association immediately following the meeting.
Please join us!**

FISH TRAP LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 85

Cushing, MN 56443

We made a decision not to sell advertising in this issue but wish to continue to recognize and thank those businesses in the community that have supported us over the last few years. Please contact them for your lake home needs.

Action Dock & Boat Lift Services	612-414-7277	Altrichter Sand, Gravel & Excavating	218-575-2124
Always Available Towing	218-575-3096	Aspire Realty	320-631-8197
Ballou Plumbing & Heating	320-749-2190	Campfire Bay Resort	800-677-7263
Central Minnesota Electric	320-632-3946	Century 21	320-632-4999
Crookneck Construction	218-839-0800	Edina Realty – Judy Altrichter	877-820-4847
Galston Construction	320-630-7852	Giza Plumbing	218-894-2284
Hilltop Sports – Mike Mrozek	320-749-2280	Hitchin Rail	218-575-3013
Ideal Construction	218-894-3105	Innsbrook Motel & RV Park	320-749-2650
Kathy’s Kut & Kurl	218-575-2519	Keppers Plumbing & Septic Service	218-575-2474
Lincoln Gas & Bait	218-575-3137	Lincoln Lakes Lawn Services	320-630-7852
Lincoln Lakes Liquor & Motel	218-575-2588	Markus Hair Design	218-352-6234
Mid-Minn Excavation	218-575-2469	Northland Drilling	320-749-2694
Rainbow Realty	218-575-2383	Randall Building Supplies	320-749-2721
Remax Central	320-616-1970	Sportsman’s Plumbing, Heating & AC	218-831-8720
Staples Sports	218-575-2086	Sweetwater Resort	218-575-2744
Western Liquors	320-749-2244	Wadena Flea & Craft Market	218-640-1171