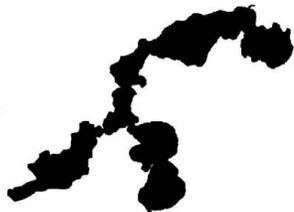


LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE
PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 129
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Newsletter #11 Summer, 2014

WARNING

THIS NEWSLETTER IS NOT LIKE THE ONES IN THE PAST. YOU MAY FIND IT INTERESTING.

This newsletter is mailed annually to share information between the Board of Commissioners and District property owners. The District website is available at www.littlesaint.org for more information.

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Dear Members of the Little St. Germain Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District,

We hope you find this newsletter informative and you will notice we are trying a little different approach this year. There has been a lot happening on Little St. Germain Lake and we would like to keep lakefront owners informed and involved in lake management activities.

We would also welcome owners to become more involved with the Lake District as their time permits. Please take some time to think about what you could do to benefit the lake and let us know your interests and concerns. We hope to build on all the past work that has been done and aim to do the best job we can to improve the lake.

Please join us at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 31st at 8:45 A.M.** To make some visible changes to our style, we have decided to meet at the Pavilion rather than inside the stuffy conference room. Fresh bakery, fruit, juice and coffee will be available for attendees. We have also invited an interesting speaker to talk about what you can do to improve the lake.

LITTLE ST. GERMAIN PROJECTS AND LATEST NEWS

U.S.G.S. study completed in draft-study to evaluate phosphorous loading into the lake and effects of beaver control on Muskellunge Creek and influence of aeration systems in S. Bay and Lower East Bay.

Summary report on invasive weed control in Little St. Germain completed by our consultant Onterra in Feb-DNR Grant funded five year study to survey aquatic plant communities, control invasive weed species and determine changes over the treatment period.

We applied for another DNR Lake Protection/Study Grant in February but narrowly missed receiving it. We propose reapplying in 2015. The Town Lakes Committee has agreed to contribute \$3,000 towards the next proposal.

15,000 extended growth Walleye fingerlings (6-9 inches) stocked by DNR in fall 2013.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program continued for summer 2014-Students are monitoring the Little Saint boat landing to inspect boats for invasive weeds entering or leaving the lake.

Beaver control contract renewed for 2014- USDA has been contracted again for beaver control on Muskellunge Creek.

Stay tuned- New DNR small grant program for landowners to restore shorelines coming in 2015. This will be a simpler and streamlined grant for individual landowners.

Your board of Commissioners has developed a **Mission Statement** and some strategies to achieve it.

Our District will work to improve the water quality and fishery of Little St. Germain Lake so it will be known as one of the premier lakes in Vilas County

Strategies

Improve property owner participation

Control Aquatic Invasive Species of weeds

Maintain and improve the fishery

Monitor and improve lake water quality

Board of Commissioners

Elected Commissioners:

Chairman	Dave O'Malley	September 2016	ddomalley@tds.net
Secretary	Cheryl Kelsey	September 2015	sellthenorthwoods@gmail.com
Treasurer	Tom Schwartz	September 2014	tom01schwartz@gmail.com

Non-Elected Commissioners:

Tom Christensen, Town of St. Germain	stgsport@frontier.com
Mary Kim Black, Vilas County	marykim.black@imaginehomelending.com

LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT 2014 BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY – AUGUST 31, 2014 8:45 AM

ST. GERMAIN COMMUNITY PAVILLION (ALTERNATIVE – COMMUNITY CENTER)

(First half hour is an informal social, followed by half hour presentation, actual meeting begins at 10:00)

We will begin with a Breakfast of sweet rolls, fruit, coffee, juice, and water. Immediately following, we will have a speaker who will talk about how each of us can help to improve the lake quality.

Budget Hearing

2014 Annual Meeting

Call to order and Introduction of Board of Commissioners

Approval of minutes from the 2013 annual meeting

Reports (No action to be taken during reports)

Muskellunge Creek Study and Beaver Control

Invasive Weed control update

Fishery Update

Action items

Authorize Board to apply for a new DNR grant for invasive weed control

Authorize Board to apply for a U.S.G.S. Study

Approval of 2015 Budget and 2014 tax levy

Election of commissioner for expiring term of Tom Schwartz

Open Discussion

Discussion of early returns from the Annual newsletter survey

Set suggested time for 2015 annual meeting, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015

GET TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED COMMISSIONERS!

My Story- Dave O'Malley



Like many people I had dreamed of going north since I was very young. After I pestered my dad enough we finally went camping and fishing on Carroll Lake just east of Minocqua. Since that first trip around 1965, I have been heading north many times each year to fish, hunt, ski and canoe in Vilas and Oneida counties.

After an exhaustive search for a cabin lot my brother and I bought a parcel on Little Saint and built a cabin in 1984. We liked the lake because it was in a great location, had a variety of bays and shoreline, and reportedly had good fishing. Shortly after the cabin was built I met my wife and we have enjoyed coming up north, staying at the cabin, and enjoying all the area has to offer.

I retired from the Dept of Natural Resources in 2011 hoping to spend more time up north doing fun stuff. Always thought I should become more involved with the lake and try to help out however I could. Last summer I went to the annual District meeting to listen and ended up being chairman after Paul Abbot decided not to continue another term. Sometimes change comes fast. I have learned a lot about Little St. in the last year and have been very impressed with all that has been done in the past to improve the lake. It is clear we have folks that are very passionate about Little St. and I hope to help improve the lake however I can.

My Story – Tom Schwartz



My Mom and I feeding the raccoons at the resort in 1965.

My parents and I vacationed in the North Woods for a week or two almost every year. They picked a different resort on a different lake every time. In August of 1965, they picked the Pride of the North on Little St. Germain Lake.

In 1989 my wife and I bought a parcel on Little Saint because of the size of the lake, the proximity to shopping, and activities, plus the lake looked so wonderful. We built a house on the property in 1999.

Fast forward to over 38 years of working and getting laid off in 2010. It was nature's way of saying "Retire and move North".

At the annual District meeting in 2011, Erv surprised us all by saying that he would not run again for Treasurer. It was then that I decided that this would be my chance to give back to the Lake that had meant so much to us. This opportunity has more than met my expectations. I have learned more about the lake, its eco-system, and the work that has gone on and continues today to keep it beautiful and healthy. Plus I get to meet and work with great people who are also concerned about the Lake.

My Story – Cheryl Kelsey



My husband, Jim and I purchased our property on Little St. Germain in June, 1990 and moved up here from Barrington, Illinois to enjoy our lake home in September, 2000. We have been visiting the beautiful Northwoods since we got married in 1980. Jim owns Woodland Auto Clinic and I am a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Mulleady, Inc. In our spare time, we enjoy the lake in our Big White Boat, named "Diamonds on the Lake". You must have seen it at some time, it's a 1962 Chris-Craft Roamer from Lake Michigan. We also own a 1969 Streblov, a custom built Mahogany run-about named "The Little Woody". We have 2 grown sons.

As secretary of the District I take all the minutes of the Board meetings, and annual meeting, and send out all correspondence. This includes proposals to bid on AIS control and grant proposals and I prepare the Tax Levy. Other than that I just kick back and watch the day go by from my pier. Cheers!

FINANCIAL REPORT 2013
Cash Basis Statement of General Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2013

BALANCE TRANSFERRED FROM 2012	\$222,722.02
2012 TAX LEVY RECEIVED IN 2013	\$62,707.40
DNR GRANT CLEAN BOATS - CLEAN WATERS	\$1,950.00
DNR GRANT SHORE LAND RESTORATION DUE IN 2014	\$3,221.92
DNR GRANT EXOTIC WEED CONTROL DUE IN 2014	\$16,484.26
INTEREST INCOME	\$189.94
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$307,275.54

EXPENDITURES

LABELS, NOTICES, POSTAGE, OFFICE, ETC.	\$692.54	
SEMINAR	\$0.00	
DUES	\$330.00	
LAKE EXPENSES	\$1,120.30	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$2,142.84
INSURANCE EXPENSE		\$4,320.00
NATIVE WEED CONTROL		\$0.00
EXOTIC WEED CONTROL		\$32,848.16
CLEAN BOATS - CLEAN WATERS		\$2,600.00
FISHERY EXP/WATER QUALITY		\$1,000.00
SHORE LAND RESTORATION		\$9,498.14
FISH STOCKING		\$0.00
LONG TERM AQUATIC PLANT MGT & WATER QUALITY		\$19,952.00
AERATION OPERATING EXPENSE		\$8,473.82
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		\$80,834.96

BALANCE CARRIED OVER TO 2014 **\$226,440.58**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
December 31, 2013

ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$857.39
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$158,153.91
ACCOUNTS RECBL - DNR STATE LAB - 2011	\$759.40
ACCOUNTS RECBL - DNR SHORELAND GRANT 2012	\$46,963.70
ACCOUNTS RECBL - DNR SHORELAND GRANT 2013	\$3,221.92
ACCOUNTS RECBL - DNR AIS GRANT 2013	\$16,484.26
TOTAL ASSETS	\$226,440.58

LIABILITIES & BALANCE CARRYOVER

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00
BALANCE CARRYOVER TO:	
2014 AERATION EXPENSE	\$14,000.00
2014 EXOTIC WEED CONTROL	\$80,000.00
ALUM TREATMENT/WATER QUALITY	\$132,440.58
	\$226,440.58

TOTAL LIABILITIES & BALANCE CARRYOVER **\$226,440.58**

SAYNER ST. GERMAIN FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB INC

12/31/12 BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR LAKE IMPROVEMENT EXP	\$0.00
DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION 2013	\$1,000.00
FISH & WILDLIFE CONTRIBUTION 2013	\$1,051.00
12/31/13 BALANCE	\$2,051.00

BUDGET ESTIMATED SUMMARY OF 2014 EXPENSES

	2014 Actual Exp Through 8/1/14	Est. Addl Exp To End of Yr	Total Est. Exp	2014 Budget	Under/Over Budget
Operating Exp	\$1,310	\$4,500	\$5,810	\$6,000	\$190
Insurance Exp	\$0	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$0
Clean Boats - Clean Waters	\$3,169	-\$2,519	\$650	\$2,600	\$1,950
Native Weed Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Exotic Weed Control	\$65,971	\$14,000	\$79,971	\$80,000	\$29
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Fish Stocking	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aeration Operation Exp	\$7,768	\$2,500	\$10,268	\$14,000	\$3,732
Water Quality/Creek	\$6,344	\$0	\$6,344	\$2,000	(\$4,344)
Totals	\$85,562	\$22,881	\$108,443	\$110,000	\$1,557

2015 PROPOSED BUDGET & 2014 TAX LEVY

	Proposed Budget	Funds Other Than Levy	Proposed Levy
Operating Exp	\$7,000		\$7,000
Insurance Exp	\$4,500		\$4,500
Clean Boats - Clean Waters	\$2,000		\$2,000
Exotic Weed Control	\$80,000	\$60,000 a	\$20,000
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$1,000		\$1,000
Fish Stocking	\$0	\$0	\$0
USGS 2014-17 Survey	\$15,000	\$15,000 a	\$0
Aeration Operation Exp	\$15,000	\$3,000 a	\$12,000
Water Quality/Creek	\$3,000	\$3,000 a	\$0
Totals	\$127,500	\$81,000	\$46,500

a From LT Plant Mgt & Water Quality