

Greetings from the Upper South Long Lake Improvement District (LID),

Instead of publishing a separate newsletter for 2013, we have decided to include our “news” in the LID segment of the USLLIA newsletter. This decision was made with cost savings in mind, and as a way of reminding you, our membership, that the LID and the lake association (USLLIA) continue to work closely together for the betterment of our lake. (Another example of this working relationship has been demonstrated by the LID having a website page on the USLLIA website)

In 2012, at our annual membership meeting on July 21, the LID Board said “goodbye with thanks” to retiring member Joe Patton, and we welcomed Mike Simons to our board. Immediately after the membership meeting, the new board elected the following as your new officers:

Bruce Dybvig, President; Mary Reetz, Vice President; John Pietruszewski, Secretary; Gary Hopping, Treasurer; additional board members include Ruth Naber and Mike Simons

Highlights for 2012 include:

- 1) In 2012, we spent \$8,381.90 of our annual budget to treat 38 acres of pondweed infestation. Some good news here.....we applied for and receiving \$3250.50 as grant money for the treatment of invasives in 2012 (we offer our thanks to board member John Pietruszewski wrote this grant). This, along with the fact that our acreage of treatment was less in 2012 than the previous year allowed the LID to bring into 2013 a positive cash position that we may need in future years should our invasives problem escalate. (you will find our end of year cash position in the Treasurer’s Report that follows). It should be noted that grant monies will once again be available in 2013, and we have already begun the process of applying for these monies.
- 2) During 2012, the LID’s responsibility for water testing was primarily focused on two of the lake’s inlets....the creek near Rognaldson Road and Silver Bay Road, and the creek near Paradise Shores. USLLIA also remains active in performing and monitoring certain water related tests for the lake....please note Dan Martonik’s report in this newsletter. In 2013, the LID hopes to expand our testing to include all known inlets. Board member Ruth Naber has been taking a lead role with this initiative.....water testing results for 2012 will be posted on the LID’s section of the USLLIA website in the very near future, and we’ll also have these reports available at our LID membership meeting in July.
- 3) Our bylaws demand annual reporting to the Crow Wing County Commissioners on two fronts.....1) A lengthy annual report due November 1 of each year documenting all of our activities for the year, our income and expenses, proof of liability insurance, and our proposed budget and projects for the coming year 2) a report of “verification”, informing the county auditor’s office of our current membership....names and addresses. Board member Mary Reetz led this reporting process in 2012 with help from both LID and USLLIA board members.....it’s a BIG JOB, our thanks to all who were involved!
- 4) Treasurer’s Report:

Cash Balance as of 1/1/2012.....	\$15,406.45
Total Revenues in 2012 (membership assessments=\$16,792.60, grants=\$3250.50).....	\$19980.10
Total expenditures in 2012 (Insurance, Water Testing, Invasives, Postage, Misc.).....	\$11,146.39
Cash Balance as of 1/1/2013.....	\$24,240.16

2013 will be a busy year for the LID board, and as in the past, our primary focus will be monitoring our water quality and treating invasives. We again will work closely with USLLIA to ensure coordination of effort and open ongoing communication.

Our LID Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2013. Put this on your calendar now as we will appreciate your attendance and the opportunity to communicate our ongoing work on your behalf (logistics for time and place will be communicated as we get closer to this date).

Lastly, we will have three board members whose terms expire in 2013, so please contact me or any of our current board members if you have an interest in serving as a LID board member. Per our bylaws, we will be officially soliciting LID board nominees and electing new board members via regular mail starting late May, and we will be announcing new board members at the annual membership meeting on July 20.

Our LID board wishes to thank you for your annual \$75.00 contribution via assessment (this is noted on your property tax statement).....please know that we are committed to using these funds wisely for the benefit of Upper South Long Lake!

Sincerely,

Bruce Dybvig, President