



# 2022 • Annual Meeting

August 6th ABR's Boathouse 9–10 a.m.

## *LPA Mission Statement*

We are dedicated to preserving the health and beauty of our lake for future generations.

### Welcome

### Introduction of Board of Directors

### Association Update

- **OUR MISSION & MEMBERSHIP FOCUS**

- **COMMITTEE PROGRESS**

*Education*

*Membership*

*Lake Stewards*

*Community Issues*

❖ *Water Board's Tax Opt Out*

*Financial Management*

*EVENTS LPA Open House: Donuts & Directories,  
Coffee Chat with an Expert, 5K Lake Walk, Annual Meeting*

- **LPA BUSINESS REPORTS**

*Financial Update – Rod McGinnis, Treasurer*

*Minutes Summary – Secretary*

- **H.O. MUSEUM Update**

### Nominations & Election of New Board Members - Scott Ross

### Volunteer Recognition

**Director Farewell** Susan Moe Jensen, Chad Nace,  
Teri Nace, Heather Baymiller

### Prize Drawings

### Closing Remarks & Motion to Adjourn

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

#### *Water Quality Sampling*

Gary Hoff, Kim Ward, Mark Kelsey  
Tonya & Shannon Grismer,  
Tammie Jorgensen  
Deb Eisenbeisz-*Coordinator*

#### *Ordinance Review*

##### **Core Focus Group**

Candy Van Dam, Joel Mohlenhoff  
Jeff Jorgensen, Dennis Weeldreyer  
Kevin Grunewaldt, Russel Halgerson  
Robin Nefzger, Deb Eisenbeisz-*Coordinator*

### LPA Membership Growth

448 Members in 2022

411 Members in 2021

342 Members in 2020

434 Members connect to LPA's email subscription.

824 Join LPA Invites mailed in February  
(Poinsett / Albert / Businesses)

40 Delivered Welcome Packets to new lake homeowners.

#### **Lake Poinsett Stats**

706 total lake property owners

152 owners with permanent lake address

554 owners with a different permanent address

#### **Lake Albert Stats**

100 Northbay homeowners

46 owners have a permanent address.

13 Members in 2022

12 Members in 2021

*We thank you for coming.*

**2022  
Board of Directors**

**Officers**

Deb Eisenbeisz, President  
Scott Ross, Vice President  
Heather Baymiller, Recording Sec.  
Rod McGinnis, Treasurer

**Directors**

Teri Nace  
Joel Mohlenhoff  
Mark Kelsey  
Wally Grogan  
Alan Dixon  
Tammie Jorgensen  
Tonya Grismer  
Shannon Grismer  
Susan Moe Jensen  
Chad Nace

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Membership & Directory,  
Address Changes  
[membershipLPAsd@gmail.com](mailto:membershipLPAsd@gmail.com)

**LPA WEBSITE**

<https://www.lakepoinsett.org/>

**LPA Facebook Page**

*Like, Comment, Share, & Interact*

*Committees and Goals*

Committees help our organization fulfill its mission and engage the membership in protecting the health of the lake.

*1. Education Committee*

Goal: Be a reliable voice that builds the membership's knowledge to address lake issues.

EVENT: Coffee Chat with an Expert

*2. Membership*

Goal: Create opportunities to reach potential new members, and engage and retain our existing members.

EVENT: LPA Open House – Donuts & Directories

*3. Lake Stewards*

Goal: Monitor water quality for long term changes, protect the beauty and safety of our beaches and shoreline.

EVENT: 5K Lake Walk

*4. Community Issues*

Goal: Identify concerns, alert the membership, and start problem-solving steps.

EVENT: Annual Meeting

*5. Financial Management*

Goal: Oversee LPA's financial activity, ensures its in legal accordance, and accurately recorded.

*Membership Goals:*

**We will increase and retain our membership, provide events promoting a personal connection with our board, and engage volunteers.**

Increase membership by 5% (448 members in 2022)

Increase number of attendees at each LPA event.

Increase number of volunteers helping with LPA projects.

*With every new member  
the further our mission reaches.*

# Lake Poinsett Association

## Balance Sheet Summary

As of June 30, 2022

|                                     | TOTAL              |                         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                                     | AS OF JUN 30, 2022 | AS OF DEC 31, 2021 (PP) |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                       |                    |                         |
| Current Assets                      |                    |                         |
| Bank Accounts                       | 73,891.38          | 58,797.61               |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>         | <b>\$73,891.38</b> | <b>\$58,797.61</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b>\$73,891.38</b> | <b>\$58,797.61</b>      |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>       |                    |                         |
| Liabilities                         |                    |                         |
| Current Liabilities                 |                    |                         |
| Other Current Liabilities           | 2,773.88           |                         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>    | <b>\$2,773.88</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>           |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>            | <b>\$2,773.88</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>           |
| Equity                              | 71,117.50          | 58,797.61               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <b>\$73,891.38</b> | <b>\$58,797.61</b>      |

# Lake Poinsett Association

## Profit and Loss

January - June, 2022

|                                  | TOTAL              |                     |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | JAN - JUN, 2022    | JAN - DEC 2021 (PP) |
| <b>Income</b>                    |                    |                     |
| Membership Dues                  | 22,200.00          | 20,800.00           |
| Miscellaneous Income             | 16.79              | 1,539.86            |
| Sales of Product Income          | 195.00             | 470.00              |
| Sponsorship Income               | 1,200.00           | 800.00              |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>\$23,611.79</b> | <b>\$23,609.86</b>  |
| <b>GROSS PROFIT</b>              | <b>\$23,611.79</b> | <b>\$23,609.86</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                  |                    |                     |
| Advertising/Promotional          |                    | 100.00              |
| Advertising/Promotional T-shirts |                    | 532.86              |
| Bank Charges & Fees              | 5.84               |                     |
| Events                           | 350.67             |                     |
| Insurance                        | 438.00             | 1,522.00            |
| Job Supplies                     |                    | 301.22              |
| Membership Data Services         | 2,000.00           | 1,874.80            |
| Office Supplies & Software       | 254.82             | 971.36              |
| Other Business Expenses          | 50.00              |                     |
| PayPal Fees                      | 138.88             | 133.00              |
| Printing Services                | 4,774.71           | 4,172.29            |
| Social Media & Print Design      | 386.06             |                     |
| Taxes & Licenses                 | 2,630.00           | 693.00              |
| Water Quality Testing            | 234.70             |                     |
| Website                          | 28.22              | 847.49              |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b>\$11,291.90</b> | <b>\$11,148.02</b>  |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                | <b>\$12,319.89</b> | <b>\$12,461.84</b>  |

*The LPA appreciates  
our local businesses!*

*We couldn't do our work  
without you!!*



**Thank you ABR**

for being our Saturday morning board meeting spot and for hosting LPA's Open House and Annual Meeting.

**ALSVILLE  
CROSSING**

**Thank you Alsville Crossing**

for hosting our Coffee Chat with an Expert: Jay Gilbertson. And, for being the "courier pick up location" for our coolers full of lake water samples.

## LPA Website Use Stats

Our website has been an information resource.



### YEAR 2021

**3,835** Visits to site  
**2,232** Total visitors  
6 min 22 sec Average time visitors spend at website.

### YEAR 2022 January 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30

**2,704** Visits to site  
**1,710** Total visitors  
4 min 34 sec Average time visitors spend at website

### LPA Facebook Stats

YEAR 2022 – Total followers 1580  
YEAR 2021 – Total followers 1300  
Our numbers are increasing!!



We are **58** Years Strong!  
1964 - 2022

*An involved membership strengthens our mission for a healthy lake.*

### What can you do:

1. Volunteer to help.
2. Support LPA Events by attending.
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4. Serve on your Board of Directors.
5. Choose good habits that improve lake health.
6. Invite potential members to join.

**Thank you to our 2022 Business Sponsors' support of our healthy lake mission.**





## **2022 LPA** *Membership Feedback*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### ***1. Give us your feedback! Help us improve!***

**Yes No Do you approve the LPA's mission?**  
Our Mission- We are dedicated to preserving the health and beauty of our lake for future generations.

**Yes No Do you receive the LPA e-Lake News? (e-LAKE NEWS is a members-only email subscription.)**

**Yes No Have you accessed the LPA Website this year?**

**Yes No Would you be willing to help with an LPA event?**

### ***2. Circle which future project the LPA should concentrate on.***

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Revise the Nuisance Ordinance               | 4. Investigate Lake Management Plans                              |
| 2. Public Safety -promote posted house numbers | 5. Compile a list of business services for lake residents to use. |
| 3. Other _____                                 |   |

### ***3. Write below a lake concern or give some praise.***

Or send it later in an email to [directors@lakepoinsett.org](mailto:directors@lakepoinsett.org) or mail it: LPA, PO Box 222, Lake Norden, SD 57248.



Form provided for the 2022 Annual Meeting Attendees to complete.

## **2022 Water Quality Report**

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## **2022 LPA Membership Benefits**

Becoming a member is the first proactive step in protecting your favorite lake. For your financial support enjoy the benefits listed below, and receive three informative newsletters, the Lake Directory (includes all residents of Lake Poinsett and Lake Albert), and an LPA email subscription.

Your membership dues fund vital programs:

- Our printed publications get the word out – Join LPA Brochure, Lake Directory, Lake Living Guide
- Our “Welcome to Lake Living” Packet for new lake homeowners includes tips on protecting lake water quality.
- The annual maintenance on the four storm sirens that stand ready to alert.
- Lake water-quality testing for Chlorophyll-a, Phosphorus, Nitrogen, Nitrate/Nitrite, Ammonia, Algal Toxins, and E.coli.
- Events that connect lake-wide neighbors: Coffee Chats, Happy Hour, Lake Walk, Beach Clean-Up, Pancake Breakfast, Lake-Wide Rummage Sales, and the Annual Meeting.
- LPA newsletters, email subscription, and Facebook are all about staying informed with current lake information that could affect us, our property values, and our enjoyment of the lake. Stay Informed, Keep In touch!

## **2022 FISHERY REPORT**

*Why a fishery report? Because our members fish, and a healthy lake means a healthy fishery. That's something we care about.*

### **1. General Condition of Walleye in Lake Poinsett**

The most recent gill net survey was completed during July 18-22, 2022. Because of the recentness of the 2022 survey, the fish sample has not been aged and 2021 data will be used to answer questions concerning growth and year classes. The results with the age data included for the 2022 survey will be available online (<https://gfp.sd.gov/fish/>) sometime this fall.

Overall, the walleye population is looking good and should continue to provide anglers with great opportunities. We observed a slight increase in the numbers of walleye 10 inches and greater in the 2022 gill net catch (6/net) over the observed 2021 gill net catch (4.4/net). Overall, the population would currently be classified as having moderate to high abundance.

## 2. Average Walleye Length that's most abundant from Gill Net Sampling

Walleyes collected in the 2022 gill net survey ranged in length from 7 to 25 inches (Figure 1). The average length of walleyes sampled in 2022 was 14.4 inches. Fifty percent of the walleyes 10 inches and greater exceeded 15 inches and 13.8% were longer than 20 inches. These values are similar to that observed in 2021 when 51% exceeded 15 inches and 8% were greater than 20 inches.

In 2021, walleyes from seven different year classes were present in the gill net sample. Walleyes that were born in 2015, 2018, and 2019 were the most abundant in the population. This year's age structure will likely be similar to that observed in 2022, with the exception of the addition of the 2021 year class (7.0-8.5 inch walleyes).

## 3. Walleye Fish Stocking – when & quantity from last time

Walleyes were last stocked in 2019 (Figure 2). Lake Poinsett is typically stocked with fry (1-3 day old fish that are the size of a mosquito when stocked). In 2019, 2 million fry were stocked and 4 million fry were stocked in both 2012 and 2014 and 3 million were stocked in 2011. Natural reproduction has been adequate in recent years reducing the need for stocking Lake Poinsett. Too many walleyes in a population can be a problem as their growth will slow.

## 4. Is Health of Lake yielding good supply of food for fish growth?

Based on the body condition of the fish collected during gill netting in 2022, the available food supply looks to be good. We measure fish condition (plumpness) using the relative weight (Wr) index. Relative weight values between 95 and 105 generally are considered optimum condition, but values in the 80's are common during summer months in South Dakota waters. The mean Wr in 2022 for channel catfish in Lake Poinsett was 107, the average for smallmouth bass was 96, walleye averaged 87, white bass had a mean of 98, and the yellow perch average was 114.

Walleye growth rates are a measure of food availability over a longer time frame. In 2021 walleyes in Lake Poinsett that were 3 years old averaged 15 inches, which is considered good growth. This is a substantial increase in growth for age-3 walleyes from 2017 (14.2 inches) and 2018 (12.3 inches) when the 15-inch minimum length limit was removed.

## 5. Are there many naturally produced walleyes this year

The fall is when we assess the current year's production of walleyes. Thus, we will not know until we complete nighttime electrofishing sometime in September or October. There is no guarantee that the age-0 fish observed in the fall will make it through their first winter but what we see in the fall is generally an indicator of future year class strength (Figure 3).

In recent years natural reproduction has been strong (Figure 2). Fall electrofishing catches that exceed 150 age-0 walleye per hour are considered strong year classes.

## 6. Fish Mercury Levels a concern?

The last mercury sample at Lake Poinsett was completed in 2014. Mercury levels in all species tested were below the South Dakota Department of Health's threshold for issuing Mercury advisories in 2014. We do not expect the Mercury levels to vary much from the 2014 values.

## 7. Any Invasive Aquatic Plants?

None that we currently are aware of. We encourage users of Lake Poinsett to be vigilant and continue to practice "clean, drain, and dry" to slow the spread of all invasive species.

## 8. Is carp population hindering growth of sport fish?

Common carp numbers currently are not at a level where they are impacting sport fish. Walleye growth is good (see question 4 above). Gill net catches in recent years have averaged less than one common carp per net. A total of nine common carp were collected in the 2022 survey.

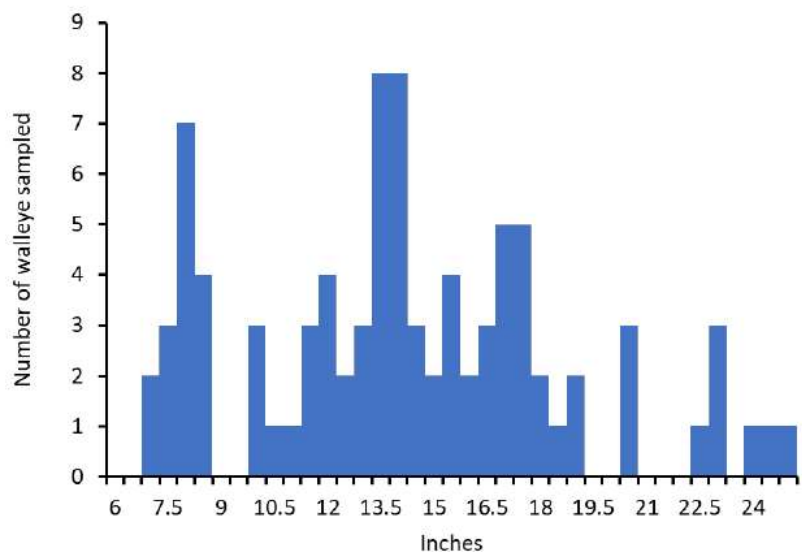


Figure 1. Length frequency of walleyes collected during the 2022 survey at Lake Poinsett.

**The Education Committee's goal is:**

*Be a reliable voice that builds the membership's knowledge to address lake issues. How did we achieve this goal?*

**1. Our publications currently are the May, June, and July newsletters written by volunteer power.**

**2. LPA's informational Website** continues to increase in visitor traffic. If you have not visited the website please do so. Its about your lake, your association, your Lake Park District, and county.

3. We send notices on critical lake issues to tackle or upcoming events through our members-only email subscription **called e-LAKE NEWS**. If you have not received these crucial emails check your spam box, or email Barb Zavala to check if your correct email is on file.

4. We have expanded our presence in the **Lake Poinsett Visitors Guide** with 5 pages devoted to LPA and tips on keeping the lake healthy. Visitors need to know who we are.

5. Our beautiful and one-of a kind resource - the **Lake Directory** also has five pages devoted to LPA. Our members need to know who we are.

**Committee's event was the Coffee Chat with an Expert**. It was held at Alsville Crossing, Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:30-9:30 am. Our guest expert was Jay Gilbertson from East Dakota Water Development District out of Brookings. About 17 people attended. Jay stated, "To make a difference in lake water quality get the rest of the west lake and northwest lake homes on a sewer system. There are still septic systems not up to code, some are within 50 feet of shoreline, or too small for larger homes, or cracked and leaching. Our help should consist of promoting septic system maintenance and supporting the sanitary board's goal to get the lake community on a sewer system."

*This is the Education Committee Report. Thank you.*

**The Membership Committee goal is:** Create opportunities to reach potential new members, and engage and retain our existing members. This is a new goal and committee.

1. We achieve Membership Growth of 9%. Last year there were 411 members this year we have 448 that's 37 more property owners. There is a total of 706 homeowners around Lake Poinsett, so we have 258 more to go.

2. *Moving to the Lake? We greet you as a friend. New lake property owners receive our Welcome Packet with promotional information on the LPA and helpful tips for lake living..*

3. **Volunteers can get involved with LPA events and projects.** We plan to organize a list of volunteers helpers. Volunteering helps strengthen our association and community.

***What can a member do to support the LPA?***

1. *Volunteer to help*
2. *Attend LPA Events*
3. *Keep informed through our communication network*
4. *Serve on your Board of Directors*
5. *Choose good habits that improve lake health*
6. *Invite potential members to join*

4. **Local businesses are invited to be members.** Together we promote a healthy lake and prosperous community. To help fund water quality testing with sampling kits: Scott Ross, Teri Nace, and Wally Grogan, our business team, secured 4 business sponsors: **The Bug Guy, Ward's Shopping Center out of Estelline, Interim Health Care, Woods Fuller Law Firm.** We are grateful for our sponsors.



5. This committee organizes the event **LPA Open House: Donuts & Directories which replaced the Pancake Breakfast** – At the event Members pick up their new directory, healthy lake information, and could personally ask questions about LPA. People signed up to be members, visited with friends, sat, ate donuts and drank coffee. It was relaxing and well organized.

*This is the Membership Committee Report. Thank you.*

### **The Lake Stewards Committee goal is:**

**Monitor water quality for long term changes, protect the beauty and safety of our beaches and shoreline. How did we achieve this goal?**

Our directors Tammie Jorgensen, Mark Kelsey, Tonya & Shannon Grismer, Deb Eisenbeisz and volunteers Gary Hoff and Kim Ward are sampling. It takes about 1 ½ hours to complete the sampling. We do these three or four times a summer.

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This committee organizes the event **5K Healthy Lake Walk**. It's attendance proves to be a slow starter, but we hope it will grow.

*This is the Lake Stewards Committee Report. Thank you.*

### **The Community Issues Committee goal is:**

**Identify concerns, alert the membership, and initiate problem-solving steps. How did we achieve this goal?**

It became apparent that consistent handling of lake-wide concerns needed to be addressed. As a result, we produced the **ACTION PLAN FOR HANDLING LAKE ISSUES**. This plan structures how to report a concern, act on it, and utilizes our communication network to reach all members.

- Briefly Review Action Plan for Handling Lake Issues

**This Action Plan guided us through these four lake community issues.**

#### **1. State Park New Boat Ramp Issue**

##### **a. How did we learn of these issues.**

- Resident notified us.

##### **b. What was LPA's role.**

- We contacted the state park and township to relay the residents concern about construction safety with summer visitors and returning gravel roads back to good condition.

##### **c. How did we ALERT the membership.**

- A Membership notice sent through e-LAKE NEWS that the State Park was holding a Q & A open house for construction-affected neighbors.

## **2. Proposed Dogfish Campground on the east side of the lake.**

### a. How did we learn of these issues.

- Resident notified us of the campground application on Zoning Board's agenda.

### b. What was LPA's role.

- To provide facts, promote writing letters to Zoning Officer.

### c. How did we ALERT the membership.

- Membership notice sent through e-LAKE NEWS. Letters concerning Dogfish were sent to Zoning Officer, Dogfish withdrew their campground application.

## **3. The Lake Park District Zoning Ordinance Review**

### a. How did we learn of these issues.

- LPA took steps to change old zoning ordinances as a project.

### b. What was LPA's role.

- For two years LPA volunteers helped update ordinances with special attention on Campground Ordinance. LPA promoted letter writing or attending the Public Hearing and voicing being for or against the new campgrounds.

### c. How did we ALERT the membership.

- LPA sent notices to membership through our communication network: e-LAKE NEWS, the LPA Website and Facebook.

## **4. Lake Poinsett Water Project District's Resolution for a Tax opt Out**

### a. How did we learn of these issues.

- Resident notified us of the Tax opt out notice found in the Hamlin County Newspaper

### b. What was LPA's role.

- To relay reliable information. The Water Board held a Q & A meeting for residents.

### c. How did we ALERT the membership.

- LPA sent notices to membership through our communication network: e-LAKE NEWS, the LPA Website and Facebook.

This committee must be vigilant in monitoring newspaper and online posted minutes concerning County, Zoning, Sanitary District, and Water Project District.

*This is the Community Issues Report. Thank you.*

## **Financial Management Report**

- Financial Update – Rod McGinnis, Treasurer
- Financial Review completed by Joel Mohlenhoff.
- No Spring maintenance was required on our four storm sirens.
- Minutes summary from 2021 Annual Meeting.

**Harland Olson MUSEUM Report-** given by Tammie Jorgensen