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Annual Meeting Issue

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Letter from the LPA President

Our Annual Meeting is August 7th and I invite you to come and hear about what we've been up to. For new members and those who have never attended, this is an opportunity to learn about your association and perhaps envision yourself joining the Lake Poinsett Association board of directors. Our projects include publishing the Lake Directory and three newsletters, maintaining four storm sirens, organizing the pancake breakfast and water quality testing. All directors participate in organizing these. There is room for new projects, once approved. If you want city planning, changing ordinances or more events, join the board with that agenda. Your passion for a project makes the difference.

Are you looking for a special purpose with no driving agenda? We need you, too! Our association has an underlying current of duties that supports everything we do: treasurer, recording secretary, doing financial reviews, local business sponsorship coordinator, selling apparel, welcoming new lake owners, helping with events, etc.

Our board members are comprised of men and women from a variety of careers. We depend on each other's skill sets to get things done. Check out our website on our mission, goals, and committees. Email your interest to directors@lakepoinsett.org. We're hoping you feel right at home with us.

- Deb Eisenbeisz

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- \$25 for 500 words or less
- \$50 for 500-1000 words

Individuals submitting on behalf of an organization will not be paid; for example, South Dakota Game Fish & Parks, Lake Poinsett Sanitary District, or Lake Poinsett Water Board.

Have questions?

Visit www.lakepoinsett.org for more information.

IDEAS, PHOTOS, AND FEEDBACK

Editorial/opinion submissions will not be accepted. There are no payments for content ideas or photo submissions.



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Sampling at the center of the lake.

LPA Website an Important Reference

Need a dog ordinance or a nuisance ordinance? You can find these on our Lake Poinsett Association website, www.lakepoinsett.org. Move your mouse over "County" and click "Government." It's still best to get along with your neighbors by being a good neighbor. ■

Water Quality Volunteers Collect Samples

In May, four volunteers (and one forced spouse) were trained by the State DANR at Lake Alvin, south of Sioux Falls. We learned about sample collection, preservation, storage, and shipping different bottle samples. Our water sampling plan was prepared by the state's volunteer WQ program coordinator, Jesse Wilkens.

Our freshly trained volunteers started sampling the lake's waters a few weeks ago. There are four shoreline stops: Sorenson, Saaranen and Prestrude's public accesses and the swim beach at Lake Poinsett State Recreation Area. Bottles are filled at each stop: one for E.coli, the other for blue green algae toxins.

In the middle of the lake, water is sampled for five excessive nutrients, water clarity and chlorophyll-a. We followed geographic coordinates (latitude 44.5656, longitude -97.0734) provided by the DANR to locate the center of the lake and will return to the same spot each month. Try finding the center of the lake using those coordinates.

Our volunteer adds sulfuric acid to the nutrient bottle which preserves the water sample. This acid causes chemical burns so we don't add it in a rocking boat. All

the bottles are placed in two coolers. One cooler goes to a lab in Omaha, NE and the other to our state health lab in Pierre. The E.coli samples must be tested within 24 hours or the samples are no good. ■



Skipper John Heisler, Tammi Jorgensen, Deb Eisenbeisz, Mark Kelsey

Rick's Regatta, July 31st

Rick's Regatta, sponsored by Lake Poinsett Sailing Academy, will be held Saturday, July 31st and open to all classes of sail boats.

The skippers meeting will be at 10 a.m. with a red flag start at 11 a.m. Times may be adjusted due to weather conditions. Rule of thumb: If the wind is greater than 25 mph or less than 4 mph, or if there is threat of lightning, the regatta may be postponed until Sunday, August 1st.

The race and the captains meeting will start and end at Sorenson's beach. Following the regatta, sailors and friends will gather at Arlington Beach Resort (ABR).

Cost of the regatta is \$40 which includes a regatta collectible. T-shirts and other items will be available for purchase at registration.

To register, contact Clark Perkins with questions and to request a registration packet at clarkdeb@brookings.net or (605) 691-9130.

All are welcome to come out and enjoy the beauty of the sails skimming around the lake! Stay and enjoy great food, music, and fellowship at ABR. See you on the lake. ■



Teri Nace, Susan Moe Jensen, Scott Ross

Lake Poinsett Spring Beach Clean-Up

The LPA mission is to preserve the health and beauty of our lake for future generations. The beauty of the shorelines, beaches, and public accesses are very much in that mission. Litter isn't just unsightly; it can be dangerous. Metal with sharp edges and pieces of glass can create a safety hazard for beach goers. And nothing ruins a swim beach or shoreline faster than cans, plastic bottles, wooden boards, fish carcasses and Styrofoam bait containers.

In May, the LPA and Walleye's Unlimited co-sponsored the clean-up on Sorenson, Saaranen, Prestrude's, Stone Bridge, and Hammer's Pasture beach accesses. We definitely found evidence of humanity! Removing litter guarantees that wildlife won't come into contact with it and visitors from all over can fully enjoy our beaches. ■

It's Happy Hour at ABR on July 31st

4:30 – 5:30 pm

Help us cheer on Rick's Regatta while watching the sailing competition from the finish line! We're looking for a goodbreeze and full sails! See you there. ■

Pancake Breakfast Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the pancake breakfast has been cancelled but we'll be back in 2022 with our delicious, hot breakfast!

LPA Annual Meeting Scheduled for August 7th

The LPA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 7th from 10-11 a.m. at Siouxland Bar & Grill. The annual meeting provides an opportunity for members to hear what the Board of Directors has been doing this past year. Our agenda covers the "Healthy Lake" Progress, a Financial Report, Director Elections, and other issues of interest to the membership.

- **Prize drawing!** There will be drawings for Siouxland Bar & Grill gift cards and one member will walk away with a new, blue Yeti Cooler (45 quart). Our appreciation goes to Agropur for donating this awesome prize.
- **Stay for Lunch** - After the meeting, stay, visit with friends and purchase lunch from Siouxland's delicious menu. Order their ever-so popular shaved prime rib sandwich topped with cheese on an onion bun, or try their charbroiled burgers, sandwiches, wraps, pizza and salads.

Siouxland Bar & Grill is open 11 a.m. -2 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Phone: (605) 983-5930 ■





Coffee Chat with an Expert

There were 18 participants who gathered at Alsville Crossing for a Q & A with Mark Ermer from the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) NE Area Fisheries, Webster district office. Many areas of lake and fish health were covered; questions and answers were flowing and the interest level was high.

Below were some areas of discussion:

- Nuisance sound issues from bow-fishing airboats moving on the lake at 1 a.m., spooking homeowners, state park, campers and cattle.
- Lake homeowners finding numerous dead carp on shorelines.
- Winter and summer fish kills. (GFP is not responsible for clean-up.)
- Green algae vs. harmful algae bloom
- Ice fishing – soft ice danger and warnings
- Koi herpes virus
- Zebra Mussels attaching on dock legs, tires, and lake water pumps
- Watershed and waste runoff
- Economic progress of agriculture, DANR

At the end of the Q & A, Mark Ermer reminded us: the people decide how to treat their landscape. They must push for regulations to protect it. It was a valuable learning experience, and Alsville Crossing was a great place to gather. ■

Agropur Explains Water Treatment System

Agropur has donated a Yeti Cooler for our prize drawing at this year's LPA annual meeting in August. We asked Agropur if they wanted to highlight information about their commitment to environmental management. They were happy to share. Read below.

"Agropur Lake Norden, the largest plant owned by Agropur and one of the top 10 cheese plants in the United States, is a worldwide company with products being marketed in 20 different countries. For our Waste Water Treatment System we choose state of the art technology that would be environmentally responsible for generations to come. With the \$25 Million investment in the Agropur Water Treatment Plant there were many features in the design to assure being good Stewards of the environment now and well into the future. As examples the wetland and evaporation system was replaced by doing full treatment and discharging directly to the Big Sioux River which required a 14.5 mile pipeline be constructed from Lake Norden to the river.

This system is designed to remove 99% of the constituents normally involved with typical Dairy Manufacturing activities reduce/eliminate ground water pollutants. The equipment chosen is equipped with energy saving control systems to minimize our carbon footprint. The pipeline bypasses the potential involvements with all the local lakes and streams by going directly to the Big Sioux River. In fact, the requirements for the treated water that Agropur discharges to the Big Sioux River actually improves the overall water quality of the river.

Agropur strives to be a good neighbor in how we conduct business collaborating with our dairy farm



suppliers, employees, customers and the communities that we operate in. With using integrity as our guide, we are proud of the green environmental decisions we have made that preserves water quality, wildlife and recreational activities. Working with the South Dakota Department of Ag and Natural Resources our goal is to provide a desired quality of life for the general public and our employees that call Lake Poinsett home."

Thank you, Agropur for your fun donation; someone is going to love taking home your gift! ■



Photo: Agropur – Lake Norden • Standing left to right are Lake Poinsett property owners: Tammy McNamara, Connie Bratland, Jay Baldwin, Beau Horning, Taylee Raba, Christy Erlacher, Daniel Drew, Brooke Berdan

We're happy to know there are Lake Living enthusiasts employed with Agropur!

July 4th Boat Parade Cancelled
The boat parade will not be held during the July 4th weekend.

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Southeast Lake Drive

23rd Lake Walk 9AM
West Lake Drive (Hwy 81)

31st Happy Hour with LPA at ABR
4:30-5:30PM

AUGUST

7th Annual Meeting
Siouxland Bar & Grill 10-11AM



We're First Class All the Way!

We became aware that by using bulk mail, snowbird members do not receive our membership renewal letters at their temporary winter address. The post office does not forward bulk mail. Next February, our annual Join/Renew LPA membership letter will be mailed First Class!