

**USLLIA May 26, 2012  
Agenda**

**Donuts and coffee** - Thanks to Dan and Marion Martonik!

**President's remarks:**

- **Guest Speaker - Matt Moore**, Administrator, South Washington Watershed District, speak at the annual spring meeting on the problems of increasing population the potential impact on ecosystems and what can be done about it.
- **2012 focus area** - documenting the history of USLL
- **Changing Bylaws:**
  - Proposing that we consider reducing the USLLIA Board from 15 to 11 (9 at minimum).
  - Electronic voting
  - Creation of an Advisory Committee (Brad English, Jack Rolfs, others?)
- **BOD Elections** -
- **NEW Aquatic Invasive Species Rules**

**Introductions –**

- Your name
- How long have you been part of the USLL Community?
- Anything on your mind

**Secretary's Report** - John Pietruszewski

**Treasurer's Report** – Don Crust

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration** - Ron Trosvig - *Focus areas are; Communications, Public Relations, Governmental Coordination, Funding and Budgeting.*

- Website was updated in early May.

**Membership** - Don Crust, Sandy English - *Focus areas are; Membership and Fund Raising (Dues, Contributions).*

- 2012 update
- Member stickers
- Reminder on dues and ongoing request for tax-deductible contributions

# USLLIA

UPPER SOUTH LONG LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Recreation** – Terry Lahti - *Focus areas are; Fisheries, Wildlife and Water Surface Use Management.*

- *Fisheries*
- *Mil Foil in Clearwater lake*
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**Water** - Dan Martonik - *Focus areas are; Water Quality, Aquatic Vegetation and Surface Water Use.*

- Water report
- Curlyleaf Treatment. *22 acres treated, and an additional acre closer to shore.*
- Water Quality Study with CWC
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**Land** - Mary Reetz - *Focus areas are; Septic Systems, Livestock, Erosion, Development, Stormwater, Wetlands and other.*

- Thanks to Mary for pulling the USLLIA Newsletter together!
- Thanks to Beth Larson for writing the article on Loons!
- Land Use Ordinance Revisions
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**Directory/Email List** - Jack Rolfs

- Directory - Many thanks to Jack Rolfs and Beth Larson
- See Jack for changes

**LID** – Bruce Dybvig (John Pietruszewski, Joe Patton, Mary Reetz, Bruce Dybvig, Gary Hopping, Ruth Naber)

- *LID Newsletter*
- *Annual LID Meeting - Sat, July 21, 10 AM Green Lantern*
- 2012 Plan

2012 will be a busy and important year for the LID Board. Below you will see the proposed activities along with their respective projected budget numbers we will be considering:

-Liability Insurance (required by Crow Wing County).....	\$1622
-Administrative Fees to Crow Wing County.....	\$250
-Communications.....	\$800
-Invasive Treatment.....	\$10,000
-Water Testing Analysis.....	\$2000
-Total.....	\$14,672

- DNR Grant - John P
- Timeline/Volunteers

## **New Business**

### **Guest Speaker - Matt Moore**

What will USLL look like in 2030? Last summer, Central Lakes College conducted a study where they produced a paper: “Upper South Long Lake – Affects of Land Use on Phosphorus Loading”. Key findings include:

- By 2030 we could see a 45% increase in households within the USLL watershed
- This change could increase the level of phosphorus entering the lake which could result in:
  - Larger and longer algae blooms
  - Lowered water clarity
  - Thicker weeds
  - Lowered dissolved oxygen
  - Warmer water temperatures
  - Fish die offs

Continuing to proactively manage our watershed and effective zoning policies are strategies to minimize these impacts.

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## **Change to bylaws** - Brad English

### **BOD Elections** - John Pietruszewski

- Nomination Committee - 3 openings, need at least one
- Seven current member's terms expire this year:
  - Sandra English - would like to step down*
  - Jeff Gans*
  - Ron Kossila - would like to step down*
  - Beth Larson - would like to step down*
  - Dan Martonik*
  - Ron Trosvig*
  - Chuck Yancey*
  - Terry Lahti has indicated that he would be open to rejoining the BOD.*

### **2012 USLLIA BOD:**

*Crust Don*  
*Pietruszewski John*  
*Reetz Mary*

### **USLLIA Advisors:**

*English Brad*  
*Rolfs Jack*

### **General communications** – Ron Trosvig

- **Documenting USLLIA History** - Jack, Brad, Don. - The group is looking into an approach to document history through written stories, video and pictures. Chuck suggested that an easy way to do this is to break the history up into decades and ask people to submit pictures from the 1920's, 1930's etc and we can create short stories to go along with the pictures.
- **Aquatic Invasive Species** -
  - AIS Laws
  - [Click here for AIS Training](#) (This is a pdf file. This is a large file. It may take a minute or so to download.)
  - [Aquatic Invasive Species \(AIS\) Minnesota Lakes at Risk Film](#)
- Call for volunteers
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization - we welcome your tax deductible contributions.
- What direction will start for the Fourth of July Boat Parade?
- Adjourn

## **NEW AIS Rules:**

- Online education course for anyone transporting water related equipment (2015)
- Civil penalties for violating AIS laws will double (July 1, 2012)
- Lifts, docks, swim rafts, and other water related equipment (not including boats) may not be removed and placed in another water body for 21 days.
- Boat clubs, yacht clubs, & marinas are now considered lake service providers.
- Bait containers used for ice fishing do not have to be drained.

## USLL LID and USLLIA Relationship Explained

- ❑ The Lake Improvement District (LID) is a separate entity that will work in cooperation with USLLIA to fund a water quality management plan.
- ❑ The LID does not replace USLLIA.
- ❑ We still need your USLLIA membership support and contributions.

**LID:** “The purpose of the LID is to improve the quality of water in Upper South Long Lake and to educate adjoining landowners in good stewardship of its watershed. This will be accomplished through a management plan. There is a serious need for long term planning and funding for long-term environmental projects. The long-term control of Curly Leaf Pondweed is a major problem at the present time.”

- ✓ Funding organization
- ✓ 5 year program beginning in 2011 that may be renewed
- ✓ Focus on Water clarity & Invasives
- ✓ 13 specific projects proposed
- ✓ Need to report back to the County on results
- ✓ Audit Committee

**USLLIA:** "The purpose shall be to provide a means whereby the membership of this corporation may promote, preserve and protect, rehabilitate and enhance, the quality generally, of Upper South Long Lake."

- ✓ Is a permanent organization that has been around since the 1970's.
- ✓ Became a non-profit corporation under State of Minnesota Regulations in 1980
- ✓ Became a 501C3 non-profit corporation under regulations of the Federal IRS in 2003.
- ✓ USLLIA membership directs the agenda and priorities
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Updating the Lake Management Plan
- ✓ Manage the Long Range Plan
- ✓ Membership

### **USLLIA Benefits:**

- ✓ Response to issues
- ✓ New directory
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Manage relationships with DNR, County, Township and other agencies
- ✓ Formal working committees (Recreation, Land, Water).
- ✓ Manage the USLLIA Strategic Plan first created in 2003
- ✓ Manage everything that is not in LID plan