

Farm Island Lake Improvement Association

Fall 2014

Newsletter

Mission Statement

- Promote the safety and common goods of its members and surrounding Farm Island Lake community
- Improve and preserve the quality of the land and water in the Farm Island Lake for its members, the community and future generations.

Upcoming Events:

**Meeting Saturday August 16, 2014@ 9:00am
Hazelton Township Hall**

The hall is located 3 miles south of the Farm Island Store, gray bldg on the left side of road. Treats will be served. There will be door prizes but you must be present to win.

- Our speaker for the Fall meeting will be J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson, Aitkin County Commissioner. Mr. Wedel will update us of the many events that are taking place in the Aitkin area, including the road construction for County Road 28.
- Our speaker for the Spring meeting was Jeff Haberkorn, Attorney who discussed real estate issues, wills, trusts, ect..
- When completing your dues form ***please include your email*** address so we can add it to our list. This makes it easier to notify lake owners of information that happens between newsletters. ***Starting in August*** I will be sending the newsletter out by email to save money. If you do not have email access please let me know and I will make sure that you receive a copy of the newsletter.
- Please remember to clean off your props, trailers and check the rest of the boat for critters that came along for the ride, empty live wells and bait containers when moving between lakes. Remind your guests also.
- Steve Keisling, Fred Husom and Jim Hausauer are the guys in charge of this very important task of making sure that we have enough trained volunteers to cover both accesses on weekends. We are in need of additional volunteers to complete training. Please let Jim know if you would like to help. You must have completed the training course to man the landings.
- Several board members have been attending the ACLARA meetings and Bill has some information about no-wake and high water issues. Ask Bill if you have additional questions, comments.

- Fall and Spring road clean-up: Road clean-up will be on the 2nd Saturday of Sept. at 10.00 am. We will meet at the north landing. Please contact Jim if you can help.

Updates:

- If you are new to the lake, *WELCOME!* If you have a new neighbor please let them know about our meetings and let them know that they are held on the 3rd Saturday of June and 3rd Saturday in August at 9:00 am at the Hazelton Township bldg. on Hwy. 169.
- We now have ‘Shore Captains’ and they are around the lake and will try and keep your neighborhoods updated on a more one on one focus of the things that are happening around your neighborhood. I have enclosed the website for the shore captains. Could use a few more volunteers.
<http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/filia/shore-captains>
- The 4th of July boat parade was held on Saturday July 5th at noon at the south end landing with 51 boats. Thank you to Lori and Lisa Long for heading up the parade again this year. They do a wonderful job!! Nice and quiet ladies that they are.
- Membership is still down, We currently only have 190 members. Please spread the word, we need all the members we can get to qualify for some of the grants that are available for lake improvement. Some require over 70% membership of property owners. Thanks for all the hard work!
- F.I.L.I.A donated \$500.00 to the Aitkin Water Patrol this year. We rotate every year between Fire, Water Safety, and First Responders. It was voted at the Spring meeting to continue to support these organizations.
- I have noticed more “**BLUE FIRE NIMBERS**” (good job) around the lake, please contact the Aitkin County Highway Department to order yours. It is also your address. Even if you are in an association you still need your own number. This could save your life or property. They even give you the post to put in the ground. The phone number to order is: 1-218-927-3741.
- Please remember that some insurance companies may not cover you if you do not have your cabin/house plowed out in the winter months and the trucks can’t get to your house in case of fire ect. You might want to check on this.
- *GPS don’t work well in our area. **If you need to call for an emergency please be able to give directions on how to reach you. This is very important, have it written down, Post it so everyone at your house can see it and knows what to do in case of an emergency. Give detailed instructions to the dispatcher, this will save time and maybe your life. There are so many different street names in the same locations that don’t appear to make much sense and are confusing to our First Responders and others trying to find us.***
- If you are a paying member of the Lake Association you are eligible for a discount from Lakes gas in Crosby for propane. Their phone # is 218-546-5527.
- Please be courteous to your neighbors when you have pets. Please clean up after them and keep them leashed. Some people don’t love them as

much as you do. Also when you leave for a while, don't leave your pets outside to bark, it happens and others want to enjoy their time at the lake also.

- Our web site is: www.minnesotawaters.org/farmislandlakeimprovement
Please let us know if you have any ideas!
- The DNR and Aitkin Sheriffs Water Safety are patrolling the lakes, so follow the rules, be safe and have fun.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

There have been some questions about whether or not we treat the lake for weeds, swimmers itch ect. In the past we did treat the lake for Curly Leaf Pond weed. We no longer do this due to the small amount that we have and the cost. For swimmers itch, copper sulfate can be used, but please check with the local regulations for use before you apply. There are also some other ideas on the internet. Check to see what would be best for you.

2014 F.I.L.I.A Board Members

Jim Hausauer: President: jhausauer@hotmail.com phone:(218) 678-3377 lk.
(320) 384-7698 home
Dennis Kraimer: Vice President: Cell: (651) 497-0102,
dkkraimer@hotmail.com
Cindy Chuhanic- Secretary: cchuhani@yahoo.com Home: (218) 678-3668
Cell: (612) 618-0797
Pam Husom: Treasurer: Home: (218) 678-3797, fphuey@embarqmail.com
Bill Haroldson: williamharoldson@edinareality.com. Cell: (763) 389-7511
Steve Keisling: keisme@hotmail.com
Dick Rees: ReesMinneapolis@AOL.com Cabin: (218) 678-2882, Home: 612)
822-3765
Cheryl McDonough: cherylmcdonough@gmail.com, 218-851-7026 cell
Greg Anderson: greg@greganderson.com, farmislandlake@yahoo.com, 218-
927-6762

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, and I'll see you at the meeting!

Cindy

Farm Island Lake Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Lake or cell: _____

Email: _____

Dues are \$25.00 per property owner from January to January

New member: _____ Renewing Member: _____

Referred By: _____ -

Donation to FILIA Invasive Weed Fund: _____

Please indicate with an X whether you are a New or Renewing member. You can either bring the form to the meeting or mail it to: Pam Husom, 27370 443rd Place, Aitkin, MN 56431
