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The BSLA is looking for volunteers who have talents just waiting to be used!

Openings are currently for:
- Mailers, Publicists, Grant Writers,water samplers, People-Contact tasks, BSLA Directors,
- Web-Site Managers, etc. etc.
- Time commitment:
  - At discretion of volunteer.
  - Must be in reasonably good
  - Health e.g., breathing and
  - Having a heart-beat.
- Medicare recipients are approved.
- Must be interested in
  - Improvement of Sauk Lake.
- Contact Board members by phone.
- See front of Newsletter.
- Compensation?:
  - Personal satisfaction
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What’s the Latest on Carp Removal?

As many of you know, our carp harvesting team was successful in removing a large quantity of fish from upper Sauk Lake earlier in December. A Herald report stated that in excess of 50,000 pounds were successfully transferred from two sites into a waiting tractor-trailer located on the west side of upper Sauk Lake. The team then took a break for the holidays. The state of very cold temperatures and snow has kept them away except for an exploratory visit on January 9th. In a telephone interview, the head of the crew, Tim Adams, reported that sonar studies revealed that the carp were not schooling in large enough quantities to warrant harvest at this time. It is possible they have migrated to locations where the water is deeper. It is necessary for the net to remain vertical and touch the lake bottom in order to trap the fish. The professionals expect to be back but the date is uncertain at this writing.

In addition to the 3-member professional crew, several organizations supplied volunteers to assist. They included the Dark House Association, the local Conservation Club and our own lake association. We extend a thank-you to everyone who assisted with the operation.

As part of this report, readers should be aware of additional information related to the carp harvest. Area fisheries manager, Eric Allen, has reported that “staff sampled 30 different carp of different sizes and clipped pectoral fin rays and dorsal spines to get ages from them. The rationale was to look and see how often they may be spawning. Basically what it tells us that contrary to Dr. Sorenson’s theory (UM research professor), these fish are having regular year classes. He had thought that these fish would spawn only once every 10 or more years. This does put a new picture on the potential for success. It suggests our success in removing a large percentage of the critters will be very tough because of the consistent reproduction.”

Our last related report is the current status of the Carp Removal Account. As most of you are aware, the BSLA accepted responsibility to manage the money donated for the purpose of carp removal. As of January 16, 2009, the checking account balance is $152,177. The remainder is in a CD due 1/19/2010. It balance is $7,018.62. It is expected that most of this fund will be paid out upon completion of the contract we have with the carp removal team.

Big Sauk Lake
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17 1/2” x 21 1/2” Map
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Income
Membership Dues (220 Memberships) $5,500.00
*Map Sales $ 200.00
Donations $ 100.00
Advisory Newsletter $ 300.00
Fundraisers-Hog Roast (Net Income) $50.00
Interest $ 50.00
$6,850.00

Expenses
*Newsletter-3-c-Tier 1 & 2 $1,800.00
**Nutrient Loading/Erosion Cost Share Program $500.00
*Controlled Invasive Vegetation $500.00
**Seed/Seedling Purchase Program $500.00
*Fair Booth/Public Events Materials $350.00
*Educational Material to Youth Groups/Other $500.00
***Carp Removal Project Donation & Brochures $1,000.00
Membership-Decline to replace $50.00
Membership-Billings-Envelopes & Postage $200.00
Siren-Stearns Electric Ass $ 350.00
Siren Repair $ 100.00
Sanitation Expenses-West Central $ 200.00
Annual Meeting Expenses $ 300.00
Dues Chamber, C.G.L.A., MN Waters $ 425.00
Donations $ 125.00
PO Box Rent $ 50.00
H & R Block $ 100.00
Other-Office Supplies, Stamp Exp, & Misc $ 100.00
$7,275.00

Surplus ($625.00)
*Map Sales: It should be noted that this project is on-going and all of the expenditures in 2007. Map inventories are managed by board members and through locations in the Saugatuck Centre area as well as the lakefront belt.
**Lake Management Plan Expenses
***Carp Removal Project Donation (Seed Money) for 2009 was $800.00.

An additional amount of $73.75 was paid for the cost of brochures.

On the Lighter Side
Editor’s Note: These are always offered with some sense of the trepidation that readers have already seen them. Anyway, here goes.

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. “We’re supposed to be the height of the flagpole,” said Bubba, “but we don’t have a ladder.”

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. “Then she took out a tape measure, took a measurement and announced, “18 feet, six inches,” and walked away. Junior shook his head and laughed. “Ain’t that just like a dumb blonde? We ask for the height and she gives us the length!”

A monastery in the English countryside had fallen on hard times. The abbot decided to establish a business to defray their expenses, such as a bakery or a winery. Being English, however, they decided to open a fish- and-chips restaurant. It soon became very popular attracting many people from different localities in England. One fellow from London attempted to himself to be clever, asked one of the brothers standing near by, “Do you suppose you’re the fish-ah?” “No” answered the brother, “I’m the Chip monk.”

Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this tape very carefully,” the doctored said. “I’ve decided to give your wife $750 per week. “That’s very fair your Honor,” Mr. Clark replied. “I’ve been very happy now and then I’ll try to send her a few bucks myself.”

Harry was recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling. “I’m O.K. but I didn’t like the four-letter words the doctor used in my ears,” he said. “He asked for a nurse.” “Oops!” said Harry.

Two Reasons Why It’s So Hard to Solve a Redneck Murder:
1. The DNA all matches 2. There are no dental records

Lars calls United Airlines and asks, “Can you tell me how long it’ll take to fly from San Francisco to New York City?” The agent replies, “Just a minute.” “Thank you,” replies Lars and hangs up.

Jenny and Agnes were talking in the grocery store aisle. Agnes said “While shopping for vacation clothes, my husband and I passed a display of bathing suits. It had been ten years and twenty pounds since I had even considered buying a bathing suit, so I asked my husband’s advice. I asked him “What do you think? Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?” Better get the bikini” he said. “You’d never get it on in one.” Jenny asked “What did you say then?” “Not much,” said Agnes “but he’s still in intensive care.”

Finally, for the math geeks among our readers: When Noah’s Ark came to rest on the mountain of Ararat, and the flood waters dried from the earth, God commanded all the pairs of animals to go forth and multiply. They did except for two snakes. “Verily, oh Lord, we cannot, for we are just adders”, whereupon the Lord had Noah’s sons descend from the Ark, collected large pieces of drift wood, and construct a table for the snakes - because he knew that even an adder can multiply if you give him a log table.

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