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*SLA Newsletter – November 2015*

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### Message from the SLA President

Your Sanford Lake Association (SLA) Thanks all of you for a Tremendous year in 2015. The annual meeting/potluck on August 18, 2015 was a success for member turnout and informative speakers. Tiffany Foco spoke in lieu of Jim Hergott (who had an emergency arise last minute) Tiffany is Jim's administrator at Saginaw Bay Resource, Conservation & Development Area, Inc. They are the contractors that are performing the pilot erosion project. The second speaker was Jessica Haller who was the Creel Clerk for the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. She performed the creel study on Sanford Lake this summer.

We would like to thank Rob Vallentine for his service on the SLA board. He elected to step down as his employment has taken him overseas. Please welcome Jay Hannah our new board director to replace Rob. Jay Hannah: Jay and his wife Michele are lifelong Sanford residents. Both graduated from Meridian High School and have lived on the lake since 1986. Jay and Michele retired from Dow Chemical in 2014. They have a 16 year old daughter, Sarah, and two labrador retrievers. Jay and Michele are avid water skiers.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful fall and safe winter as we transition from water to ice and snow on our lake. You will next be hearing from us in the spring but if you have any questions or comments please feel free to e-mail the SLA.



**Steve Tuttle**  
*SLA President*





## Upcoming Lake Events

Enjoy winter and the holiday season, we'll see you in the spring!  
We are never far away, if you need us, please contact us:

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## Sanford Lake Draw Down

The Boyce Hydro Power, LLC annual winter draw down of the Sanford Lake reservoir will commence on December 15, 2015 per their FERC license. The total draw down will be 3 feet below normal pond elevation. The rate of the draw down will be a function of the amount of precipitation that is experienced in the Tittabawassee River system above the Sanford Dam and subject to the maximum rate per day specified in their FERC license. The draw down is completed within 20 or 30 days, no later than January 15, 2016. The draw down typically remains in effect until around mid-April based upon water temperatures and thaw rates.

**Draw Down Safety Note:** A second item is the condition of flow in the reservoir during the winter months when the drawdown is in effect. To maintain a given flow during the draw-down period, the water velocity is increased. This higher velocity inhibits the formation of a good ice layer and can lead to areas of thin ice that may not be safe to travel on, especially in the shallow areas of the lake. Take heed when electing to venture out.

Lee Walko, SLA Director

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## Winter Ice Safety Tips

Soon our lake will be frozen and those of us who enjoy the outdoors will be enticed to skate, fish and snowmobile on Sanford Lake. Here are a few guidelines of safety provided by the DNR to consider before we embark on our adventures. Although the rule of thumb is 4 inches of ice recommended for ice fishing and 5 for snow mobiling, the DNR states that a frozen river has less uniformity in its ice cover due to flow and width of the current so the variability of ice thickness can create dangerous situations. So, always think before putting your foot on the ice. They suggest wearing life jackets or flotation coats, and carrying ice hooks and roping gear. If you should happen to break through: turn in the direction from which you came as the ice will probably be thicker, plant your picks in the ice and kick as you pull yourself out, then ROLL toward safety. This will distribute your weight and reduce the probability of breaking through again. Get to shelter, and change into warm dry clothing. Drink warm drinks but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Call 911 if you feel disoriented, have uncontrolled shivering or any other ill effects that may be symptoms of hypothermia. Winter sports are fun and exhilarating, keeping safety in mind helps to create lifelong happy memories.



Ellen Peden, SLA Director

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## SLA Membership Drive Update

Membership in the Sanford Lake Association for 2015-2016 is up to 293, and we are still accepting applications for new members or renewals.

Unfortunately, we are now past the time where you can purchase the discounted subscription to the Michigan Riparian Magazine along with your SLA membership. Many thanks to those who have joined this year, we appreciate your support!

Application forms are available on the SLA website:  
[www.sanfordlakeassociation.org/membership](http://www.sanfordlakeassociation.org/membership)

Please forward this to your friends and neighbors who may not have signed up yet.

# STILL TIME

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## Lake Monitoring Efforts

With the summer now behind us (Hard to believe isn't it?), the SLA has completed another year of its ongoing participation in the Michigan Lakes & Stream Association's Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program ("CLMP") where SLA volunteers have been taking spring and fall phosphorous samples as well as weekly Secchi disk water transparency (clarity) readings. The results of the samplings should be available from CLMP later in the year and we will report on those results when we obtain them. In addition to the CLMP sampling, next season SLA volunteer, Loren Lower, will be taking dissolved oxygen ("DO") as well as water temperatures readings at various depths of the water column to add to the water quality data being collected on Sanford Lake by your SLA. DO and water temperature are two fundamental measurements of a lake's productivity with DO being an important indicator of overall lake health. DO levels are important to the health of aquatic life in the lake particularly fish, many species of which become stressed when DO levels are too low which can lead to poor fishing, diseased fish and even fish kills.

## Update on SLA Pilot Erosion Remedy Project

Due to an unexpected delay in obtaining the necessary permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), it is unclear if work will begin on the pilot remediation project on the Lewis farm property yet this year or may have to be postponed until the Spring of 2016. We do not anticipate a problem in ultimately obtaining the necessary permits; rather we believe the delay is more a function of administrative backlog than because of any concern with the substance of the project. We will keep the membership advised as we know more.

Scott Scarpelli, SLA Director

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### Our next meeting:

Monday, February 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.  
106 Lincoln St.  
Sanford, MI 48657

### Please contact us:

We would like to hear your comments/concerns and how you think we are doing as an association.  
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*We have Sanford Lake Gear for sale all the time, just contact us and let us know if you would like to purchase a t-shirt or a map of the lake.  
Maps of the lake are drastically discounted for members.*

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meridian Elementary is in need of a few reading volunteers for their Lunchbox Learners program, it is just one hour on Thursday during lunch. The children are first and second graders who would benefit from a little extra reading time to advance their skills. No degrees or titles necessary just a big heart and a willingness to help; contact Robin at 631-5360.

## 2014-2015 Sanford Lake Association Treasurers' Report (Unaudited)

The Sanford Lake Association has a fiscal year beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30. The SLA books are recorded on a cash basis. During the fall 2014 membership drive, 203 members paid which was down by 25 from the previous year. The fall 2015 membership drive has produced 295 members so far with more expected to pay thru the coming year. For the 2014-15 fiscal year, total revenues were \$33,282 (\$4,441 favorable to budget) which was down from \$50,322.59 the prior year primarily due to donations earmarked for the Sanford Lake Economic Impact Study in early 2014. The 2014-2015 total expenses were \$19,136 (\$532 unfavorable to budget) resulting in an operating surplus of \$14,146 (\$3,909 favorable to budget).

Income Statement	Oct 2014 – Sep 2015	Oct 2013 – Sep 2014	Oct 2012 – Sep 2013	Oct 2011 – Sep 2012
Revenue	\$33,282	\$50,323	\$29,362	\$15,686
Expenses	\$19,136	\$55,519	\$16,138	\$12,881
Operating Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$14,146	(\$5,196)	\$13,223	\$ 2,805

Total cash on hand at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year was \$30,816.67.

Cash	Sept 30, 2015	Sept 30, 2014	Sept 30, 2013
Fireworks reserve	\$5,947.29	\$4,540.56	\$3,074.01
Checking	\$24,280.54	\$12,129.90	\$18,792.93
PayPal Savings	\$588.84	0	0
Total Cash	\$30,816.67	\$16,660.46	\$21,866.94

The fireworks project netted a \$1,454 surplus which carried over to 2016.

Fireworks Project Summary	2015	2014
Fireworks Donations	\$12,481	\$12,498
Profit from Fireworks sales	\$400	\$85
Total Fireworks Revenue	\$12,881	\$12,583
Total Cost of Fireworks	\$11,427	\$11,118
Reserve for following year	\$1,454	\$1,465

Regards,  
Kurt Partlo, SLA Treasurer

(NOTE: Books will be audited by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party by November 15, 2015)

## **Sanford Lake Association Board of Directors**



- Steve Tuttle – President
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  - Ellen Peden – Director/Fireworks
  - Scott Scarpelli – Director/Water Quality
  - Jeanette Snyder – Director/NewsletterPR
  - Lee Walko – Director/Website
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