TAMS TIMES

June 3, 2022 TAMSLakeinfo@gmail.com



WELCOME ABOARD!

Members of TAMS have been out delivering Welcome Wagon folders.

The folders include useful community information and hopefully help new lakeshore owners feel welcome. The folders area being delivered to each household. After our initial distribution, please let TAMS know of any new community members in need of one.

Please Join Us!

Two board positions will be open in October 2022. If you are interested, please email a letter of intent to TAMSlakeinfo@gmail.com.

You do not have to hold a board position to join us. TAMS meets the third Wednesday of every month. We would love to hear your ideas. You can also join a committee to help plan events. Please let us know if you plan on attending so we can confirm meeting location with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th Boat Parade:

Decorate your boat and join the parade! We will have prizes for the top three winners – but we all know EVERYONE'S a WINNER. Join the fun! Check the website for details!

TAMS Annual Picnic:

Bring your family and meet your neighbors. Guests are welcome, too!! TAMS will provide hotdogs, buns, water, pop, and condiments. Please bring a dish or treat to share. We do have a tentative location determined. The picnic starts at 1pm August 6th. *Please check website for upcoming details and additions!

Mink Somer's Cookbook:

Spending time at the lake means enjoying good food. We want to share your favorite recipes by creating a cookbook. We are looking for recipes in the following categories: appetizers, desserts, main dishes, and of course "over the campfire" favorites. We would also like to include recipes from your kids and grandkids. Ask them how they think their favorite dish is made. We can include them word for word with all the cuteness!



Apparel details coming soon! Watch for updates on the Website!

For News and Happenings around the community, be sure to join the Facebook groups: MinkSomers as well as Somers on Mink.

Send your recipes to:

TAMSlakeinfo@gmail.com

Or Mail to:

TAMS

P.O. Box 4 Maple Lake, MN 55358

*Make sure your recipes are complete and include all the steps. Photos and stories of traditions are welcomed!

MSLID UPDATE

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OUTLET UPDATE

MSLID has worked diligently with MN DNR Hydrologists and National Wetlands Department to facilitate the changes needed to restore the outlet and ice ridge to conditions similar to 1983. This involved installing Coir erosion logs planted with native shrubs and then backed by natural clay/rock fill planted with native prairie grass seed, and then covered with erosion blankets. A huge thank you to Gene McLain for all the time and effort he put into this project. A full description of the report can be seen by checking us out on the website.

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Board Members Needed!

The MSLID is looking for one board member immediately to replace a current member who has moved off the lake. Please reach out to any current board member.

There are also two additional board member openings coming available at the Annual meeting Aug 6th 2022. Please email or mail your letter of intent no later than June 30th 2022.

2021-22 PROJECTS

Grant Funds Awarded!

Amy Young worked on a Grant from Wright SWCD for money towards our cost of survey and treatment of curly-leaf pond weed. Over 130,000 requests were submitted. Only 57,500 dollars were allocated towards this grant. We were granted \$500. This also shows SWCD and the DNR we are seriously working towards improving our lakes. Thanks, Amy, for your extra work!

DNR Fish Stocking

Guess what? Every two years the DNR stocks our lakes! This info is available on the DNR website. In 2020 they added 1,980 Walleye yearlings into Somers, and 4,225 into Mink. That's 419lbs of fish! Stay tuned for this year's amount!

LIMNOPRO

Aquatic Science

MSLID has been working with Daniel C. McEwen with Limnopro. He is the principal scientist that has been hired to work with us on our Lake Management Plan. This year we are focusing on testing the water coming into our lakes from the various inflow points. This data gathering is the next major step in identifying the level of phosphorous in order to improve water quality. We are looking for volunteers to assist in gathering this data. Please reach out to a Board member if interested. This is one small piece of our puzzle that will get us closer to improving our lakes water quality.

Saturday, June 11

8:30am

MSLID Board Meeting

Saturday, July 16

8:30am

MSLID Board Meeting

Saturday, August 6

8:30am

MSLID Annual Meeting

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WEED SPRAYING 2022

Limnopro was out and sprayed both Lakes and navigational channels on May 20th, 2022. In addition, they were able to also treat the Curly-leaf Pond weed on Mink Lake. We are working closely with the DNR and Limnopro to provide optimal results and stay within the state guidelines. Moving forward it can only get better! Looking forward to a great year!