



# STARlights

Highlights from Star Lake for Members of the SLPOA

Fall 2021

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**By Dick Fultz, President**

An old friend told me "life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end the faster the roll turns". And this year at Star Lake has gone FAST!

Looking back, we had a great summer with one issue over which we have no control....the weather. It was hotter this summer than I remember, and more humid. Growing up in Iowa I experienced a lot of humid, sticky summer days and the lake was always cooler and dryer. Not so this year. All the humidity was in the air, and none fell in rain. Many were concerned about the low water levels, especially our members on the south end. On the north end lots of folks moved their docks and lifts out farther into the lake so they could get off their lifts but in the south it was a different story. Shallow water is normal and with the lake down 3-4 feet one member said he would have to move his lift 100 yards out to be able to use it. When I came to the Lake in 1973 the Lake was a lot lower. I have a picture of my shoreline that shows about 12 feet from one of my trees to the water. The last ten years it has been lapping at the tree and this year is about 4 feet away from the tree. Member Al Andrews mentioned that it was 1988 when the lake was this low, actually lower, and two years later it was at record highs. So, hang in there, it will come back.

Our annual meeting was a great success. Camp Joy served up a great breakfast. Thanks to Matt Larson and his Camp folks. The elections and meeting were well attended and I thank all who participated and also to the members of the Board for their willingness to serve. We received great support from local businesses in providing door prizes. Check out the list of supporters in the meeting report and please do business with them. The Board elected me to succeed Gary Miller as President and I appreciate their confidence in me. We have a great Board with members who want to be active.

Thanks to Gary Miller and all who helped make our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swamp Shark Tournament a success. All had a fun time and a large number of perch, pan fish and walleye eating swamp sharks were removed from the Lake (see article). I especially enjoyed our winning team of young ladies. We will have a 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Swamp Shark Tournament and Gary Miller has consented to take the lead again.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Continued)

The annual Lake wide picnic, which we open to all on the lake, was also a success, even if the rain gods finally found a weekend to bless us with rain. Treasurer JoLene Kerr and Secretary Gail Hagen did an outstanding job in organizing and facilitating it. The Board felt that a pot luck format was not the best approach this year so a food caterer was contacted and served a great meal. And Gail's idea of root beer floats was a hit! Thank you Gail and Mike! Just my luck, I was out-of-state that week. We served over 100 meals and ran out of ice cream for the floats. I'll bet you'll see them again next year!

The Board still has projects in process:

- ◆ The speed radar signs are still in the works (it is never easy when the government is involved).
- ◆ New buoys have been ordered and received.
- ◆ Liz Poliak has been appointed to the open Board of Directors position (and will, by the by-laws, stand for election at the next annual meeting) and brought new ideas which you will soon be seeing
- ◆ Road-side clean-up is occurring (thanks to all who helped and JoLene for coordinating in my absence).
- ◆ The shoreline enhancement program is on-going, with JoLene Kerr administering.
- ◆ Secretary Gail Hagen has started a Facebook account, up-dated our web page, and instituted a clothing sales program for our membership.
- ◆ More email updates, which result in faster information in your hands and lower cost per contact.
- ◆ Non-Profit bulk mailing preparation so that when we use the mail to communicate with membership, we qualify for the lowest postage rates available.

No wonder it went fast this summer! We have a great Board, made up of willing volunteers, who want to do what is best for Star Lake and its future. For that I am grateful. Their hours of effort measure that desire.

I hope that you have a great fall and winter, are healthy, safe and already planning next year on Star Lake. I know I am. Fall is a great time, the colors of the trees are so magnificent and, for me, hunting seasons are here.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By JoLene Jean Kerr, Treasurer

The account balances for SLPOA (as of October 18, 2021):

Regular Checking Account	\$ 6,792.33
Money Market:	\$25,170.16 *
GRAND TOTAL	\$31,862.49

\* The Lake Protection Fund is included in this amount and totals \$18,117.95.





# CAMP AQUILA PURE MAPLE SYRUP™

By Gail Hagen, Secretary



Nestled in the woods of Star Lake Peninsula resides Stu and Corinne Peterson, owners of Camp Aquila Pure Maple Syrup™. Looking at Star Lake Peninsula from the lake, you would not know that it is home to a tree farm and sugar bush operation where award winning maple syrup is produced.

The name, Camp Aquila Pure Maple Syrup™ is taken from the history of the property where the sugar maples are located. Prior to becoming a tree farm and sugar bush operation, the property was the well-respected "Camp Aquila for Boys". From 1948 to 1976 the property was operated as the well-known private camp.

When you read about them on their website, you learn that the name Aquila, literally, "The Eagle," is from a constellation in the Milky Way which appears in the summer sky over Star Lake. A fitting name with all of the majestic Bald Eagles we see soaring around Star Lake!

Stu and Corinne have mastered the art of producing maple syrup. Their numerous awards are proof! Most recently, they won a Blue Ribbon at the Minnesota State Fair in the category "Golden Maple Syrup, Delicate Flavor", a category that is not easy to produce. The golden (lightest) color is made from the early-season sap. Later in the sap-running season, the sap typically produces darker syrup.

The maple syrup production, when the sap begins to run, typically begins in mid-March and continues through mid-April. Sap usually runs on warm sunny days following cold below-freezing nights. Sap will run for a few days and then taper off waiting for the next freeze-thaw cycle. The sap will run and be collected until the trees begin to bud.

It is quite amazing to see what goes into producing one of those beautiful bottles of award-winning Camp Aquila Pure Maple Syrup™. When you drive onto their property, the first thing you will see related to their production (besides the gorgeous trees) are the miles of tubes extending from tree to tree throughout their massive woods, tapping 1300 sugar maples.

The tapped trees connect to tubes that run into buckets. Gravity helps with efficiency by connecting several trees to a single line that flows down-hill into a larger collection container. The fresh sap is then collected by using an ATV equipped with a pump and is then transported to their "Sugar Shack".

The spotless "Sugar Shack" contains state-of-the art equipment for production. Watching the sap being boiled on the commercial food-grade evaporator is amazing. The sap starts out at 97% water and 3% sugars. The sap is boiled until it is reduced to 33.5% water and 66.5% sugars, resulting in pure maple syrup. From the evaporator, the syrup is reheated to 190 degrees F, filtered to remove all sediment and then "hot packed" and bottled in retail containers ready for market. The production continues with the bottling and labeling process, which is done according to State and FDA requirements.

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# CAMP AQUILA PURE MAPLE SYRUP (Continued)

The "Production Assistants" (Stu & Corinne's children and grandchildren) are there often helping Stu and Corinne throughout the maple syrup production.



So, how many gallons of sap from a sugar maple does it take to make just one gallon of pure maple syrup?

**35 gallons of sap = 1 gallon maple syrup**

Stu and Corinne's goal is to be one of the best "small" producers of flavorful, high quality pure maple syrup. I think they've achieved that! Just look at the list of many awards they've earned!

- ◆ **2021 1<sup>st</sup> Place MN State Fair – Class: Golden Maple syrup, Delicate Flavor**
- ◆ **2019 Winner of Vergas MN Maple Syrup Fest "Taste Test Challenge"**
- ◆ **2018 2nd Place North American Maple Syrup Council, New Hampshire**
- ◆ **2014 2nd Place North American Maple Syrup Council, Nova Scotia Canada**
- ◆ **2013 1st Place North American Maple Syrup Council, New Brunswick Canada**
- ◆ **2012 1st Place Minnesota Maple Syrup Producers Association**
- ◆ **2011 1st Place MN State Fair – Class: Amber Grade**

Because of limited access and the unpredictability of the maple season, Camp Aquila is not open to the public for tours or sales, unless arranged by prior appointment. But, you can find these bottles of golden deliciousness at various local retail locations listed on their website. Check it out at [www.campaquilasyrup.com](http://www.campaquilasyrup.com). I'll bet that you will savor that sweet, golden, thick syrup a little differently after knowing what goes into producing just one bottle – all done in a "Sugar Shack" nestled in the woods along the shores of Star Lake Peninsula!



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## Membership

By Gail Hagen

Mike and I have had the privilege of enjoying Star Lake for many years. I started coming to Star Lake when I was about 13 years old when my family bought property from Art Abraham (in the area that was called Abie's Acres 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition). I remember one year when our family was in between houses, I was able to spend the whole summer at the lake. My sisters and I spent most of our days fishing, water-skiing, playing cards with the Oden's, riding our mini-bikes, buying candy at Rocky's Resort, and on rainy days – curling up and reading a good book. No – we never got into any trouble! 😊 We rarely got bored!

After Mike and I married and started having our own family, we dreamed of having a home on the lake someday. We were fortunate to be able to rent a small cabin by the season for many years from Jim & Barb Ebert at Ebert's North Star Resort. Our kids got to experience lake life and meet life-long friends. We never dreamed we would some day own the property adjacent to the resort and be able to build our retirement home.

Back then, I don't even think we knew about Star Lake Property Owners' Association. We took a lot for granted. After we bought our property in 2003, we started learning about SLPOA and soon were members. It still amazes me today the number of individuals that have dedicated their time and talents to positions on the board or volunteers that help throughout the years with buoys, water testing, picnics, annual meetings, ditch cleanup, fishing tournaments, directories, recruiting members, newsletters, and the list goes on. It takes a village – and we have a great one!

Membership this year is now at 238 (9 associate) – I think this is a record! The latest file from OTC had 501 parcels on Star Lake, with 383 property owners – so we're at 60% membership. Pretty good I'd say – lets go for 70% in 2022!



## Communications

By Gail Hagen

We now have five options for staying connected with The Star Lake Property Owners' Association and its members! We have recently launched a SLPOA Facebook Page, and are also managing a SLPOA Facebook Group! For our members that are on Facebook, look for "Star Lake Property Owners' Association", like our Page, and request to join the Group. Share lake pictures, big fish, family or whatever you want to brag about and add #Bragboard to your comments. Facebook does not replace the website – it just adds another alternative to communicating with you - our membership.

Not receiving your SLPOA Email? Let us know – or check you SPAM Folder! A recent change to our email service provider may have changed how your email is routed within your inbox. If you are not sure how to do this – just ask your kids or grandkids! 😊

Our previous board members went through the process to become approved as a Non-Profit Mailer. The cost to communicate to membership by USPS Mail is less than 20 cents per piece when prepared as a bulk mailing, making it very cost effective to communicate hard-copy.

# COMMITTEE UPDATES (Continued)

## Fisheries Improvement

By Steve Roth, Vice-President

Hi – I hope everyone was able to enjoy the resources available at Star Lake this Summer. Although, many fought with low water issues, there were lots of boats out and about.

The Minnesota DNR completed their lake survey in mid-July and the initial catch rates will be posted to the SLPOA website. The formal DNR writeup will be completed through the Winter months. The State does this process every three years to gauge lake fisheries health. Once the formal report is available, there will be a link available for you to access or it can be found on the MN Lakefinder website at:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html>

All historical reports are contained on the website and date back to 1973. There is lots of free information there that is available to anyone with web access.

A Swamp Shark tournament in 2022 is in the planning stages. More details will be available in the Spring as they become available.

Wishing everyone the best to their end of Summer and have a great start to Winter.

## Aquatic Invasive Species

By Linda Dimitrijevic, Director

Fishermen and boaters must follow state laws designed to protect our waters. The catchphrase CLEAN IN CLEAN OUT in short means to clean your watercraft/trailer, drain all water and dispose of unused bait (in the trash). Some Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are small and difficult to see at the access. Especially when moving to another waterbody from a waterbody posted for zebra mussel or spiny waterflea infestation, it is recommended to do one or more of the following: 1) spray watercraft/trailer with high-pressure water, 2) rinse with very hot water, and 3) dry for at least 5 days. Also run your motor and personal watercraft for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access. Transport your fish on ice. Refer to the MN DNR website for the expanded explanation of these laws and recommendations.

Fishing and boating are not the only activities that require education and proper action to control the spread of AIS. An activity that you might not think about is waterfowl hunting and it is that time of year. There is a section in the MN DNR website that discusses the extra things you need to be aware of when hunting waterfowl. "Clean aquatic plants, animals and mud from boat, motor, trailer, waders or hip boots, decoy lines, hunting dog, anchors (elliptical and bulb-shaped anchors can help reduce snagging aquatic plants), push poles and ATVs." There is a brief video to view on this topic and it also reminds hunters to drain their boats, leave the plugs out when traveling and to drain their decoys. An additional reminder is to cut cattails or other plants above the waterline for blinds or camouflage in accordance with regulations.

A section on Waterfowl Hunting can be found under *Aquatic Invasive Species*, then go to *What you should do*. Click on *Boating and water recreation*. *Waterfowl hunting* will be at the bottom of the page with a link to a short video.

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to the local DNR invasive species contact: Mark Ranweiler, 218-671-7945.

# COMMITTEE UPDATES (Continued)

## Water Quality

By Linda Dimitrijevic, Director

Carolyn and Don Herron have been taking responsibility for Star Lake water testing for over 20 years. Water samples and Secchi disk readings indicate phosphorus levels, chlorophyll-a/algae and water clarity. As phosphorus increases there is more food for algae. More algae results in a decrease in water clarity. The optimal situation is a balance between a good amount of algae for the lake's food chain but not too much to make the lake unpleasant for swimming and other water activities.

Through the efforts of our "citizen scientists", Star Lake participates in the RMB Environmental Lab's Lakes Monitoring Program. RMB is located in Detroit Lakes. You may be familiar with it from doing your own well water testing. Lake water testing occurs monthly from May to September. The samples are taken by inserting a 2 meter PVC tube into main body of the lake where the depth is about 90' deep. These are surface samples. Secchi disk readings are taken over this location and one in the north arm. Water samples and paperwork are taken to the lab or other collection site. The findings become part of a large database coordinated by RMB. It is available to us and other interested parties. The findings help us to "catch any water quality issues early on to prevent detrimental impacts". Bruce Due and Lee Mindemann assist in the water testing process.

The grant that the SLPOA gives for shoreline landscaping to minimize lakeshore run-off and erosion is done in an effort to reduce phosphorus in our water. How many property owners remember when individual properties were checked for septic system integrity approximately 20 years ago? Bringing septic systems into code compliance also helps to reduce septic effluent and phosphorus.

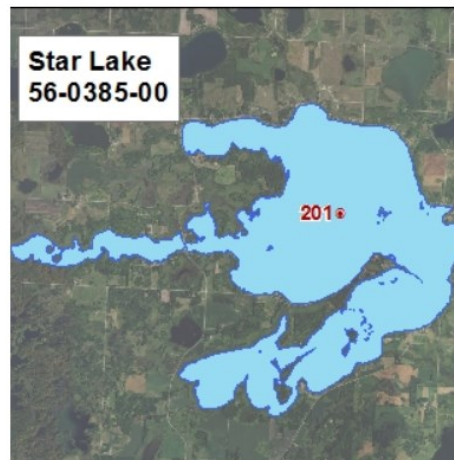
Thank you Carolyn and Don Herron, Bruce Due and Lee Mindemann for your diligence in the process of water sampling so that we can identify potential issues that impact the water quality of Star Lake.

### Water Quality Characteristics

(data from RMB monitoring database only)

Parameters	Primary Site 201
Total Phosphorus Mean:	17.8
Total Phosphorus Min:	8
Total Phosphorus Max:	30
Number of Observations:	111
Chlorophyll-a Mean:	5.7
Chlorophyll-a Min:	1
Chlorophyll-a Max:	12.5
Number of Observations:	111
Secchi Depth Mean:	13.1
Secchi Depth Min:	0
Secchi Depth Max:	25
Number of Observations:	109
Trophic State Index Mean:	44.1

Trophic State: Mesotrophic



### Trends

(Primary site only. For detecting trends, a minimum of 8-10 years of consecutive data with 4 or more readings per season are recommended)  
Trend analysis does not take into consideration aquatic invasive species. Species like zebra mussels can alter water chemistry over time.

Years Monitored: 1996 - 2021  
Total Phosphorus: Improving with 80% confidence.  
Chlorophyll-a: No significant trend exists.  
Secchi Depth: Improving with 80% confidence.  
Trophic State Index: No significant trend exists.

### Ecoregion Comparisons

(Primary site only. Comparisons are based on interquartile range, 25th-75th percentile, for ecoregion reference lakes)

Ecoregion: NCHF  
Total phosphorus: Better Than Expected Range  
Chlorophyll-a: Within Expected Range  
Secchi depth: Better Than Expected Range

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# COMMITTEE UPDATES (Continued)

## Adopt-A-Highway

By JoLene Jean Kerr, Treasurer

Star Lake Property Owners' Association participates in Otter Tail County's Adopt-A-Highway Program. Twice a year, volunteers gather and pick up litter along County Highway 41 from South of 380th going North to the intersection with Highway 108.

This fall, the ditch clean-up was held on Saturday, September 16th. A huge **THANK YOU** to our volunteers that donated their time and energy to working both sides of the highway to help keep our surroundings litter free.

If you have an opportunity, say "Thank You" to these members: Steve Roth, Lee & Becky Mindemann & Peggy Maasjo.

## Water Safety

By Tamara Pream, Director

The Water Safety team had their work cut out for them this year as more hazards were appearing across the lake all summer. They determined that we needed more buoys on Star Lake to keep our boaters safe!

The Board of Directors for the Star Lake Property Owners' Association recently approved the purchase of six new buoys. The cost - \$1,551.00. We were able to save quite a bit (\$225.00) by having them shipped to JoLene Kerr's (Board Member) employer in Fergus Falls rather than shipping to Dent.

The original intent of the Board was to add a few buoys to new locations on the lake, and have a few available to use in the future. But with the low water levels we experienced this year, we will most likely be placing all six around the lake next Spring. The buoys are being delivered to the Water Safety team so that they will be ready to install in the Spring.

The Water Safety team also spends a lot of time to repair our buoys whenever possible. When a buoy breaks away from its chain and ends up on someone's beach, every attempt is made to repair what "broke" and reinstall the buoy. The team has had to replace several chains and carabiners due to corrosion and rust.

When you see these members, please take the opportunity to say Thank You!

- ◆ Tyler Riley
- ◆ Ryan Salberg
- ◆ Mike Anderson
- ◆ Robbie Rimer
- ◆ Bob Gettel
- ◆ Jeremy Lehman
- ◆ John Steffens
- ◆ Frank & Tami Pream



Thank You Water Safety team for everything you do to keep all of us safe while boating on Star Lake!



# ANNUAL MEETING

By Gail Hagen, Secretary

It was a beautiful day for the Star Lake Property Owners' Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Camp Joy. Matt Larson and Camp Joy were excellent hosts (again) and served a delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage and fruit. Gary Miller led his last SLPOA meeting as President. Thank you, Gary, for your dedication and service to the association for the past seven years.

We had some excellent presentations from Jim Wolters, DNR Area Fisheries Manager, and Matt Yavarow, Asst. County Engineer. The SLPOA Business portion of the meeting included information about the Swamp Shark Tournament, Shoreline Ordinance changes, Safety Buoys and the Digital Speed Sign project for State Highway 108 and County Highway 41. We also accepted new board members, Steve Roth and Linda Dimitrijevic. We finished up with drawing winners for our door prizes.

You can find the minutes with more detailed information for the Annual Meeting as well as copies of the presentations on our website: <http://starlakeassociation.com>.

A big **Thank You** to these businesses for donating door prizes for the Annual Meeting:

Applebee's, Fergus Falls	Mark's Fleet Supply, Perham
Betty's Pantry, Ottertail	Mark's Home & Hardware, Perham
Bongard's Retail Store, Perham	Nootzie's on Main, Dent
Central Market, Perham	Pirate's Corner Tackle, Dent
Dairy Queen, Perham	Service Foods, Perham
DuCharme's Corner Store, Star Lake	Subway, Perham
Gene's Sport Shop, Perham	The Dougout, Dent
Jean's The Right Plant Place, Perham	Triple Play, Dent
LAC Country Car Wash, Perham	United Community Bank, Dent
Landmark Liquors, Perham	

## Star Lake Picnic

The rain did not stop the people of Star Lake from attending the Star Lake Picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was raining in the morning, and later in the day – but we had a break in the weather just in time! Mark & JoLene Kerr hosted the picnic at their home on the bluffs just off of Beaver Dam Trail. What a beautiful setting to share delicious food and visit with our neighbors around the lake. We changed things up a bit this year by hiring Ditterich Farms for preparing and serving the food from their food truck – and it was mouth-watering delicious! The food truck kept busy with a steady flow of hungry people, serving 110 meals! Many of you enjoyed a refreshing Root Beer float while waiting in line for the food truck! Thanks to all that attended – and especially to Mark & JoLene (and Kevin) for hosting this event.

You can find pictures from the picnic on our website.



Mark & JoLene Kerr with Kevin

# SWAMP SHARK TOURNAMENT 2021

By Gary Miller, Past President

Fair skies, light winds, and lots of smiles were present on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for those taking part in the second SLPOA "Swamp Shark" tournament. There were (35) teams registered with (32) having checked in by the end of the tournament. Over half of the teams were youth/adult teams. The overall winning team was comprised of two sisters captained by their Dad and Mom (and former SLPOA President), Eric & Joslyn Peters. It was great to see their smiles when they finished first! They also received most creative team name award. We pressed, but they were not ready to commit to how they planned to use their prize money. Overall, most teams had success with the smallest Northern measuring in at 10.5 inches.

As reported to the MN DNR, no team member boated a Northern over 26 inches. The largest caught (and released) was 24 inches. Most of the Northerns taken were in the 17-22 inch category. The lack of any being caught over 26 inches is concerning. The MN DNR test netting results over several cycles has shown very few or no large Northerns. SLPOA will continue to try to educate those fishing Star Lake to return ALL Northerns over 24 inches to the fishery. Large Northerns play a key role in the regulation of the small Northern population. Last year there was only one caught that exceeded the 26 inch mark.

The 2021 tournament was established with three goals:

- ◆ Provide a structure to engage kids and adults in a day of fishing;
- ◆ Lend support to one of the local business operations impacted by COVID that has been a good supporter of the lake association for several years;
- ◆ Help reduce the abundance of small Northerns in the fishery and improve the balance in the system in keeping with fisheries science research and Minnesota allowed limits.

Those goals were met by the tournament. Also, virtually no fish were wasted. (I did destroy one of the fish donated to me, due to it being infected with black spots). Three teams donated their catch to other fishermen under the Minnesota transfer of catch rules. Some Northerns were destined to be part of a family pickled fish project. Others were destined to be part of a fish fry, a grilling session, made into chowder, or pickling. SLPOA made an effort to provide every team with cleaning guidelines, recipes, and make it a "catch and clean" event. Based on discussion with the teams, that proved effective.

Thank you to all the people that enjoyed the tournament experience including one young man by the name of "Pike." Cannot find a better team member than a boy named Pike!

You can view pictures on our website of all 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Place teams, as well as winners of the Smallest Northern for Adult and Youth (Photo Gallery page, 2021 Photos folder).



## FIRST PLACE AND BEST TEAM NAME

*Slime Slayer Sisters*

Delainey and Quincy Peters

Sponsored by:  
Eric and Joslyn Peters



# SLPOA WEBSITE

**WWW.STARLAKEASSOCIATION.COM**

**By Gail Hagen, Secretary**

What information is available on our website? Good question – I'm glad you asked! You will find lake history, lake data, the DNR Fishing Report, Shoreline Restoration information, Names and Contact Information for Board members, Board Meeting Dates, location and times, BOD Meeting Minutes, Swamp Shark Tournament Results, Picnic Pictures, Links to Water Quality Testing Results, links to Otter Tail County Land & Resource Shoreline Ordinance Change information, Classified ads, and the list goes on!

See if you can answer these questions – the answers are all on our website!

- 1) How did Star Lake get its name?
- 2) How many acres is Star Lake?
- 3) What is the maximum depth of Star Lake?
- 4) What percentage of Star Lake is 15' or less?
- 5) What items are currently for sale?
- 6) How do I place a classified ad?
- 7) How do I submit photos of my big catch? (go ahead – try it!)
- 8) What team caught the smallest Northern (adult) in the 2021 Swamp Shark tournament?
- 9) When was the most recent Board of Directors meeting?
- 10) Who presented information in the video on the OTC Shoreline Ordinance changes?

Thanks for checking out our website! Let us know if you have any suggestions, questions or feedback! Our contact information is on the website!



## AMAZON SMILE

**By JoLene Jean Kerr, Treasurer**



Support the Star Lake Property Owners' Association when you shop on Amazon! Simply sign in to Amazon through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your lake at no cost to you. You will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and shopping ease that you experience on Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase price to SLPOA!

If you currently use Amazon.com or Amazon Prime, you can order the same products at the same prices, but benefit your lake by selecting STAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION as the charitable organization. At the end of each month, Amazon will donate a percentage of the total purchase value to SLPOA.

That's it! No fees, no obligations, no catch for you to help support your lake. We have a link on the SLPOA website to enable you to access the Amazon Smile site. THANK YOU for your support!



## STAR LAKE APPAREL

By Gail Hagen, Secretary

We love Star Lake and don't mind showing it! Late August, we launched an online store in partnership with LongWeekend Sportswear in Perham. Our Star Lake online store had a wide variety of apparel available such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, ¼ zips, pants, and caps in many color options. Sizes ranged from youth to 4XL.

The online store was active for 3 weeks, closing on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The orders were ready in about 2-3 weeks after the store closed, and were shipped directly to the customers.

Based on the level of interest from our membership, we plan to open up the store at least two times per year – Spring and Fall. We will notify our membership through an email, Facebook post, website, and the Spring Newsletter.



We asked you through our Facebook page for your ideas on a name for our Newsletter. We had many responses with 10 names submitted. We chose **STARlights** as the new name for our Newsletter, submitted by Mary Klovstad. Thank you to Mary and the other members that submitted names for us to consider.

STARlights

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