

# Shaver's Lake Preservation Association

## 2017 Annual State of Lake Letter

March 21, 2017

Hello Fellow Shaver's Lakers,

It won't be long before we have complete open water again on Shaver's Lake, as spring will soon be here.

Comments we have received suggest generally Shaver's on the surface has looked pretty good this past year. In particular, favorable high water conditions coupled with an increased population of muskrats has, in combination with our other historical efforts, proven to be an effective Cattail deterrent.

We have written previously how we are our own watershed. As stewards for the entire ecosystem surrounding Shaver's we have developed a keen eye for balancing shallow water lake health which includes emergent, submergent, and invasive plants and the water itself.

Utilizing the annual dues provided by Shaver's Lakers, we have been able to continue to use Lake Restoration to perform the treatments that help maintain the health and look of the lake during the summer. These treatments are where the majority of your annual dues go, and it is critical that we continue to manage the lake in this way on an annual basis—we appreciate your continued financial support in keeping these treatments going.

While this annual program “treats the symptoms” to maintain the look of the lake and slow the rate at which the lake quality deteriorates, the accumulation of biomass in the water is still the root issue imperiling the long-term health of the lake.

We continue to explore ways to address these problems, and while there are many practical and regulatory hurdles, the winds for innovation and changes in public policies are starting to pick up. We are encouraged but still struggling to find a cost effective formula to do things we know can restore the lake to its once pristine condition.

This is another reason your continued financial support is critical.

With your membership and support, the SLPA will continue to do what we can to keep the lake, a lake. So please join today. We will be scheduling an annual meeting in the near future in order to share the financial standing and plans for the coming year.

Also enclosed is the annual Aquatic Plant Management permit which needs your signature to participate, allowing us to secure the Lake Restoration open water treatments. Our treatment program does not address emergent plant growth along your shoreline just the open water. The APM permit gives you more flexibility to create an open path to the lake for recreational uses.

So, please fill out and return the enclosed 2017 Membership Form, along with your annual Membership Dues, and an APM form so we can begin to plan and execute our 2017 activities. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have, and as always please reach out if you have interest in participating with the Association board.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of Shaver's Lake Preservation Association

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# Shaver's Lake Preservation Association 2017 Membership Form

Yes, Sign Me Up \_\_\_\_\_

Not Yet, I have some questions \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_ Yes

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Select Which Membership Category You Would Like:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Friend      \$ 50.00 or more (membership is non-voting\*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Associate    \$ 100.00 or more (membership is non-voting\*)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resident      \$ 250.00 or more (voting)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Patron        \$ 500.00 and above (voting)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Angel         Please accept my gift

\*Voting versus Non-Voting means you get to vote for the board of directors at the annual association membership meeting per our articles of incorporation and by-laws. Memberships can be pooled such that multiple people can proportionately share a single vote. For example if multiple people go in on a single membership, they would each vote proportional to their contributions for that membership.

Mail your form to:

SLPA c/o Chris Keenan 17737 Maple Hill Road, Woodland, MN 55391

Or please give this to any of the current SLPA Board Members.

The DNR Aquatic Plant Management (APM) permit form is separate from the SLPA membership form. The DNR is moving to a new website for on-line permitting but this year we are still following last year's process.

PLEASE VISIT [www.SHAVERSLAKE.ORG](http://www.SHAVERSLAKE.ORG) for more information or send an email to us at [board@shaverslake.org](mailto:board@shaverslake.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.