

## SHAVER'S LAKE PRESERVATION ASS'N - 2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & UPDATE

Hello Shaver's Lakers:

As I write this a pair of trumpeter swans glides on the lake. An eagle just flew by. Spring has returned to Shaver's. These are signs that we made it through another Minnesota winter—a pandemic winter like no other. We are particularly grateful after all of the last year for the tranquility, beauty, and the activity that the lake offers.

Shaver's is a fragile resource that requires our continued stewardship and attention. Water levels are down from historic highs of a few years ago. Algae and weed growth continues, particularly lily pads. Dissolved oxygen levels remain low.

In 2020, the SLPA board experimented with a few changes to try to improve the lake's appearance and "keep the lake a lake":

- (1) We received DNR approval for three weed/algae treatments, including an early summer treatment;
- (2) Lake Restoration, our vendor, came out three times, including a late-summer lily pad treatment;
- (3) We fixed up, deployed, and turned on two aspirators in the East basin;
- (4) We stepped up our monitoring of the lake's low level of dissolved oxygen with regular testing.

What can you do to help? For our new neighbors, please consider making a financial contribution to the SLPA. For everyone else, please renew your membership for 2021 and make a financial contribution that is meaningful to you. Attached is the 2021 Membership form.

Finally, please be sure to return your DNR Aquatic Plant Management (APM) form with your Membership form. We need as many of these forms returned as possible to ensure effectiveness of our algae/weed treatment program. Just add your name and signature, and the folks at Lake Restoration will do the rest.

Please let us know if you have any questions: [board@shaverslake.org](mailto:board@shaverslake.org)

Thank you!

Alex Hontos (On behalf of the SLPA Board)