

## 2026 Sybil Lake Annual Association Meeting

Members present: Roger Olson, Scott Lovaasen, Marv Leier, Tyson Sonnenberg, Nancy Frost, Kit Nelson, John Einhorn, Secretary/Treasurer, Burnell Lovaasen. We had 53 Lake Association Members in attendance which was terrific! Thanks to all who attended. Happy to see everyone there!

Tim Mitchell, Loon Specialist, MN DNR gave a very informative meeting about loons. He spoke of loon behavior and habitat and ways that people can be good stewards to assist preserving a healthy loon population on lakes. We spoke of the collaboration with Loon Lake to receive a loon platform that Tyson, Kit, and Scott secured on a site the loons have used for nesting in past years. It is typically a 2% chance that loons will use a nesting platform the first year that it is put into place. We were happy that it was used successfully this year and we have a new baby loon on the lake!

Marv called the meeting to order and read the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes and Treasurers Report. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Marv spoke about water clarity testing. He was amazed at clarity as deep as 43 feet, in the deepest section of the lake. In 2 different areas, the depths were 35 feet and 36 feet. Both Marv and Kit concluded that zebra mussels have been a factor of the lake's clarity.

John explained the harm that an invasive weed, Curley Leaf Pondweed can cause on lakes and he continues to keep a close eye for it when he is out on the lake. John showed everyone a sample of curly leaf pondweed that he pulled out of Detroit Lake. He has not seen it in Sybil, but it has been found in area lakes (Lida). Please be aware and look out for this when you are on the lake. The weed typically surfaces in early spring. Eradication of this weed would be very expensive for the Lake Association. In the meantime, the Lake Association will need to build a fund for Aquatic Invasive Species in Sybil Lake and research the process of possible grants to assist eradication expenses.

The Sybil Lake Association Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. The location has changed this year. Mike and Dena Lachowitz have kindly volunteered to host this year. Please watch for more information and details on the Association Facebook page. Everyone is encouraged to join the event to meet and enjoy time with friends and neighbors on the lake. Please bring your families along!

New Business: Jeanne Greenwood volunteered to be a board member. A motion was made, seconded and approved to add Jeanne as a board member. Jeanne was one of the founding members of Sybil Lake Association many years ago. Thank you and welcome back to the Board, Jeanne.

One of our Lake Association members, Andrew Dunn spoke to the group about his recent purchase of lake property to include the parcel on the south shore of "Big" Sybil that many members refer to as "Sandy Beach", where people gather to socialize. Andrew plans to keep the area clean and natural. Andrew graciously said he plans to allow people to continue to use the beach as a recreational gathering area. Please be respectful of this property and be sure not to leave any cans, bottles or other debris in the area.

Marv shared information about an aerial photography business, Vern Whitten Photography. If you are interested in purchasing aerial photography of Sybil Lake, you will find more details at

www.vernwhittenphotography.com

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

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**Sybil Lake Association Treasures Report  
May 6, 2026**

Checking Balance   \$10,702.67  
General Fund       \$3,317.22  
Fish Fund           \$7,385.45

**Itemized Expenses Paid 9/10/25 – 5/2/26**

Fish Fund Expense  
Steve Collins – 3000 fingerlings       \$4,500.00  
+  
General Fund Expenses  
Jiffy Jon (2025 Picnic)                   151.88  
Perham Printing - spring mailing       84.22  
Vergas PO Box rent                       78.00  
Walmart - Envelopes                   17.68  
OTC COLA membership \$               470.00  
Vergas Event Center rental/Annual meeting 107.38  
Vergas Post Office – stamps (2 rolls)   156.00  
MN Lakes & Rivers – Website  
(Membership & Hosting)               295.00  
  
          General                           1,360.16  
          + Fish                            4,500.00  
  
**Total Expenses                           5,860.16**

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\*Balance carried from previous treasurer report

8/30/25       Balance       16,387.83  
              Deposits +     175.00  
              Expenses -   5,860.16  
  
5/6/26        Balance =     10,702.67

**Sybil Lake Association Treasures Report  
June 13, 2026**

Checking Balance	13,402.07
General Fund	4,751.62
Fish Fund	8,650.45

**Itemized Expenses Paid 5/6/26 - 6/12/26**

General Fund Expenses

Perham Printing- 25 newsletters, 25 agendas	34.65
Family Dollar- Molly Westrick -newsletter work	55.95
 Total Expenses	 90.60

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\*Balance carried from previous treasurer report

05/06/26	Balance	10,702.62
	Deposits +	2,790.00
	Expenses -	90.60
5/6/26	Balance =	13,402.07

Based on 61 paid memberships