



The 2025 Big Sand Lake Association and Charitable Fund Combined Spring Appeal: UPDATE



Thank you to all Big Sand Lakers who participated in our spring campaign to support the Big Sand Lake Association by renewing your annual dues, and for the donations you made to the Charitable Fund! Hopefully you all received our April mailing describing our efforts to combine the Big Sand Lake Association annual membership drive with the Charitable Fund Advisory Committee's spring campaign to raise money for the watercraft inspection program. In case you didn't

receive or read it, we have reprinted the information for you below.

The results?

So far, 114 lake cabin owners and 9 associate members have renewed their dues, so we are more than halfway to our 2025 membership goal! If you haven't already, please [renew your membership!](#)

We are also excited to share with you that recent donations to the Charitable Fund total \$12,659, which leaves us only \$3,281 short of our \$15,940 goal! [If you haven't donated yet, please participate!](#)

Thank you for helping to create a vibrant and engaged lake association and for generously supporting our efforts to protect Big Sand from aquatic invasive species infestation!

Need more information?

WHAT DOES THE BIG SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION DO?

The Big Sand Lake Association conducts many important activities to “promote and maintain the environmental, economic, and recreational protection of Big Sand Lake,” and to make it a safe and wonderful place to own a home or cabin. BSLA maintains the bigsandlake.org website, distributes newsletters, maintains a member directory, conducts lake water testing, applies for grants to help offset the cost of

DNR watercraft inspection at the boat launch, maintains webcams, coordinates social events and so much more.

Annual dues to pay for the activities of the BSLA are set at \$50 for members/property owners, and Associate Member dues are \$20 per year for family, friends, and non-property owners. Think of BSLA money as our household checking account, taking care of smaller day-to-day expenses.

RENEW YOUR BSLA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025!

WHAT DOES THE BIG SAND LAKE CHARITABLE FUND DO?

The Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund was established in 2009 to “preserve, protect and enhance Big Sand Lake and its environs.” The Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund is managed by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. Examples of how the fund has been used include helping to pay for the costs of the annual DNR watercraft inspections, and for the special aquatic survey conducted this past year. In addition, the fund is available to support other large expenses or special projects necessary to protect the lake, including quickly addressing any possible AIS infestation emergencies. Think of the Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund as our long-term savings account.

One of the main priorities of the Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund has been to raise money each year to pay for the cost of DNR boat

inspectors stationed at the Big Sand Lake boat launch to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into the lake. For 2025, there will be 1,100 inspector hours contracted with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). After grants received from the state of Minnesota and Lake Emma Township, the balance of the DNR watercraft inspection bill is \$15,940, and we are once again seeking donations to cover the expense. **Therefore, in addition to paying your annual membership dues, please donate to the Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund to help cover the cost of this critical activity that is our best weapon against the spread of aquatic invasive species.**

DONATE to the CHARITABLE FUND

Note: When completing the online donation form, please select the "General Spendable" option in the "Direct Donation To" box if you want your donation to be available to pay for watercraft inspection.

With so much gratitude,
The BLSA Board and the Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund Advisory
Committee

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