

# Treasurer's Report

By Troy Atkinson, SCRLA Treasurer



For 2023, the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association set a rather large budget of \$157,000 to be used for a multiple number of things to make your enjoyment of the lakes better. Thank you to every one of our members and business members as we could not do this without your help and support. Grants we received from Stearns County AIS, along with the gambling proceeds from Shady's Long Shots, have contributed to our budget to support our goals for the Chain.

So for 2023 so far, here's how the income numbers are stacking up:

**Memberships Income - \$36,544**  
**Grant Income - \$27,698**  
**Gambling Income - \$37,500**  
**Total Income (to date) \$101,742**

We anticipate adding about \$5,000 more in membership income, \$8,500 in grant income and hoping for another \$20,000 in gambling income this year. So what did we do with all of this? Well, as I mentioned, we budgeted to spend \$157,000, and as of August, we have spent just more than \$98,000.

2023 Actual and Anticipated Spending	
Aquatic invasive plants: surveys, chemical treatments and mechanical removal	\$64,099
AIS prevention: I-LIDS operation at public landings	\$9,055
Water quality monitoring and dissolved oxygen sensor purchase	\$3,247
Social media marketing (we hired an outside firm for better social media presence)	\$6,200
Marketing & our bi-annual magazine	~\$15,000
Budget for a survey to see if our hybrid watermilfoil (HWM) treatment was effective	\$33,000

The remaining anticipated spending of \$26,000 for this year will be for administrative costs, water quality monitoring, land use grants, buoy removal and marketing expenses (such as sending out *The Chain Link*). We did set our 2023 budget higher than our annual estimated income as we do have some additional cash assets saved from past years, so we can be more aggressive on our projects this year, especially with hybrid watermilfoil (HWM) management; we wanted to hit that hard but not take away funds from our other programs as they all work together for our long-term goals. If you or a neighbor are interested in becoming

a member, we have a secure online system to allow you to sign up for 2023. To use this payment option, simply go to [srcl.org](http://srcl.org), click on "Become A SRCLA Member" on our home page, choose what membership level you would like for 2023, click on the one you prefer, select Purchase and then fill out your membership and payment information. If you would like to make a donation without signing up for membership, click on "Non-Membership Donation" as a way to donate to the SRCLA on behalf of an estate to leave a legacy, or just to contribute to our cause. You can also sign up by sending in the membership form included in this publication.

**Thank you once again for your contributions and continuing to help us improve the Sauk River Chain of Lakes! Membership dues and donations fund projects to improve our lakes and help us communicate with our members and the community. The more members we have, the stronger our voice and the more we can accomplish! Anyone who uses the lake is welcome to join. For information on becoming a member of the association, please visit our website: [srcl.org](http://srcl.org).**

