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2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

**ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 5
9:30AM
PINE VALLEY LODGE**

**ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
4:00PM
BIRCHWOOD BEACH**

*"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
and sorry I could not travel both, and yet be
one traveler. So long I stood, and looked down
one as far as I could to where it bent beneath the under growth....."*
Robert Frost

As I write this issue's President's Column for Moenbeams, it is very early October and the fall colors are peaking. With nature's brilliant palette spread across our forests, cooler, dry temperatures and the beautiful cobalt blue sky of northern Wisconsin; this is my favorite season of the year. During this time, I seek out forest trails which, as the poet continues in a later stanza, "leaves no steps have trodden black", and enjoy all of the autumn beauty of the northwoods.



It is during these hikes that I am reminded why so many of us have chosen to live in this beautiful setting on either a permanent or part-time basis. It is also during these meanderings that I am even more aware of the responsibility of stewardship we all have to help protect and conserve the natural resources that are available to us. And part of that responsibility includes volunteering as a boat launch monitor for our lake association's "Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)" program.

With the June resignation of Kathy Winkler who was our CBCW Volunteer for several years and the hiring of Serena Kuczmarski to fill in for the remainder of our summer season, this has not been a typical CBCW monitoring season for us. And perhaps for that reason, we have seen a decrease in the number of volunteers for monitoring watercraft entering and leaving our lake chain. With the decrease in volunteers, our association has had to utilize paid monitors at the public landing and the result is that we will most likely exceed the dollars from this year's CBCW grant and thus will need to dip into our own meager resources to cover the cost discrepancy. This scenario is not only unacceptable, it is also unsustainable.

So, I am asking you all to make an early new year's resolution. Plan now to volunteer several times next season as a CBCW watercraft monitor. Nancy Sattler, our newest MLCA board member, has offered to be our CBCW Volunteer Coordinator starting next season. Nancy worked this past season as an Oneia County CBCW trainer and I am happy to share with you that Nancy is very committed to the goals of the CBCW program. I can also alert you to the fact that Nancy is very tenacious, so you will be called on to do your part to protect our beautiful lake chain. We all should strive to be the best stewards of nature's gifts as we can be and volunteering as a CBCW monitor is a big step in the right direction.

Have a great autumn!

Dan Kuzlik, President

TRAGEDY AVOIDED



In the early evening hours of Oct 5, 2013, a cloudy windy day, residents of 2nd Lake heard cries for HELP. Neighbors rushed to their shores and saw a young adult in the water in the middle of the lake clinging to a swamped kayak & screaming for help. They rushed into action. Some people hurried to get a boat uncovered & untied, but their engine would not start. Another started out in a canoe, but the high winds & waves prevented assistance from that method. Fortunately, a couple fishermen came through from Lake 2 1/2 at that time and were able to successfully rescue the young kayaker, who had ventured out WITHOUT A LIFE VEST and subsequently was so very close to drowning. A HUGE THANK YOU to those who saved this young life, a HUGE HUG to the one who was lucky enough to live to learn, and a HUGE REMINDER to us all to take extra care in inclement (or clement, for that matter) weather and to always wear, or have readily available a LIFE VEST. This can happen to any of us, or any of those we love, at any time.

President: Dan Kuzlik, **Vice President:** Tony Sattler, **Secretary:** Sally Latimer, **Treasurer:** Gary Berweger
Board of Directors: J. Pederson '14, Dave Hanson '16, Nancy Sattler '15, George Schroeffer '16, Keith Kelling '15
Committee Chairs: Tom Cutler, Gary Berweger, Dan Carlson, Bill Disbrow, Jim Pederson, Walt Gager
Walt Gager & Bonnie Montgomery, Co-editors

MLCA ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 6, 2013

(Seventy one in attendance)

President Dan Kuzlik opened the meeting asking for the past annual meeting minutes & treasurer's report. Each was approved. The Association is financially stable (but not wealthy).

Nancy Sattler spoke on AIS and the CB/CW program emphasizing the importance of volunteer launch site monitoring.

DNR, Tim Plude reported that all lake and shoreland specimens brought for identification were native. No AIS identified.

Dan Carlson reported on his installation of the kiosk at the launch site. All monitoring materials are also kept in the kiosk. Also, there are two folding chairs inside for volunteer comfort. Carlson also spoke on the status of the DNR grant. The remaining moneys owed will be sent during the off season. He covered the status of the new and old markers. As many new "floaters" as possible will be installed next year.

Gary Berweger reported on the 2013 Fall fish survey. It was carried out on Monday night, September 16th on N.P. 4 & 5. Gary Berweger and Nancy Sattler attended. The results were similar to the survey of two years ago. No age-1 year old walleye were found. Some 12" size (2-3 year olds) and 20 larger walleye and were identified. A question was raised as to why the DNR does not stock Lakes 2 & 3. DNR Jon Kubisiak says that he is limited by State Administration Code regarding public access to lake waters. Fish stocking depends on the number of boat landing minimums needed based on lake acreage. For example, Moen Lake needs a minimum of 15 car-trailer parking spots adjacent to the landing. Lake 2 & 3 would require 5. N.P. 4 & 5 each require 8. Each landing site would need monitors. These access sites include private, public and pay-as-you-go sites. The last stocking on the chain was in 1998.

Sue Ohman reported that the membership is increasing. Speak to your non-member neighbors

Walt Gager requested more input from members and non-members alike for the Newsletter. He asked about having an advertising section. Members could advertise free. Non members and commercial property would pay a small fee. Your thoughts?

Sally Latimer and Walt Gager reported that the picnic in August at Birchwood was a lot of fun.

Tom Cutler reported on the developing "project committee", which is the result of the Long Term Planning committee.

The new Lake Committee is being formed. This committee is meant to have a representative on the lake for all property owners. The representative reports directly to the board. A kind of Ombudsmen, if you will.

An Ad Hoc Bylaws committee must be formed to bring the rules up to date.

Elections:

President:	Dan Kuzlik
Vice President:	Tony Sattler
Secretary:	Sally Latimer
Treasurer:	Gary Berweger

Nancy Sattler was added to the Board of Directors.

El Felton, Sue Ohman, Bonnie Montgomery, Tom Cutler and Kathy Winkler were recognized for their efforts on behalf of the Association. The "slow-no-wake" subject was tabled. Lack of Township interest.

Alan Schwoegler gave an informative presentation on Loon Watch.

The following businesses/individuals donated door prizes:

Judy's Twin Pines,
The Birchwood
Mel's Trading Post
Rhineland Cafe' and Pub
The Fishing Hole
Trig's Ace Hardware
Bonnie Montgomery and Walt Gager

SHORT QUIZ

(ANSWERS BELOW)



1. Superman's middle name was revealed in 1997. What was it?
2. Superman had a Social Security number. What was it?
3. Whose Social Security number was it?
4. Why did Superman fail his WWII draft phy
5. Superman lost a fight to whom in the boxin

One atom said to another:

"I've lost my electron!" "Are you sure?", said the second atom. "Yes, I'm positive!", said the first.

!! NEW CONTEST !!

!! PRIZES !!

!! CHALLENGE !!

!! FUN!!

!! ENTER !!

The Association's Board of Directors has authorized a new contest to name our service (say work) pontoon boat. The boat, berthed on the N. Pelican River just south of the Highway "C" bridge, is now informally called the "Buoy barge".

Judges' will be empaneled to choose the winners. Note the plurality of "winners". There will be First, Second and Third place winners. Prizes, at each level, will be announced in the winter newsletter.

Names proposed can be entered via email only:
wegager@earthlink.net

The winners will be announced in the Spring Newsletter and prizes presented at the Annual meeting on July 5, 2013 at Pine Valley Lodge.

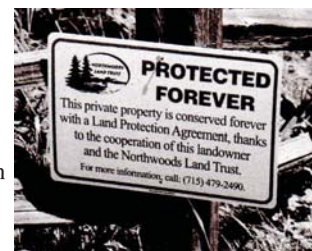
2014 ANNUAL MEETING

The speaker at next summer's meeting at Pine Valley Lodge will be **Bryan Pearce**, the Executive Director of the **Northwoods Land Trust**. This will be a great opportunity to get information about private land conservation easements to preserve property for future generations and at the same time continue ownership and gain tax advantages.

The Trust's mission: "....Promotes conservation by private landowners of natural shorelands, woodlands, wetlands and other natural resources.....in Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron and Price Counties and the surrounding region"

In the eleven years of the Trust's existence, over 9,000 acres of woodlands, wetlands and wildlife habitat, including over 40 miles of lake and river shorelands have been protected. The conservation easements and land granted to the Trust have been valued at well over 15 million dollars. Place July 5th on your calendar now.

ed.



- Quiz answers:
1. Joseph
 2. 092-09-6616
 3. Giobata Baicchi
 4. Read the vision chart in the next room
 5. Muhammad Ali

FISH SURVEY. John Kubisiak, Fisheries Biologist, WIDNR, electrofished 4th & 5th Lakes Sept 16th for muskie & walleye. Nancy Sattler rode along. Unlike the last 2 yrs, they caught NO age-0 or age-1 size walleye. 20 larger walleyes were seen though, including a cluster of approximately 12 inches, putting them at 2 or 3 years. We will let you know the full results when we receive the report.. The photo at left shows the electrofishing in progress. John Halverson is on the right, Nancy Sattler (who had a great time, but reported sore shoulders from hauling all those muskies in for measurement!) is on the left.



FISH STOCKING! Sept 26th, the DNR stocked 10 7-9 inch walleye fingerlings per acre on 4th & 5th Lakes. The eggs were from Lake Tomahawk & the fingerlings were raised at the Woodruff Hatchery. DNR staffers Steve Marschner & Tom Lorenzen were assisted by MLCA members Gary Berweger, Don & Sue Broadbridge, Kris Krause, Bill Huber, Nancy & Tony Sattler, Dave Hansen, and Bill & Laura Disbrow. Because the Woodruff Hatchery did not have enough fish to stock Moen as well, those fish will come from the Spooner Hatchery, the date for which is pending. The Spooner Hatchery eggs are from the Woodruff Hatchery.



Bill H & Nancy start out the 'Bucket Brigade' w/Tom Lorenzen on 4th.



Sue Broadbridge



Tony Sattler



Laura Disbrow



Gary Berweger



Don Broadbridge



Bill Disbrow

4th lake photos
from the lake by
Bonnie Montgomery



Dave Hansen

The 5th Lk Stocking went a bit differently--the fish were discharged into the lake with the water from two trucks via a large hose.

Kris K was photographer for 5th



Tom hooks up the hose



Nancy mans the hose



Bill gets the strays



AND INTO THE BIG DRINK
THEY ALL GO!!!

FISHY STORIES



5 yr old Eli Berndt caught his 1st ever fish, his very 1st time fishing, within his very 1st 10 minutes of practice casting!



Tim Barr, from VA, while visiting his brother Greg, caught this 36 1/2" muskie on 4th. 1st time muskie fishing!



Kathy Gospodarek caught her biggest fish ever in Aug while bringing in perch off thier dock with an ultralight. (A muskie bit it's tail while she was bringing it in).

Keith Kelling reported catching a 30" muskie on a 1/16 oz jig and 4 lb line. Netted in a crappe net--- One fun battle!! (alas, no picture of that...)



Steve Berndt caught this beautiful crappe on opening day.



Steve Beck caught this 38" northern on Moen, one of the 12 fish he and his son raised that one weekend in mid August.



To the left, Bonnie Montgomery caught this 41" muskie on a 1/2 oz spinner while bass fishing on 5th in mid August. (She is happy to report that both she and the fish survived the ordeal...)

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