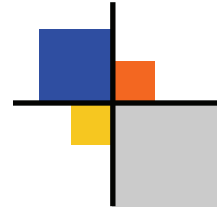




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Moen Lake Chain Association Newsletter



From the President

Hi neighbors! Spring is beautiful! The trees are leafing out, our birds are returning, the spring flowers are blooming and we are getting our piers and boats in the water and readying our fishing gear. "Ain't life grand?"

We had hoped to have the annual meeting and a picnic at the Pelican Town Hall picnic shelter, but the construction put the kibosh on that. We'll try to have an Association get-together this fall.

A thank you goes to Lloyd Richmond, Cavin Weck, Larry Worth and Bob Wilkins for their diligence in building, placing and maintaining the channel markers. Also to our Treasurer Bob Wilkins for not absconding with the funds and to Linda Wilkins our Secretary for creating and mailing this newsletter.

The DNR's Shoreland Management Advisory Committee has met twice since our last communication. As your President, I have attended both as an observer. I am not a member of the committee but I thought you would like to know what organizations have been accepted or appointed to the committee. Here they are (in no special order): UWMad-Wildlife, UWSP-Land Use Center, UWSP-Water Quality, WI Realtors, WI County Code Administration, WI Association of Lakes, Applied Ecological Services-Restoration consultant, WI Conservation Congress, Walworth County Planning and Zoning, Governor's Council on Forestry, WI Chapter of the American Planning Association, Vilas County Planning & Zoning,

River Alliance of WI, WI Builder's Association, Natural Resources Board Appointee, Trout Unlimited, Taxpayers for Fair Zoning, ECCOLA, WI County Code Administrators, WI Cities Association, WI Cities Administrators plus five (5) Riparian representatives. The latter are there to represent we shoreland owners.

So, you see the committee is large and the haggling is equally so. Incidentally, the committee is charged with creating NR 328, "relating to department standards for erosion control of inland lakes and impoundments". This charge is to update the original NR115 of 1968. The upcoming proposed changes are intended to be minimum guidelines for county planning and zoning, each county then being able to use the minimum standards recommended or upgrade to their own.

To date, the following principles/regulations have been tentatively agreed upon:

"Guiding Principles for Regulation of Structures Located Entirely Within Primary Buffer Zone"

- No expansion on any structure in the primary zone.
- Ordinary maintenance or repair that does not require a permit, does not require mitigation; any repair or modification that requires a permit, requires mitigation measures.
- Pre-existing structures will continue to exist until the owner decides to undertake major reconstruction or replacement; at that point, relocation to a compliant location would be required.
- A mitigation end point will be defined incorporating credits for good stewardship.

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The Annual Meeting
will be held on
Sunday, July 6
at 1:00 p.m.
at Birchwood Bar

DISABLED KIDS FISHING DAY

Larry Worth is in the process of organizing a "Disabled Kids Fishing Day" with kids from Headwaters Inc. in late August. Volunteers with boats and fishing gear will be needed to help with this project.

Donations from the Gus Tuskey Memorial Fund and the Barb Worth Memorial Fund will be used to fund this fishing/picnic day for the children and their families.

More information about this event will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Your **2003** Annual MLCA Dues are now due. You can bring them with you to the Annual Meeting or send them to:
Bob Wilkins,
3786 Port Aurora Road
Rhineland WI 54501



“Regulations to Implement Guiding Principles”;

- Unlimited ordinary maintenance and repairs are allowed, including the repair or replacement of existing structural components, as long as the work does not constitute “major reconstruction” or “replacement”.
- Replacement structures must be built in a compliant location.
- “Major reconstruction” is not allowed unless a variance is granted or the structure is moved to a compliant location.
- Structures may not be expanded.
- The primary buffer must be preserved or restored if a permit is required for work on an existing structure.
- An area 15-feet wide around the structure may be maintained in lawn.

“Guiding Principles for Regulation of Structures Entirely Within Secondary Buffer Zone”;

- Allow limited expansion of principle structures located in the secondary buffer.
- Ordinary maintenance and repair that does not require a permit, does not require mitigation; any repair, modification or expansion that requires a permit, requires mitigation measures.
- Pre-existing structures will continue to exist until the owner decides to undertake major reconstruction or replacement; at that point, relocation to a compliant location would be required.

- A mitigation endpoint will be defined incorporating credits for good stewardship.

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- Replacement structures must be built in a compliant location.
- “Major reconstruction” is not allowed unless a variance is granted or the structure is moved to a compliant location.
- A one-time limited expansion for principal structures would be allowed if (certain) conditions are satisfied.
- Pre-existing structures will continue to exist until the owner decides to undertake “major reconstruction” or “replacement” or to expand beyond the limited expansion allowed in the secondary buffer.
- The primary buffer must be preserved or restored if a permit is required for work on an existing structure.
- Accessory structures may not be expanded.

In addition to preserving or restoring the primary buffer, the property owner must also select two of the following mitigation practices, in implement or maintain:

- A 15-foot wide vegetative buffer on both lot lines
- Infiltration practices, such as rain gardens, to address storm water runoff.

- Removal of accessory structures in the primary buffer and no new accessory structures.
- Removal of accessory structures in the secondary buffer and no new accessory structures.
- Visually inconspicuous building materials, such as earth-toned materials.
- Removal of riprap, concrete seawalls or artificial sand beaches.
- Other mitigation practices listed in the shoreland ordinance that have been approved by the Department.

There is more, but not enough space for this newsletter. Handouts and discussion will be a part of the Annual Meeting.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting. Come support YOUR Moen Lake Chain Association.

Walter Gager
President

