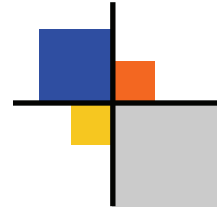




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Moen Lake Chain Association Newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The MCLA Board of Directors wishes to welcome all the new addressees to the quarterly MCLA Newsletter. We have updated our mailing list in an attempt to reach ALL the Moen Chain shoreland owners. We will be phasing in the new addresses beginning now and hope to have all entered by the time of the winter Newsletter. If you are new to our letter and wish to know more about our organization and it's activities, please call me (369-9142 or 262-786-23221) or any one of the board members listed.

A number of events are changing this organization and maybe the health of your lakes in the future. These events will have an impact on our waters for years to come. I'm sure that you all are familiar with the invasive species described in this newsletter in the past. In essence, together and alone, they are scary vegetations and aquatic animals. They have the potential to strangle the aquatic life out of our waters.

State law forbids the spread of invasive species and requires that boats transported between bodies of water be cleansed of possible contaminants prior to launch. A standing Association committee called "CLEAN BOATS/ CLEAN WATER", headed by Vickie Houston and Linda Wilkins, assembled a group of 17 volunteers (not nearly enough) to monitor the Moen Lake and Birchwood Resort boat launch sites at specifically busy times. The volunteers met twice with the DNR and were trained and certified. They can now train more volunteers. Identifying hats and some T-shirts were purchased for the volunteers. Handout packets of informative literature for the boaters were created by Linda Wilkins.

The Launch sites were manned on the Labor day and Muskie Challenge weekends. We are claiming a small success since they did identify some contaminants. These were sent to the DNR for identification.

This same committee acquired DNR cautionary information signs and installed them at all chain resorts and launch sites. This was accomplished by Lloyd Richmond who researched and obtained the signs and posts and then, with Bob McCall and I, we installed them at 11 sites. Along with the sign, installation literature was left at each resort to dispense to their renters. We particularly want to thank all the resort owners for their interest and enthusiastic cooperation.

Another step into the future was the creation of the Water Quality Committee chaired by Donna Gager. This committee has a member on each of our five lakes. It will be their job to monitor our lakes water far into the future. The initial step was to monitor water clarity biweekly throughout the summer season. Next year, in concert with the water clarity testing, they will be doing water quality sampling for phosphates and chlorophyll and other damaging chemicals. A third phase will follow.

Now, if you attended the annual meeting, you heard committee reports from Lennie Gescheidle on fish stocking and crib installation and Lloyd Richmond's report on the labor that is provided by Bob Wilkins and Cal Weck to maintain the channel markers. Add this to the above committees and you can see we're making progress.

What we need now is help in the form of more volunteers for the CLEAN BOATS/ CLEAN WATER committee. If we can assemble a large committee, we can spread the burden and make it easy on all of us. A large committee would ask a volunteer to spend only a couple hours each summer to protect our waters. Remember, these are YOUR lakes, they need your love and care.

Please contact me (369-9142), Vickie Houston (369-3545) or Linda Wilkins (369-5511). We can use your help even if you choose not to be a member of the Association. Thank you!

JULY 9TH ANNUAL MEETING

The following is an abbreviated agenda from last summer's meeting. I will send next summers planned agenda in the Spring Newsletter.

MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION,
ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 9, 2005
PINE VALLEY LODGE
3980 LAKE SHORE DRIVE
AGENDA

Call to order & Welcome - W. Gager
New Members, welcome!
Tim & Ann Richmond (5th)
Gus & Marie Winters (4th)
Robert & Christine Bukowski (5th)
George & Nancy Schroepfer (Moen)
Patti Pazera (Moen)
Kris Krause & Scott Patulski (5th)
Gary & Judy Berweger

Minutes - July 3, 2004 - Linda Wilkins
Treasurer's Report - Bob Wilkins
Board of Director's Report
June 11, '05 - W. Gager
Standing Committee Reports:
-Channel markers - Lloyd Richmond
(Chair) Cal Weck and Bob Wilkins
-Nominating Committee - Wally Kunde
(Chair)
-Board of Directors - Sue Ohman (3rd
Class '02

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- Fish Stocking/Cribs - L. Gescheidle
- Water Quality - D. Gager

Old Business:

- DNR Shoreland Committee @ NR 115 update.
- Pamphlet: "Changing Wisconsin's Shoreland Development Standards"
- Discussion: Member Newsletter contributions

New Business:

- OCLRA board meeting 6-11-05
- July 4th— Invasive Species float donation
- Bylaws Change?
- Float-nic?
- Association name change
- Larry Worth's retirement and resolution

Program:

Dan Kuzlik, Oneida County Agent:
"Invasive Species"

- 2006 Annual Meeting date:
JULY 8, 2006
Adjourn

YOUR MLCA OFFICERS

- President—Walt Gager—369-9142
- Vice Pres. — Pete Boettcher-369-9267
- Treasurer—Bob Wilkins—369-5511
- Secretary—Linda Wilkins—369-5511
- Board Members
- Cal Weck—369-9065
- Vicky Houston—369-4535
- Tom Cutler—920-338-1553
- Sue Ohman—369-1480
- Bill Bethke—362-3271

If you haven't yet paid your 2005 dues, you can do so by sending \$20 to:

Bob Wilkins
3786 Port Aurora Road
Rhineland WI 54501

Fish Cribs—Lennie Gescheidle

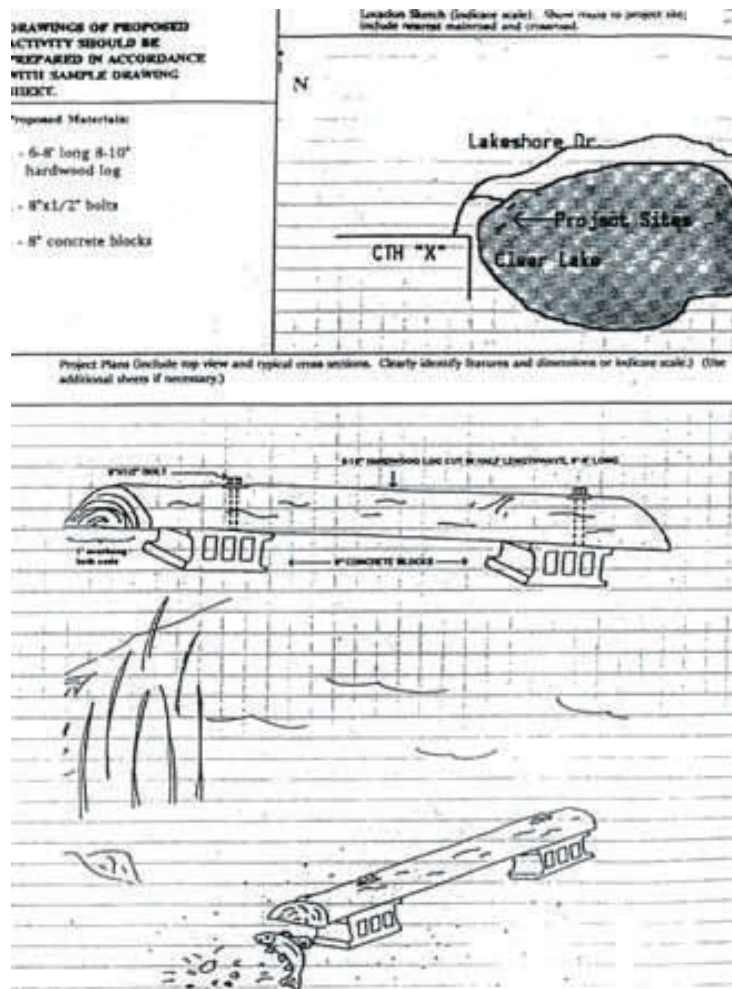
The fish crib committee has determined that the least expensive and most easily installed crib is described below. It is a half log with cement blocks on either end - see diagrams. Each 1/2 log has a cost of \$5.00. Complete rules and how to acquire the logs can be acquired from Lennie at 715-369-9165.

These 1/2 log structures must be made and placed in accordance with the rules of the WDNR:

A permit is not required on the Moen Lake Chain

The structure:

- Must be placed and maintained only by the riparian land owner.
- Must be placed within the riparian's zone of interest (shoreline).
- Must be placed solely for the purpose of improving fish habitat.
- Must be placed on a bottom of sand or gravel or both.
- Must not be placed in water deeper than 5 feet.
- May not be located greater than 100 feet from shore or within 100 feet of a swim raft.
- The location of the structure must be reported to the WDNR within 30 days of placement.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE A PLACE

On July 28, 2004, John Bates of the Wisconsin Nature Conservancy, presented a talk on "Life in the Northwoods: Wisconsin's Remarkable Flora and Fauna". In that presentation he quoted an essay by Kathleen Dean Moore. The essay asks the question: "What does it mean to love a place?"

She compares loving a place to loving a person. With his permission:

"To love a person and a place means at least this:

1. To want to be near it, physically.
2. To want to know everything about it - it's story, it's moods, what it looks like by moonlight.
3. To rejoice in the fact of it.
4. To fear its loss, and grieve for its injuries.
5. To protect it fiercely, mindlessly, futilely, and maybe tragically, but to be helpless to do otherwise.
6. To be transformed in its presence - lifted, lighter on your feet.
7. To want to be joined with it, taken in by it, lost in it.
8. To want the best for it.
9. Desperately
10. To accept moral responsibility for its well-being."

I wish I'd said that.! How many times have I heard folks from our lakes state their love for them? Many, many! Number 10 above emphasizes our obligation to protect our waters. Won't you help? More from John Bates in the future.

PROTECTING OUR SHORELINE

Did you know that 80% of the plants and animals on the endangered and threatened species list spend part of their life in the near lake shoreland buffer area. An insect that eats the Eurasian Water Milfoil depends on wild shoreline to survive winters. So, what should a shoreline buffer consist of? To be healthy, the buffer should have a canopy layer of trees like sugar maple, white pine or oak combined with the mid-canopy layer of smaller younger trees like ironwood, hazels, etc., with native grasses, ground shrubs, ferns, and forbs (flowering plants). Near shore plants of bulrushes, wild rice, arrowhead, cattails and bur reeds are great aquatic animal habitats. More and more landowners are beginning to plant native sedges and grasses, broad leaf ground cover plants, shrubs and sub-canopy trees in place of mowed lawns. There is little or no maintenance and they free you to enjoy your lake property to the fullest. (paraphrased from: "The Water's Edge", WiDNR)

An Observation: (it may not be enough to just protect our shoreline!) With the increase in transplanted human population, I've seen an increase in a new roadside plant life. The appearance of the species Tincanus Americanus and Plasticus Empticus along our highways and byways along with the ubiquitous Empticus Fastfoodium Bagus. From whence did these new seedlings come? Certainly our local property owners would not seed this insidious, hardy vegetation on their landscape. Therefore it must be the arrival of a foreign race from the planet "Nocarious" or "Nonthinkium". These planets are populated by beings unknown to the Homo Sapiens. They consume the edible portion of the hardy

plantings above and then reseed them via the garbage vents in their earthbound space ships leaving the remains to take root where they land. I personally have never seen one of these alien creatures but would notify the local gendarmie if an observation were to take place. Wouldn't you?

TROLLING FOR HISTORY

I will make an attempt to chronicle the Association's history. The information that I have been able to acquire doesn't go back far enough and so far the early years are in a fog. Bob Jorata told me that prior to formal incorporation, a group of land owners met monthly as a "Birthday Club" in the fifties and sixties. This was followed by a more formal but unincorporated group called the Moen Chain Community Club which existed up to 1993. I am hoping that some members of our lake community that have some memories of the 40's through the 80's will contact me.

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

There are two theories to arguing with a woman.....neither works!

A penny saved is a government oversight.

Did you ever notice that when you put "the" and "IRS" together it spells "theirs?".

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have become really good friends.

Walt Gager, *President*