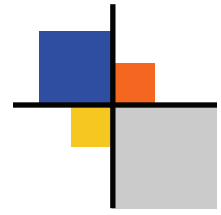




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Moen Lake Chain Association Newsletter



Spring 2007

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Stuffy, runny nose? Spring is here. Are you ready? Boat? Swim suit? Water wings? Water skis? Nope, not quite but soon. The national flower, Tincanus Americanus is blossoming as the winter snows melt away. Pick up a bouquet!

Your Association hopes that you had an enjoyable winter and will have a delightful summer.

NEWS

The Moen Lake Campground has been sold to a developer and the developer, Midwest Land Co., Inc. closed on the property on Friday, February 16, 2007. Home development is in the planning stages. According to the developer, there are no plans for condominiums. The campground will continue operation through this season. The owner of the company has accepted an invitation to the annual meeting (July 7) for an informational session. We wish the Berkebills the very best in the future. Thank you for providing us with a place to meet and flourish in the early days.

To reiterate: the Oneida County Planning and Zoning committee approved the requested dockage the campground asked for last year. Legally, the campground can have six piers with 26 moorings. Any watercraft beached or moored off shore counts as one of the moorings (excepting visitors). The P & V committee stated that in the future no request for an increase in dockage or moorings would be granted.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Rhinelanders elevation is 1,621 ft above sea level. Local flooding only.

Two of MCLA's board members have resigned. Victoria Houston and Bill Bethke were charter members of the board. Vicky was the first to propose that the Association act on the CLEAN BOAT/CLEAN WATER initiative. Bill Bethke was one of the first volunteers to help the Board get the Association off the ground. Thank you both for your dedication to the association and love of the chain and it's waters.

Jim Pederson, of Brookfield Wisconsin and now Moen Lake, has agreed to stand nomination for one position on the board. Now, we need someone for the second position. I would particularly like to hear from an attorney property owner. We need their sage counsel and we promise not to wear out our legal welcome. If you are interested, please contact me prior to the annual meeting.

Lenny Gescheidle, fish stocking/fish cribs committee chair, reports the DNR will be performing a fish survey on the chain this year. They will begin as soon as the ice goes out. Be aware of shoreline activity all summer long. The survey will include the full chain. Data will be available to us at the annual meeting in 2008. The DNR has agreed to present it at that time. Lenny will discuss the various survey techniques at this year's annual meeting, plan to be there.

MEETINGS

For your calendar: Come to the annual meeting at 10:00 AM on July 7th at Pine Valley Lodge (thanks to the Schroeplers) and come to the Fifth Lake Pine Island picnic from 12:00-2:00 PM on August 12th. The Association will provide a grill and condiments (pickles, chips, catsup, mustard, etc.). The Board of Directors will meet on April 30, 6:30 PM at the Gager's.

JULY 8, 2006 MINUTES

(summary)

Opening remarks by the President. Over 65 in attendance who introduced themselves. 28 new members since the annual meeting in July, '05 Minutes for the July, 7, 2005 meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Approved. The issue of liability was discussed. It was suggested that we try to enlist

Fish stocking/fish cribs: Habitat is the key to a healthy lake, Honor your shore weed beds. If anyone desires to place a "log crib" in their riparian space, contact Lenny Gescheidle.

Channel Markers: The markers are in place in the upper and lower chain and many had been repaired and newly painted by Cal Weck.

Water Quality: Donna Gager reported that there were volunteers on each lake monitoring water quality. Next year the second stage of chemical monitoring will be started.

Clean Boats/Clean Water: Linda Wilkins and Kathy Winkler, the CBCW volunteer coordinator outlined the reasons and procedures for monitoring boat traffic for invasive species.

Nominating Committee: Elected were: Walt Gager-President, Pete Boettcher-Vice President, El Felton-Treasurer (Bob Wilkins retired after many years of service to the Association), Linda Wilkins-Secretary and Cal Weck re-elected to the BOD. (continued on other side)

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Old Business: Walt Gager again asked for contributions for the Quarterly Newsletter.

New Business: It was announced that there would be a "float-nic" on August 13 on Third Lake.

The reasons for the need to alter the bylaws were explained. In order to apply for Wisconsin Lake Grants, specific wordings are required as to active membership. The motion to change the wording was approved.

Discussions were held on "no diving" signs on docks, whether we should consider supporting a ban on seaplane landings on our lakes, how the dam works controlling our lake levels and marinas.

Program: Ron Eckstein, DNR Wildlife Specialist, gave a very informative presentation on Eagles and Osprey. The meeting was adjourned.

JULY 7, 2007 AGENDA

Presidents Welcome

Treasurers report - El. Felton

Secretaries report/minutes (Spring Newsletter) - Linda Wilkins

NEW MEMBERS- WELCOME (See List to right)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fish stocking/cribs - Lenny Gescheidle-Chair—Members: Wally Kunde,
Gary & Judy Berweger

Water Quality - Donna Gager - Chair—Members: Don Mevis,
Marcha Moore, Jeff Larson

Clean Boats/Clean Water - Linda Wilkins—Chair, DNR Grant status
Kathy Winkler, Volunteer co-ordinator, 369-1868

Channel Markers - Lloyd Richmond—Chair. Members: Cal Weck,
Bob Wilkins, Bob McCall, Paul Lorenzen

Nominating Committee- Wally Kunde—Chair

President - Walt Gager

Vice President - Pete Boettcher

Secretary - Linda Wilkins

Treasurer-T.E. Felton

B.O.D: (nominees) - Jim Pederson, Nominations from the floor

OLD BUSINESS

Pine Island picnic - Fifth Lake 12:00 - 2 PM, August 12

Newsletter - Contributions/suggestions?

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual membership dues

Membership directory

PROGRAM: Speaker TBA

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING - July 12, 2008

ADJOURN

New Members Since July, 2006

Al Barrow

Walt and Shirley Dahlquist

Mark and Denise Ewe

Glen and Laurel Fischer

Lorraine Frederick

Bruce and Carol Lee Ginzl

Mark and Joan Gummerson

Roberta Hill

Kent and Lynn Lagowski

Elmer and Patricia Lindstrom

Brian and Kelly Mattson

Tim and Rhonda Reinecke

Vern and Rosemary Schaller

Joseph and Karla Stafford

Virginia Powers

WELCOME!

Don't forget:

- July 7th Annual meeting
- August 12th picnic
- your dues!

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

The average cost for an eighty year old individual to live out his/her life at an assisted living facility is \$228,000! The average cost for an eighty year old individual to live out his/her life on a luxury cruise ship is \$230,000! I've just ordered a few years supply of sea sick pills

As income tax time has just passed, consider this: if you combine the and IRS it spells "theirs"!

YOUR MLCA OFFICERS

President—Walt Gager—369-9142

Vice Pres. — Pete Boettcher—369-9267

Treasurer—El Felton—369-0662

Secretary—Linda Wilkins—369-5511

Board Members

Cal Weck—369-9065

Tom Cutler—920-338-1553

Sue Ohman—369-1480

EARTHWORMS

The following is paraphrased from an interesting article from the August, 2005 issue of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine on earthworms, submitted to our Newsletter by Tom Kuczmariski.

Some areas of the northern forest are stripped of low-growing plants and tree seedlings and present a hard surface rather than the soft under-story of soft earth from decaying vegetation and the appearance of young plants. These changes may have been caused by earthworms. According to Cindy Hale, biologist, earthworms are not native fauna in large areas of the upper Midwest and Canada. The earthworms of northern Wisconsin arrived by human introduction. According to Lee Frelich, director of the Center for Hardwood Ecology at the University of Minnesota, "All of the earthworm species are European in origin..".

In fact, these invaders can be destructive in one area and beneficial in another. Earthworms are beneficial in gardens and compost bins by aerating, sifting and turning the soil into nutrient rich soil. However, released from gardens, they invade the forest floor interrupting the delicate balance of fine roots, bacteria and fungi in the decomposing vegetation. People moving plants and/or trees from one area to another spread worms farther and faster than via natural migration. More than 100 earthworm species have been identified. Some live in the leaf litter, some in the top soil areas and some (night crawlers) burrow deeper in subsoil.

Anglers, gardeners and landscapers should act with caution. All mulches, soils and root stock should come from local origins. Anglers should not dump unused worms on the shores of the areas that they have fished and similarly, live bait should not be introduced into a lake from another source.

Earthworms may be another invasive species to be concerned about. Currently research is in it's infancy. To learn more about earthworm monitoring visit Project Worm Watch at www.nrri.umn.edu/worms.
Thanks Tom

Do you have something to share with our readers? Send it to me.

A glorious spring to you all.

Walt Gager
President

MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Rhineland Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

I would like to serve on the Moen Lake Chain Association Clean Boats Clean Water Committee

Signature _____ Date _____

Send to: Moen Lake Chain Association
c/o Linda Wilkins
3786 Port Aurora Road
Rhineland WI 54501

Yearly dues are \$20.00