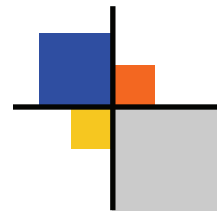




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Moen Lake Chain Association Newsletter



Winter 2007

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brrrrrr! Winter is upon us - I hope your holiday season was as fruitful and as enjoyable as ours. The plastic got its workout but everyone is happy....I guess? Santa stopped at all the houses on his list (I didn't receive one necktie) and didn't slip off one roof because there was no snow in the southern part of the state.

Now is a great time for all of us that forgot to pay our dues by the time of annual meeting to send them to Linda Wilkins, 3786 Port Aurora Road, Rhinelander WI 54501. Do it right now before you forget. While you're at it, send in the 2007 dues at the same time and sleep in peace. \$20.00 is inexpensive (I don't like the word "cheap") compared to other associations.

Incidentally, we now have over 265 names on our mailing list and we send the Newsletter to all. If we have forgotten anyone, please inform me. Also, if you DO NOT want to receive the Newsletter, let Linda or me know and we will remove your name. Further, if you have a new neighbor and would like to have them join and/or receive the Newsletter, let us know.....please!

The Board of Directors met in October. No earth shaking things came out of the meeting except that we are going to have a picnic on Pine Island in Fifth Lake on August 12, 2007 at noon. Put it on your calendar. There will be no rain date. Bring your main picnic lunch (and one to pass if you like). The Association will provide a grill, chips, pickles and condiments.

Also put on your calendar the annual meeting at Pine Valley Lodge on July 7, 2007 at 10:00AM. The agenda will be included in the Spring Newsletter.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER

You probably have read in the Rhinelander Dailey News that the County Board has created a position of a full time "Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator".

With that in mind and consider these stats provided by Paul Dean, Town of Stella Supervisor:

Oneida county has 72 lakes and 6 river/creeks infested with aquatic invasive species (AIS).

1. Eurasian Water Milfoil - 17
2. Curly Leaf Pondweed - 11
3. Rusty Crayfish - 60 (Whew!)
4. Purple Loosestrife-31
5. Yellow perch parasite (heterosporis) - 5
6. Yellow Iris (iris pseudacorus) - 2

These, plus the zebra mussel (Lake Metonga) will continue to be a threat to our lakes in the future. If you would like a list of infected lakes in the state, contact me.

And these stats from Kathy Winkler, our CB/CW coordinator:

- 37 Families - 58 individuals volunteered to monitor the boat launch.
- 335 hours of time were donated
- 10 households have indicated a willingness to be called for training in 2007
- 40 contacts were made and declined or were not lake owners
- 418 contacts were made with individuals promoting the protection of the Moen Chain
- 17 boat owners/users were unaware of the law & were educated by volunteers
- 8 boats or trailers had weeds as they approached the public launch site
- 16 boats came from infested lakes
- 2 weed samples were collected and sent to the DNR and found to be positive

One of the positive samples was taken from a parked trailer. The launch occurred before a volunteer was at the landing.

Protect YOUR lakes, join the volunteer group and share the load. Contact Kathy Winkler @ 369-1868 or me @ 369-9142.

SHORELINE PROTECTION : THE SAGA OF NRI 15

NRI 15 is still in DNR and legislative limbo. The latest news from Madison is that since last summer focus groups have made recommendations for changes to the zoning law to better balance property owner's rights and the public rights to Wisconsin waters. In January, the initial suggestions of the focus groups will be reviewed by county code administrators to see if the recommendations can be easily implemented and/or enforced. Next summer (for the second time) the public will have an opportunity to comment at statewide hearings for these proposed revisions to NRI 15. (Sigh!). In particular, the state is seeking ways to prevent polluted runoff from entering state waters by regulating structures based on the potential to harm water quality, habitat and scenic beauty as related to size and paved (impervious) areas. Structures that cannot meet the proposed regulations would have to mitigate the amount of runoff by plantings or removal of hard surfaces. It appears that these regulations would apply to proposed new, or additions to existing, structures. Remember, these regulations and the proposed suggestions are only that. They are not yet law. SO! If you are thinking of changes to your property in the near future, sooner may be better than later.

On a related subject, Oneida County has enacted a stricter boat house ruling on boathouse placement and how wide and deep they can be. In particular, they are aimed at those boathouses proposed for steep slopes. Further, they address the issue of what can be stored in boathouses - only boating or related water use equipment. Finally, the board addressed the topic of decks or platforms especially as related to boathouses with flat roofs being used as decks. At public hearings prior to the enactment, of the new boathouse regulations, no public opposition was presented.

Walt Gager
President

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

"A billion"

A billion seconds ago it was 1959

A billion minutes ago Jesus was born

A billion hours ago our ancestors lived in the stone age

A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet

A billion dollars ago was only eight hours and 20 minutes
(at our government's rate of spending).

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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:

Linda Wilkins
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Yearly dues are \$20.00
