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Our Annual meeting was held on July 12th at Pine Valley Lodge. 61 members attended. That was down from last year's 81 but the group was vocal and had many questions and concerns. Some of those discussions follow in this Newsletter

MEETING SUMMARY

- Minutes of the '07 annual meeting were approved as published.
- El. Felton reported that the Association is solvent. The monies spent were mostly for supporting the Aquatic Invasive Species program, Newsletter publishing, postage and other smaller items.
- Lenny Gescheidle deferred the Fish Stocking/Cribs report to the meeting's speaker.
- Donna Gager spoke on Water Quality, which is considered above average but tinted. Don Mevis reported on the Chemical content of the water. Phosphorus content is somewhat high. This is due in part to lawn fertilizer and Septic tank plumes. Are you fertilizing? How old is your septic system?
- Chair Dan Kuzlik and Kathy Winkler, our AIS coordinator, summed up the CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER efforts and reintroduced the Adopt-a-Shoreline program with pleas for more help at the launch site. Volunteering for the launch site boat inspection committee and the Adopt-a-Shoreline project allows ALL of our property owners to participate, members or non-members, even those of us that come up for weekends or varied vacation times.

- The Adopt-a-Shoreline commitment is to inspect YOUR shoreline and waterfront (or more) weekly, record your activity (time spent), or if you can, on simple records provided by the Association and send the results of your activity at the end of the summer to Kathy Winkler. All this can be done while never having to leave your property. As we apply for state and/or other grants your time will show the concern and involvement of chain land owners by their volunteer efforts. Give Kathy a call: 369-1868. An hour or two of your time during the summer is worth it to protect your lake and your investment
- Zebra mussel plates, meant to hang from a dock or be placed on the lake bottom to offer a smooth place for the organism to attach, were introduced. The plates will be placed throughout the chain to survey for the mussel by volunteers on each lake.
- Lloyd Richmond announced the resignation of Cal Weck as a member of the channel marker committee for Fourth and Fifth Lake. Cal has served seven years maintaining the markers. Ross Youngell, Fourth Lake, will assume Weck's position
- The FLOAT-NIC will be on August 10, at 1:00 PM. on Moen Lake. Bring your own goodies. Passing a favorite recipe is optional. Rain date is August 17.

- It's been noticed that the loon population has been decreasing in the past two to three years. Replace all your lead fishing lures and sinkers. The DNR has a list of dealers that hankle alternaative supplies.
- Volunteers were asked to step forward and help form the vacant standing committees. These committees are as follows: Membership, Historian, Long Term Planning, Program and Event, Website Design and Maintenance, Newsletter content. Anyone out there that has an inking to help, please contact Walt Gager @ 369-9142. Thanks! Is there an attorney on the chain that would donate a little time to our efforts?
- A future name change for the Association was introduced and received coolly.
- A "Certificate of Appreciation Award" was presented to Linda Wilkins for her "unwavering energy, dedication and Leadership" over her ten years as secretary. Similar awards will be presented to Wally Kunde and Robert Wilkins who were absent.
- The Campground situation was discussed. The Town of Pine lake now is requiring a 5 acre "back Lot" (off water) for construction. this limits development there to less than 12 homes. We may see the campground return.
- Winners of the Trivia contest were announced. Linda Wilkins had all but one answer correct and received a carved wooden swan. Carolyn Weck missed only two answers and received a package of several coffee flavors.
- The PROGRAM: "Results of the 2007-8 Moen Chain Fish Survey" was presented by DNR Fish biologist John Kubisiak. After discussing the methods and catches, Mr Kubisiak stated that our fish population was healthy throughout the chain's waters.
- Special Guest Speaker, Jennifer Holman, Oneida County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, passed out literature, described monitoring efforts and asked for as much help as the Association could provide. She also spoke on many subjects not before known to our members. Very Informative.
- In the absence of Wally Kunde, Bonnie Montgomery was elected Secretary and Cal Weck and Sue Ohman were re-elected to the Board of Directors. There was no nomination for President. The position remains open. An FYI: (Courtesy of Dan Carlson) The spring Indian fish harvest took 20 walleye from Moen lake and 26 from Fifth Lake

DEPARTMENT OF USELESS INFORMATION

- The average speed of Heinz Ketchup leaving the bottle is 25 mph.
- \$2,640 was paid for a pill bottle that once contained Elvis Presley's meds.
- A Big Mac, fries and a coffe contain at least 20 species of plant life.

WORTHY OF NOTE

The following observations were presented by several members for discussion. Each subject was discussed at the end of the meeting but required a wider audience and are included here for your consideraton.

- On July 3rd, about 4:00PM, smoke was noted on the northern tip of Pine Island in Fifth Lake. There was no sign of life, boats or people. An investigation of the site found a smoldering log in an open fire site. The fire was extinguished. Empty beer cans were stuffed under rocks and burnt cans and debris were in the fire and about the site. Folks in the area said that three young boys arrived in small outboard, tented overnight and left about 9:00AM. Can you imagine what could have occured there? If any chain resident knows who those boys were, please, please have a good long talk with them.
- A fire was started on the Moen Lake shore and spread very close to buildings before being discovered. A disabled elderly individual was at risk in the building closest to the fire site. The young individual responsible has been identified.
- A personal watercraft (PWC) with two persons aboard, one facng backward, was towing a child on a tube. The law is specific in that a PWC must be designed for three persons in order to tow anything at speeds above "no wake". In another incident, a PWC was noted doing "360s" and "figure eights" in the 200 foot restricted zone from shore. This activity destroys the lake bottom habitat and stirs up sediment.
- A fishing boat towed a child on a "tube" through the 4th/5th channel at more than "no wake".
- In the river channel, power boats often pass slower moving boats or anchored fisherman at full speed. Be courteous, slow down in passing.
- Boaters, with young children, beach their boats on the sandbar between 4th and 5th lakes. The lake use is public property and legal. The shoreline is private property and posted but has been used as a toilet, the depository of dirty diapers, cans, bottles and other refuse.
- Members voiced concern about the number of loud, fast power boats and PWCs on the lakes lately and wondered if hours could be established for their operation. Since we do not have these

powers and the chain lies in three separate townships, this would be difficult.

However, any person observing a law being broken, or activity endangering boaters, has the right, maybe the duty, to call the Oneida County Sheriff's office (715-361-5100) and report the incident. The county has three deputies on call for just such events. According to the sheriff, recording the offending boats registration number would be a great help.

The Association (and I) should not be construed as watchdogs or policeman. Folks using the lakes must take the responsibility of doing it safely and within the law. Parents must monitor children and young adults and their own water behavior and respect the rights of others. Larger lakes with more water based activities than ours have ultimately HAD to have police patrols. I would hope that we would never come to that. The above is reported for your consideration . Be aware, be courteous, be a good neighbor.

TRIVIA: Here are the answers to the Spring Trivia challenge:

1. The name of Steve Allen's wife was...? JAYNE MEADOWS
2. The milk bottle was introduced by N.Y.Echo Farms Dairy Co. in what year? 1897
3. Who was Margo Lane? The Shadow's girl friend.
4. What country manufactured the first commercially produced cigarettes? FRANCE
5. The song "dipsy Doodle" was the theme song of whose orchestra? LARRY CLINTON
6. How many oscars did Walt Disney win? 51
7. The name of Dagwood Bumstead's boss was....? MR. DITHERS

In response to my question of how to pronounce "Moen", the following:

Lloyd Richmond and Bill Lader had a recent conversation on this very subject and it seems that the correct pronunciation is "Moon". Mr Lader personally knew Oscar Moen Jr and that was the way he pronounced it. Let's hear from you.

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

- What's the speed of dark?
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- Why do psychics have to ask your name?

Don't be bashful, write or call me. Un load! speak up! volunteer! We especially need you to join the the ADOPT-A-SHORLINE project. Again, remember, it's your lake!!

I know you've thinking about it, now is the time to get out the check book, fill and detach the application below and send it to El Felton, 4182 Shady Lane, Rhinelander, WI 54501. We need involved landowners in order to accomplish the best job.

Thanks to ALL that have contributed to the growth and progress of our Association

Walt Gager

MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME(S): _____ DATE _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

RHINELANDER ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ e-MAIL: _____ AMOUNT: \$ _____

SIGNATURE: _____