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: ANNUAL MEETING: :
: 10:00AM, JULY 10, 2011 :
: PINE VALLEY LODGE :
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THE MOEN LAKE CHAIN ASSOCIATION HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Dan Kuzlik who was voted President at the July 11th Annual 2010 Meetig held at Pine Valley Lodge. Tom Cutler was voted Vice President and Jim Pederson was elected to complete Tom Cutler's term on the board. Dave Hansen and George Schroepfer were voted another three year term as board members. Walt Gager volunteered to assist Sally Lattimer on the Program & Event Committee following the resignation of Liz Richmond.

Incidentally, that committee is seeking to find, recover, identify or otherwise obtain any and all information pertinent to the history of the chain's families, properties, stories or memorabilia. If you have any of the previous and would like to share, contact Sally or Walt. This lake chain has a lot of history and we would like to preserve it, if possible.

ANNUAL MEETING

Preceding the meeting a CLEAN SWEEP program was held in front of the Pine Valley Recreation building. DNR's Sandy Wickman and our Kathy Winkler and Dan Carlson helped to identify various water plants or water animal specimans brought by lake owners. This event is planned to be held prior to each annual meeting in the future

Sixty six people attended the annual meeting at Pine Valley Lodge this year. A good (but could be better) turnout. After the meeting opened and the treasurer's and Secreary's report's were given, the committee reports received many good suggestions and questions. The discussions were peppy.

Kathy Winkler and Dan Kuzlik asked for help with the CleanBoats/CleanWater effort. Your Chain remains free of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to date. Squash Lake, just west of Cresent Lake, is the latest in the area near us to identify the presence of AIS. (see: "Your Shoreline").

Jim Pederson gave an excellent report on water quality efforts and described how, what and why it is being done. He gave an excellent, detailed description of the water quality and chemical procedures. Jim will Chair the water quality committee, as Donna Gager has retired. Thank you Donna for a job well done.

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skin in sideways, totally used up and worn out, shouting "Man what a life"

George Carlin

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ANNUAL PICNIC
August 14, 2010

The Program & Event report given by Sally Latimer covered the MCLA gear available and announced the second Annual picnic date and location (see "Lest You forget"). A suggestion that we should begin gathering historic information about the chain was discussed.

We hope that you all have and are visiting the MCLA website. Bill Disbrow described his "wants". Send him ANYTHING relevant to the chain. He will edit and post if he can.

Tom Cutler described the function of the Long Term Planning Committee, fielded questions and asked anybody interested in the future of the chain and your Association to contact him.

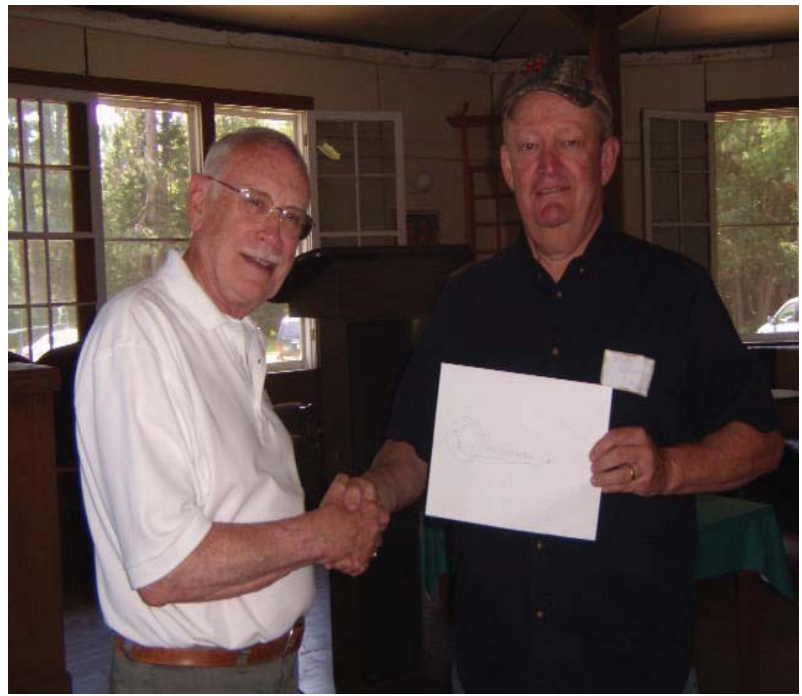
Grants were covered by Dan Kuzlik and it was noted that we have a new bulletin board/kiosk at the Moen Lake Boat Launch Site courtesy of the Charlie Baker Musky Club. Thanks Fellas.

After an open discussion and elections, Victoria Houston described her biggest mistakes in becoming an author. Vicky' spoke with wry humor about her growth as an author using her norhwoods experiences with people, places and things as a basis for her stories.

NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST

Over three dozen submissions arrived by snail mail, e-mail, car, boat and pony express. All of the names submitted were great and choosing the winners was difficult.

The \$50.00 first place was awarded to Bob and Nancy Rosero with the name MOENBEAMS accompanied with a neat graphic which will appear in the fall issue. The \$25.00 second place went to Nancy & Jim Deluhery with the cool double entendre "MOEN CHAIN MATTERS. Two Moen Chain Association logo caps were presented to John Sheedy, for third place, who submitted the name MOEN CHAIN LINKS (several similar names were submitted. The first arrival was chosen to compete). Thank you to all who took the time to participate. Door prize drawings concluded the meeting.



First Place to Bob Rosersa

SOMEMORES -FYI

Dan Carlson alerted me to this little tidbit of news. This year's Tribal Walleye fish spearing total was a record. 34,125 fish taken from Vilas, Oneida and Forrest counties. Tiny Mole Lake topped all the other tribes. The largest harvest in Oneida County was 777 Walleye and 11 musky from Pelican Lake. Boom, Laurel and Tomahawk lakes contributed no walleye but 8 musky were removed from the latter. Of the total, 5,209 were removed from Oneida County lakes. In Vilas county, Kentuck Lake contributed 1,128 walleye. Forest County contributed a total of 1,217 walleye from seven lakes. Our Chain was not included in the harvest this year.

LEST YOU FORGET

The second annual MCLA picnic is being held on AUGUST 14, 2010, from 3 to 8 PM at 3571 Cty. Rd "C" (on the river, just below the bridge & channel markers). Dan & Sally Kuzlik have again graciously opened their home for us. Last year 30 people attended. If you come bring a dish to pass, your beverage of choice and the substance you wish to place on the grill. Dishes, silverware, napkins, coffee and lemonade will be furnished. Also, bring something you think may be historic along. Pictures, stories, memories, articles....anything!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I bring you warm greetings, and I do mean warm, as I write my first newsletter article as the newly installed President of the Moen Lake Chain Association. It is a gorgeous 80 plus degree day in August, as I take my turn in leadership and stewardship for our great lake association. One of the reasons that I agreed to accept the position as President, is that our past leadership, most recently our "President-emeritus" Walt Gager, has handed over a leadership role in an organization that is in very good financial condition, has a fabulous hard working board and that is made up of a large number of talented and dedicated members. Thank you Walt, past leaders and association members!

Now for more musings.....While Sally & I and friends were paddling the North Branch of the Pelican between 3rd and 4th lake in late June, we came upon a dramatic sight of a loon, spread over her nest in the classic, camouflage pose that made her appear as a rock at the edge of the tamarack swamp. Had we not come as close as a kayak will allow, we would not have even noticed her presence. For the same reason, we were also so close to the beautiful bird that she broke her pose and immediately went into her broken wing act exposing two large, brown Loon eggs. We quickly left the area, but over a period of a week, we sadly watched from a distance as the two eggs in the nest become one, and then eventually, none. That is the way it is in the wild, but we were heartened to the fact that our beautiful lake chain is currently pristine enough to encourage Loon nesting on our waters. The other good news is that the haunting cries of Loons continue to be heard all across our lake chain.

I don't know if you have been following some of the DNR advertisements in the media regarding enforcement of laws forbidding the transport of any vegetation on boats, trailers, hitches etc. While we know how powerful educating the public is in stopping the spread of invasive species, the various law enforcement agencies across our state are now stepping up enforcement of the launch and transport laws. A case in point can be taken from an incident that occurred in the neighboring county to our north. DNR Water Guard John Preuss checked the public launch at pristine Allequash Lake in Vilas County and found a trailer with Eurasian water milfoil and zebra mussels hanging from it. When the boater returned to the launch, he told Preuss he was aware of aquatic species law but launched anyway with weeds attached. The man had fished earlier that week in Shawano Lake in Shawano County, which has aquatic invasives including Eurasian water-milfoil, rusty crayfish and zebra mussels. Preuss cited the man for launching a boat in state waters with invasive plants attached, which carries a penalty of \$389.50 for a first time offense. So, those of us working our own public landing on the main lake can offer this story to anyone who might think that the launch law has no teeth.

Speaking of boat landing monitoring, we all need to do our share. We cannot depend on "others" to do all the monitoring when this is a task we all need to share to protect the waters of our lake chain. You can make this a pleasant task by bringing along your spouse, a friend or even a good book. Package that with a thermos of coffee or another favorite beverage and your two hour shift will breeze by and you will feel great knowing that you are doing your part to protect the value of your lake property. So when Kathy Winkler comes calling, be prepared to say "Yes, I'll help". Finishing up my communiqué for this newsletter edition, let me take this opportunity to invite you to this years MCLA picnic at my and Sally's home at 3571 County Road C, on Saturday, August 14. Come by car or boat. Additional details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happy summer days,

Dan Kuzlik, President

YOUR SHORELINE – An editorial

Ya know, we, the property owners of our Chain of lakes, have something to be very proud of. The shorelines. Most of the chain's shores are natural. Yes, there some open areas with green grass but on the whole most property owners have not tried to city-fy there property. That's good because in the long run it's healthy for the lake waters. A natural shoreline reduces erosion and runoff from roofs, roads and other surfaces that don't absorb and filter the surface waters. On this note, I think many property owners do not understand the function and importance of the Association's ADOPT-A-SHORELINE program. We don't ask much and we don't expect a property owner to spend a lot of time. What we do ask is that each of us do what we do almost every day when we are here on vacation or permanently. That is, as you note the beauty of the your lake front periodically, consciously note any changes that have occurred since your last observation. Any new water plants? Animals? Debris? Anything out of the ordinary? Keep a record of the time spent and your observations. Complete a simple report and at the end of the season send it to the Association. These reports help us determine the health of our lakes, The data collected is part of our effort to find out what is happening to your (and Our) waters. Thanks for the effort in advance.

NORTHWOODS LAND TRUST

On July 11 the Northwoods Land Trust (NWLT) was presented an award by the Wisconsin DNR for a decade of river protection. With grants from the DNR's Northern River Initiative, NWLT has protected 700 acres and 2.5 miles of river frontage with conservation easements. These easements in Vilas, Oneida and Forest Counties include the Upper Wisconsin, Deerskin, Pelican, Eagle and Nine Mille Rivers.

This note is included here to inform members that there are advantages of creating a conservation easement on property that they might like to protect in some way for future generations. My wife and I recently protected 120 acres all facing on a black top road that was ripe for development. In fact there are subdivisions nearby. Now, that 120 acres can never be developed. It can be inherited, sold and used as recreation or renewable forestry, but no homes or roads – NO developme!.

Our advantages were self motivated but did provide tax incentives and continued ownership. We also have the land in the State Forest Management Program, which provides excellent tax advantages. If any member has land that they would like to preserve they should contact NWLT at: 715-479-2490 or via the web at: nwlt@northwoodslandtrust. Ask for Bryan, tell him Gager sent you. Or give me a call anytime.

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