

LLLPRD SPRING 2000

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Message From the Chairman

winter, you should be aware of activities concerning Lake Classification and Chippewa Bay. Be sure to attend the informational meeting regarding the Lakes Classification Issue mentioned at the bottom of this page and be heard. This session has been arranged specifically with seasonal lake people in mind.

The Lake District Commissioners will now number five rather than three as before. State Statutes mandate a commissioner from the Sampson Town Board, and Mike North was recently appointed to this position. Also, the Chippewa County Land Conservation Committee must appoint a commissioner to be approved by the County Board. This individual has not yet been approved, but we anticipate approval by the time of the annual meeting.

This raises the issue of District Bylaws. Our last revision was in 1982, and they do not reflect well the state statutes under which we function. I had suggested revision at the last annual meeting, but became too involved in other issues to pursue this. In light of recent discoveries, this was a fortunate course of events. One discovery is that we must follow the state Open Meeting Law. So we must either revise the bylaws, or abolish them altogether and simply follow the state statutes. This later course was recommended by a UW Extension Lakes Specialist attorney with whom I have been in contact. This means that we just follow state statutes and any revisions to the law, without the necessity of revising bylaws ever again. This will be an agenda item at the annual meeting, and your commissioners intend to recommend that we abandon the bylaws entirely as recommended by the extension

attorney.

Lastly, the issue of insurance is again before us. Even though only 10% of lake districts in the state carry insurance, and claims are very infrequent and rarely successful, we think that with added individuals serving as commissioners, so-called "errors and omissions coverage" is necessary. But the company recommended by WAL with whom I spoke will not write limited coverage. They specialize in lake insurance protection and recommend insurance to include liability coverage including errors and omission for the commissioners and civil rights coverage as well as non-owned auto coverage. The agent with whom I spoke was especially concerned about the picnic and other liability regarding non-owned auto. We are obtaining other opinions and quotes and will present this again at the annual meeting. Our quote is for about \$1500, and it would necessitate an annual tax levy.

Heres to a wonderful summer 2000. AND IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER, PLEASE CONTACT ME! This is your organization, please be active.

-Tom Doyle, Chairman

A public information session about shoreland zoning revision is scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Sampson Town Hall. This meeting is for all lake property owners in the Blue Diamond Area. The County Zoning Committee and Zoning Department are near completion of the revised ordinance, so please bring your questions and concerns and find out what the plan is for the future.

**Zoning
Meeting
June 3,**

LLLPRD 25th Anniversary



The LLLPRD Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m. at Sampson Town Hall. This will be the 25th anniversary of the first LLLPRD meeting in 1975. Anniversary refreshments will be served, and many vital issues will be discussed.

Topics on the agenda include the fate of Camp Chippewa Bay, water quality preservation and the status of the County Land Conservation and Zoning Committees regarding proposed classification and zoning of Lower Long Lake. The proposed budget for 2000-2001 will be voted on with a

possible vote for a tax levy. The budget is outlined in detail in this newsletter so that everyone will be prepared for the discussion and vote.

As always, this meeting is important to the future of Lower Long Lake. Please attend and help everyone celebrate 25 years of successful lake protection and rehabilitation!

Two Become One

The Fish Stocking Committee has now been merged with the Lake Water Quality Committee, and future reports will be forthcoming from that combined group. It appears that the walleye and small mouth bass populations continue to do well, and these fish are no longer being stocked (walleyes since 1963, smallmouth bass since 1975). Efforts to stock panfish will depend on the results of this year's fish survey which was recently completed by the DNR. A report will be available at the annual meeting.

The DNR installed 28 new cribs built by the Wisconsin Conservation Corps and students from Bloomer High School's Adopt-a-Lake program. A map indicating these crib

sites as well as those placed since 1992 is posted at the county park launch site.

Cookies, coffee, conversation and cement provided all the committee needed to build concrete and log structures for bass spawning habitats. Although the design is new, the concept has been used on Long Lake in the past and has been shown to be effective in providing sites for bass spawning activity. Come join us for our next construction session. Call Lou Frase at 967-2339.

WAL 2000 Convention

Tom Doyle & Jan Frase attended the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Convention this year and found that the most difficult aspect of the convention was how to choose from so many interesting workshop topics. Information was presented by experts and shared by lake groups from all over Wisconsin about issues such as lake preservation/conservancy programs, water quality, aquatic biology and ecology, shoreline restoration, wetlands, legal and management tools for lake organizations, boating and recreation, volunteer monitoring programs, maintaining a sense of community on lakes and invasive exotic species.

Jan Frase brought back a slide program and hands-on materials about "Aquatic Exotics" which can be seen at

the annual meeting. The big four exotics affecting Wisconsin waters are purple loosestrife, Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels and rusty crayfish. The southeastern counties are most heavily impacted now, but the exotics are spreading rapidly.

Eurasian milfoil is found in 53 Wisconsin counties at 319 sites. Island and Holcombe lakes have purple loosestrife problems, and Long Lake has rusty crayfish. Educational signs about how to prevent the spread of exotics will be posted at the boat landing.

Come to the annual meeting to find out what the exotics look like, how they are spreading and how their continued spread can be prevented by conscientious lake users.

"There is as yet no ethic dealing with man's relation to land and to the animals and plants which grow upon it. Land...is still property. The land-relation is still strictly economic, entailing privileges but not obligations. The extension of ethics to [land] is...an ecological necessity."

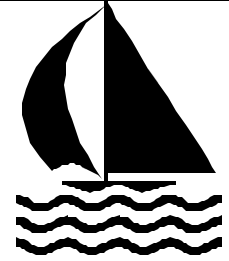
-Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

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Happy 25th Anniversary,
LLLPRD!!



Boating Safety Classes - From the Bloomer Advance



Boat operators can better protect their health and save money on insurance rates by enrolling in approved boating safety courses that are available now, says John Lacenski, Department of Natural Resources boating safety specialist.

Boat safety training is mandatory only for 12- through 15- year olds who will be operating a motorboat without adult supervision, but it's a good idea for everyone.

Says Lacenski, "The majority of boating accidents involve adults, so it's very advantageous for them to take the

course. If they have no boating background, they can learn some of the basics. If they are experienced, they can refresh and improve their skills."

In addition, most insurance companies do offer discounts on boat insurance to boating class graduates. The discounts can cut boat insurance premiums by 5 to 10 percent.

Nationwide, 85 percent of fatalities in 1999 involved boat operators with no formal boating instruction.

In Wisconsin, residents can get certified through DNR classes taught by volunteer instructors and by the

nonprofit U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron.

For dates, times and details about boating courses offered by the DNR, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron, call your local DNR service center, check the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.wi.us or contact the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at 1-800-368-5647 or the U.S. Power Squadron at 1-888-367-8777.

Waterfront Owners Landscape in an Environmentally Safe Way - From the Bloomer Advance

Prospective and long-time waterfront property owners now have an easily accessible source of information to learn how to landscape, build and pursue other activities that enhance their property and protect the environment.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan Wisconsin Environmental Initiative, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Realtors Association and the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, has prepared a comprehensive Waterfront Property Checklist. It is available in print and on the World Wide Web, according to Gary Heinrichs, a Department of Natural Resources shoreland planner who was involved in producing the checklist.

The document is intended to offer property owners information that will

help them establish a healthy, natural, low-maintenance landscape that doesn't harm the very features that attracted them to the land in the first place - native plants and wildlife and good water quality among them, Heinrichs says. A natural, low maintenance landscape can limit erosion and protect water quality, attract a diverse wildlife community, preserve fish habitat, provide natural screening and endow their waterfront yard with a lively and colorful array of native vegetation.

Information about local, state and federal laws affecting waterfront property are also listed, along with other useful publications and organizations that have taken a stake in protecting Wisconsin's waters. The checklist can be viewed on the Wisconsin Environmental Initiative's

web site at: www.wi-ei.org. It can also be ordered by contacting the following organizations:

- Wisconsin Environmental Initiative 608-280-0360
- Wisconsin Lake Management Partnership 715-346-2116, www.uwexplakes.uwsp.edu
- Wisconsin Realtors Association 608-241-2047, www.wra.org
- Wisconsin Association of Lakes 608-662-0923, www.nalms.org/wal/wal.htm.

Third Annual Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The date for the Annual Picnic is just around the corner! The picnic will be held at Morris-Erickson Park (Hwy. 40) on Saturday, June 10, at 11:30 a.m. As in years past, hamburgers and their condiments will be provided. Please bring your own beverages, a dish to pass and lawn chairs on which to sit and

enjoy the day.

Call Lesley Sauls (715-967-2152) to participate in the final planning of this third annual picnic. It has been a fun, successful day in the past, and we hope to have another year with a great turnout. This will be a great way to celebrate the 25th year of the LLLPRD!



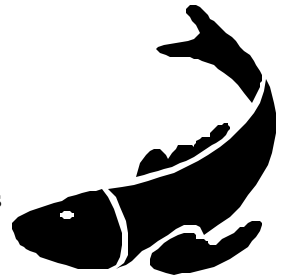
FISH AND WATER QUALITY

Did you know that Long Lake is one of four Wisconsin lakes that have been extensively studied over the last 25 years? The fish and water quality committee recently completed a review of the massive amounts of data accumulated over this period and have answers to a number of questions about our lake water quality. Phosphorous is indeed the chemical responsible for the emergence of algae blooms which represent the major threat to enjoyable waters across Wisconsin. Half Moon lake in Eau Claire and Lake Tainter in Menomonie are examples of lakes which have excess phosphorous levels resulting

in algae blooms that are said to be so thick that one could almost walk across the lake. In addition to the aesthetic quality, the odor of decaying algae is not pleasant. Attempts to rectify this situation once it has occurred are very expensive. Alum treatment of over-nourished lakes can help to solve the problem temporarily but costs \$400-\$800/ acre. Long Lake, being about 1000 acres, would cost \$400- \$800 thousand dollars to treat.

The good news is that prevention costs very little but requires knowledge, thought, and concerned lakeshore property owners. For example, do you

know the major sources of phosphorous input into Long Lake?



What about the contribution of septic systems? How close are we to the danger zone of serious algae blooms as occurred on Round Lake in 1993? For answers to these questions and more be sure to attend this years annual meeting on July 29, where the answers to these questions and more will be presented by your Fish and Water Quality Committee.

Organic Fertilizers Available

Renaissance Fertilizers, Inc. has an organic nitrogen, all natural, soybean based fertilizer available in 6-0-6 formula for homeowners who are concerned about the effects of phosphorous run-off. This fertilizer is safe for people and pets and does not tend to leach or run off into lakes, streams, rivers or ponds. In two years of testing at Iowa State University, Renaissance fertilizers out-performed every all natural they were tested against. Nitrogen is an integral part of the natural matter which breaks down gradually to give plants a slow gentle feed

without burning. Because fertilizers and the phosphates they contain are such a threat to the lake environment, it is nice to know that there are alternatives available. To receive more information about this fertilizer, contact Renaissance Fertilizers, Inc. at 5275 Edina Industrial Blvd., Edina, MN 55435. Their phone number is 612-897-0090 or 1-800-395-4769. More information is available on the Web at www.organicfertilizer.com.



LLLPRD Committee Chairs

If there are issues in this newsletter about which you feel strongly, please contact the appropriate Commissioner or Committee Chair. Their names and phone numbers are as follows:

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PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET

\$2000.00 Tax Levy to be Voted on at July 29th Annual Meeting

	Spent to date	Budgeted	Proposed
Publicity expenses (newsletters, mailings, etc.)	\$421.53	\$400.00	\$500.00
Fish /water quality committee	\$54.74	0	\$100.00
Fish stocking	0	\$100.00	0
Miscellaneous: Plaque for Chairman Blue Diamond Lakes Coalition 98-99	\$200.86 *Included costs	0	\$100.00
CVORA membership	*	0	\$50.00
Secretary/Treas. fees	*	0	\$50.00
Picnic	0	\$150.00	\$150.00
Property Committee	0	\$50.00	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	0	0	\$1500.00
Adopt-A-Lake	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
WALS meeting and membership	\$298.25 +\$187.50	\$500.00 +\$187.50	\$500.00 +\$187.50
TOTAL	\$1412.88	\$1637.50	\$3437.50
Current Checkbook Balance			\$2434.79