

LLLPRD SPRING 2003

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Message From the Chairman

Spring has come! The ice was here on April 12 and gone when we awoke the next morning. The first open water morning we enjoyed watching a loon just off our shore and by late afternoon we enjoyed watching the first boat, with a water ski show. When the ice goes out, new lake activities quickly begin. Hope this finds each of you looking forward to the enjoyment of the coming season on the lake.

This winter has had little Lake District activity, which I feel is good news. Without the activity of shoreline zoning issues and DNR studies being released, there have not been any state or county issues before the Board.

This past year it has been the goal of the Board to develop means to represent the majority of all district property owners. This is important and necessary to balance the interests of lake shoreline property owners with DNR plans, county zoning, etc. To meet this goal, the Board must have regular open meetings, improve member communications, publish meeting results and encourage member input. This year the Board met regularly, put on-line our own [lllprd.org](http://www.lllprd.org) website, and continue with a great newsletter. The goal for member input and access to district business is being met. It is my feeling the Board can now and in the future better represent our member needs.

With a great deal of thanks to [John Kinyon](#), your [lllprd.org](http://www.lllprd.org) web site now contains numerous items of interest from your board and our membership. The web site is designed to inform members and encourage your input. Member input can be about lake history, lake activities, future project ideas,

current district activities, questions relating to DNR, county or district programs, or simply photos. Links can also be added to items that are of member interest. This is your website to contribute items that you wish to share with others on the lake.

We hope you had a chance to view this new means of communication and that you find it interesting, entertaining, helpful and informative. We encourage and look forward to your contributions.

My three years on the Board have given me considerably more insight into our responsibilities as lakeshore property owners. At this time, I feel that our district does not have a great deal of purpose, but that it is important to keep it in place with an accountable Board to properly represent us when necessary. Our goal now is to encourage members to take an interest in their Board, express their ideas to help shape Board policy, and perhaps even volunteer for a rewarding term on the Board. Hopefully the base is now in place for our government District to represent the majority of the shoreline owners of Long Lake.

Communications must be such that the Board can represent the majority of all District property owners. This was a key goal during my term. However, I am still concerned with how few members become involved or even express any interest in the direction of our district. I encourage your comments and participation in Board activities. Since we all love this lake, you may find that whatever you contribute will be rewarding.

LLLPRD 28th Annual Meeting

The LLLPRD Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m. at Sampson Town Hall. Refreshments will be served, and many vital issues will be discussed.

Meeting agenda items include a report of the development plans for the South Chippewa Bay area and a report on the new LLLPRD web site. Pat Andress will discuss the progress of her grant projects, and committee reports will be expected. A Foundation report will be presented, and new business will be discussed as necessary.

The proposed budget for 2003-2004 will be discussed

and voted on. The preliminary proposed budget is outlined in detail in this newsletter so that everyone will be prepared for the discussion and vote. A proposed budget will also be posted at the Town Hall prior to the annual meeting for public consideration.

If you will be unable to attend the meeting but are interested in voting by absentee ballot, please contact Wayne Sauls (967-2152) or Guy Wood (967-2248).

WAL 2003 Convention -by Pat Andress

I had the privilege of enjoying three days at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention which featured groups, organizations and institutions that celebrate Wisconsin waters. 2003 is Wisconsin's Year of Water.

The convention is the largest of its kind in the nation and is another example of Wisconsin's leadership. Important information and data was presented and discussed and is available on UW Extension, WAL and DNR web sites. It was very valuable to hear from presenters and convention attendees who have a passion for lakes and people. A theme that prevailed throughout the conference was: The Power of Citizen Voice.

The present challenges of lake

and land use in Wisconsin depend on citizen voice and involvement. We need to understand issues and talk about them in positive ways. Citizens need to build bridges and keep trying.

A District With a Purpose

There is power in citizen voice, and it is this power that makes us a district with a purpose.

Lake districts and associations are organized groups of citizens who have an opportunity to make a difference with "people power." Here at LLLPRD, there are examples of individuals who are making a difference, and it is with gratitude that we think of them and of those who have come before them.

Thinking about our vision for the future, we could ask ourselves four questions:

What do we want to protect?

Why?

What do we want to rehabilitate?

Why?

For more information about the conference please contact commissioner Pat Andress (967-2518).

LLLPRD Kayaking Program

More than 30 people were at the Ice Age Center to celebrate Wisconsin's Year of Water on Saturday, April 26, 2003. It was LLLPRD's third program, ***Kayaking: Fun on the Water*** and featured Scott Johnson from Spring Street Sports/ Trail Head Sports.

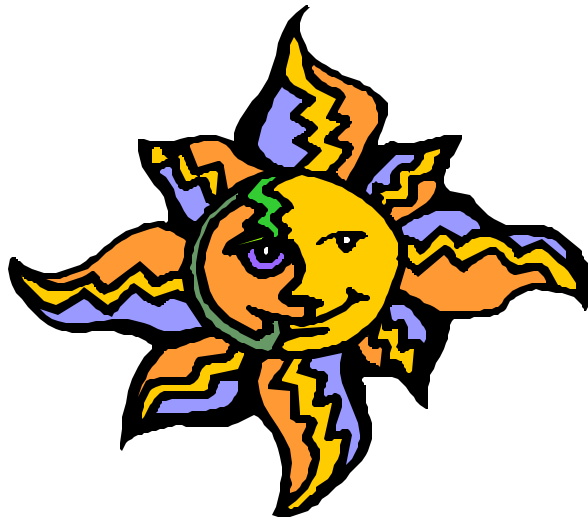
Scott brought one kayak into the meeting room to use for his presentation. He explained the history of kayaks and stated that in recent years recreational interests in kayaking have increased. Kayaks are human powered, good for upper body exercise and are convenient for one person to use. They are very versatile.

Scott showed various features of kayaks such as the size and shape of hulls, compositions and designs. He demonstrated how to put on a skirt and how to get in and out of a kayak. Many accessories were discussed including two models of life preserver. Many questions were answered by Scott who is an experienced kayaker.

During the last part of the program, the group gathered outside around four kayak models while Scott compared features, uses and prices. He encouraged interested people to meet at Chippewa City, Lake Wissota for demonstration sessions on Wednesday evenings. Directions and details will be on our website <www.lllprd.org>.

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Welcome Summer!!
From the LLLPRD



MORRIS-ERICKSON PARK PROJECT



The DNR project at Morris-Erickson Park will involve Bloomer High School students who will help with maintenance of the planting area, replacing plants and adding signage. New labels have been ordered for the plants that are attractive and easier to read. There will be a container near the site with an informational brochure about native plants.



LAKE DISTRICT WEB SITE LOGO CONTEST

<lllprd.org> needs a logo. Your design could be chosen by a vote of district members at the 2003 annual meeting! Now is your chance to be creative. Please [send your entry to the webmaster](#) before 15 Jun 2003. JPEG or GIF files are preferred, however hardcopy will also be accepted.

If anyone has anything else for the web site, including items that come and go quickly as well as items with longevity, please send them.



LLLPRD SPONSORED PROGRAMS HELD AT CHIPPEWA MORAINES ICE AGE CENTER

The LLLPRD has been sponsoring programs at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center to benefit all who are interested in wildlife and nature. The first programs have been successful.

The second LLLPRD sponsored program at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center was held on Saturday, March 29. The program featured professional wildlife photographer Caroline Chatterton. Caroline's slides were a visual treat, and her message was clear: it is important to protect natural areas and habitats for wildlife.

Almost 40 people enjoyed Chatterton's photos of wildlife in natural settings. Children and

adults asked thoughtful questions, and one of the young people, Michon Pagitt, won a beautiful robin print door prize.

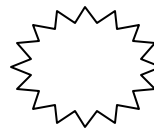
The third LLLPRD sponsored program at the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center was held on Saturday, April 26. The program featured kayaks and their uses. It was an opportunity to learn more about this human powered watercraft for wilderness type recreational experiences. Topics included paddles, accessories, construction details, design choices, care, and use of kayaks.

The fourth LLLPRD sponsored program is a possible three-hour rain garden workshop in June. Rain gardens capture

runoff from parking areas, driveways, walkways, or decks and often use native plants which are beneficial to birds and butterflies. A workshop to learn more about rain gardens would target site selection and preparation, native plant choices and site maintenance.

"Rain gardens are shallow depressions designed to collect rain--typically from impervious surfaces such as roofs--and let plants, bacteria, and soils clean the water as it seeps its way into the ground," writes Karen Cozzetto about rain gardens. For more information about rain gardens and Karen Cozzetto, go to www.consciouschoice.com/environs/raingardens1405.html

Summer Solstice Picnic



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Annual Picnic is just around the corner and will be held on Saturday, June 21, the summer solstice! The festivities begin at noon at Morris-Erickson Park (Hwy. 40). As in years past, hamburgers and their condiments will be provided. Please bring your own beverages, a dish to pass, friendly conversation and lawn chairs on which to sit and enjoy the longest day of the year.

An added feature at the LLLPRD picnic will be two pontoon classrooms staffed by Deb Konkel and Buzz Sorge from the DNR. These DNR specialists will discuss aquatic plants and water quality.

We are looking for a burger griller for the party. If you are a champion burger maker, please call Guy Wood at 967-2248. We are also looking for someone willing to host future picnics. Interested? Call Lesley Sauls at 967-2152.

Foundation Report - by Wally Schulenberg



Our Foundation was established in 1996 for the purpose of preserving undeveloped lake frontage. Since that time, we have acquired five parcels of property. Four were outright gifts. One was a partial donation supplemented by grant funds. These properties are protected by recorded conservation easements from any future development.

Our status as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization allows any monetary or property donation to qualify as a charitable tax deduction. In the case of a land donation, the Foundation will pay all of the costs related to the land title transfer (including survey), an appraisal for tax purposes and recording fees. If you have undeveloped land you want to preserve in its natural state, please contact any of the Foundation board members.

Our original board members were Tom Doyle, Jake Farrell, Rich Kracum, Jim Schroeder and Wally Schulenberg. Members are allowed to serve three three-year terms and are elected by the members of the Lake District at the annual meeting. This year, Jim Schroeder's term expires, so a new board member will be elected. The other original members will be replaced, two in 2004 and the remaining two in 2005.

Thanks to all who have contributed money and land to our successful endeavor.

The Fish and Water Quality Committee Report The State of the Lake - 2002



-by Lou Frase

The data are in! We received the annual report on our lake monitoring efforts, and the state of the lake is good.

1. Secchi depth (July - August) averaged 11 feet. Average for the NW geo-region was 9 feet. Secchi depth is a measure of the clarity of our water.
2. Average summer chlorophyll (a measure of algae population) was 4 micrograms/liter. NW geo-region average is 12 micrograms/liter.
3. Total phosphorous average was 16 micrograms/liter. NW geo-region average is 31 micrograms/liter. Lakes that have more than 20 micrograms/liter and impoundments that have more than 30 may experience noticeable algae blooms.
4. The overall TSI (Trophic State Index) is 46 which

places the lake in the mesotrophic category, a category that is characterized by moderately clear water but has an increasing chance of low dissolved oxygen in deep water during the summer. Since bait fish live in deeper water, this can be a potential problem.

As you may recall UW Stevens Point is tabulating our oxygen data accumulated by Buzz Sorge of the Wisconsin DNR. This very interesting report should be available by our annual meeting.

LLLPRD Committee Chairs



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No Chair...please contact a commissioner for information

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Proposed 2003-2004 Budget

CATEGORY	'02-'03	SPENT	PROPOSED
Fish/water quality committee	\$100.00	\$0	\$100.00
Projects and Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$22.72	\$100.00
Picnic	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Property Committee	\$50.00	\$0	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	\$949.00	\$949.00	\$949.00
Fish Cribs	\$300.00	\$0	\$300.00
WAL meeting and membership	\$687.50	\$494.00	\$725.00
Publicity Committee	\$600.00	\$448.65	\$650.00
TOTALS	\$2836.50	\$1964.37	\$2924.00

Looking For a New Commissioner

At every annual meeting, a new commissioner is elected to serve on the District Board. The position is held for three years and includes the possibility of secretary/treasurer and chairman positions.

It is time again to elect that commissioner. If you are interested in being a driving force in protecting Lower Long Lake and would like to serve on the District Board, please contact a current board member so that we can put your name on the ballot for this rewarding experience of being a part of the LLLPRD.



About the Budget...

The Fish and Water Quality committee has not had any expenditures this year but last year spent \$89.15 on printing costs associated with the distribution of Sensitive Area Study materials. Normal expenditures include printing and distribution of materials and maintenance of water testing equipment.

This year the district received two grants. The first is an ongoing Morris-Erickson Park Shoreline project, led by Pat Andress with efforts and materials contributed by Bloomer High School students and the Chippewa County Parks Department. The other is for a Water Trails project under development by Darlene Glass. These grants were obtained with only the financial weight of personal time used as the district's matching share.

The Miscellaneous budget has covered expenditures such as buoy maintenance, annual meeting refreshments, secretary/treasurer supplies and an outgoing chairman donation made to the Foundation.

The Picnic budget has generally been well supplemented by donations, \$93 this last year. The cost of the picnic includes the cost of a postcard mailing just prior to the event to improve participation.

The Property Committee is currently without a chair, and no expenditures are expected, but maintenance of the proposed budget is recommended so funds are available for future expenditures.

Liability Insurance cost is expected to remain stable.

The Fish Crib budget is designed to fund the construction of fish cribs for our lake jointly with other private and governmental agencies as has been done in the past. This year, just as last year, the resources from other contributors have not been available, and the logistics of delivering the cribs to an appropriate site on the lake in the spring has been restrictive. The district board recommends maintaining a fund for this project to be used in the future when other contributing resources can be obtained.

WAL budget includes the district's annual dues, which have increased from \$187.50 to \$225, and funding to send delegates to the convention. Normal convention expenses include registration, \$165/person, and lodging, generally \$50.00/night for two nights. Only one delegate was able to attend the 2003 convention, but three delegates attended in 2002.

Publicity expenses are printing and mailing the newsletters and postcards, supplies, and now the new web site costs. Web site costs include web hosting by CVOL, \$125/year, and domain name registration, \$85/3-years, and possible software expenditures. Our web master, John Kinyon, provides his services free of charge. This budget was raised \$50 to cover the web site.

The district has operated yearly without exceeding the budget approved. Unspent funds are maintained in the district checking account and used toward the future budgets. This is the reason the actual levy for the district varies from year to year. The district mil rate has remained stable at 0.07 for several years.