

# LLLPRD SUMMER 2004

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## Message From the Chairman

This year the board would like to embark upon the formation of a lake management plan as a tool that will enable our board to make informed decisions in the future. The plan will be a culmination of ideas from a committee that has yet to be created. It will be made up of district constituents and other lake users working with lake management professionals.

Enclosed is a survey that will assure no one "squeaky wheel" will direct the entire process. Please add to it, for it may not ask the questions you want to hear or solicit the opinion that you want to give. Give it your time, please, because it's all about the quality of the water we value.

*The management plan is not designed to infringe upon your rights as a property owner.* Maybe I need to say that twice, so we all know it for sure. We each still have a personal responsibility to comply with the local zoning regulations, practice sound management of our shoreland zone to minimize the impact our presence has on water quality, and to individually make changes to maintain it. Assurances that the plan is not designed to infringe upon our property rights come when we each provide input to the plan.

One of the reasons the board believes that a management plan is required is because we need to have a consensus on certain items. This consensus can be reached by everyone providing their opinions. We know that not everyone will agree with each other, but providing the board with your ideas helps develop a plan that is the creation of the constituents and other lake users and provides future direction for our district. This direction will be what drives our budgets, our actions, and our goals for the future of Lower Long Lake.

There are many things that go into the creation of a lake management plan, and we are fortunate to have many pieces of information required to create a comprehensive plan. In 2001, we completed a watershed analysis. This mapped the land area that influences our water and analyzed the potential impact based on typical land usage patterns. Although this analysis is not a perfect picture of our impact, it provides some framework for the improvement of our water quality. Our lake also

has had the scrutiny of the DNR for many years. The water quality data, aquatic habitat documentation, and fishery information they have collected will be incorporated into the management plan. The final document created will be issued to all District members. Whatever else is included in the document will be up to those who volunteer to take part in its creation.

When considering individual input into this plan we should all think of what we want out of this lake in the future. I think that many of us are happy with the status quo regarding the quality of our water, and we don't know with complete confidence what the future will bring. But just resting on our laurels is not a good stance to take. We need to be ready for the future and have a direction for the District.

There are many variables that we cannot control as riparian owners, but there are many ways to respond to the potential problems that confront us. I believe the quality of our lake water will be an issue at some point in the future that may require extensive resources. We are lucky to not have the problems many lakes in our area are burdened by: loss of fisheries, algae blooms, green water and exotic species infiltration, yet we could be the next.

The LLLPRD board needs an action plan to deal with and decisively act on any problems as they arrive, and we need your help to do it. So if ever there were a time for you to volunteer, now is that time. Please start by picking up a pen and filling out the enclosed survey so that we can start to mold the future of Lower Long Lake into something that you will be proud of.

I closing, I want to thank those of you that have made a difference for our district. In my years as a public servant, I have grown to know some of you well, but there are others I have still yet to meet. I hope not to see just the same faces at the annual meetings over and over again, and the same core group participating in committee activities. I guess what I'm saying is, well, we need new blood, and if you value the water quality of our lake, maybe you can make a difference too. Step up to the plate, it's your turn....

# LLLPRD 29th Annual Meeting



The LLLPRD Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 9:00 a.m. at Sampson Town Hall. Refreshments will be served, and many vital issues will be discussed.

Meeting agenda items include the discussion of the enclosed survey's results and a lake management plan that will incorporate them. Individual committees will make reports including one from the Foundation. A commissioner for the Lake District and two board members for the Foundation will be elected. New business will be discussed as necessary.

The proposed budget for 2004-2005 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 have an issue that you would like to bring to the table, please contact Wayne Sauls (967-2152).

## The Nature of Water -by Pat Andress



It was the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay on April 15-17, 2004. What an opportunity; an event offered by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership: government, university, and WAL working together. It is the oldest and best-attended lake meeting in the U.S.A., and 2004 broke attendance records.

Government leaders talked about lakes, including Governor Jim Doyle, DNR Secretary Scott Hassett and Tourism Secretary Jim Holperin. United States Senator Russ Feingold stated that clean water is not a "fringe issue." He spoke of the interconnected nature of water and wetlands.

Experts on lake plants, fish, water quality, and shoreland restoration, gave effective presentations. They answered questions and talked directly to participants. "Give a Rip for Riparian" was a session where the meaning of being a riparian landowner was explored. Dave Thorson discussed the importance of riparian areas for protecting the entire lake ecosystem.

Related to the riparian session was Tom Girolamo's discussion on the aesthetics of your lakeshore. He answered questions about reducing lawn maintenance, increasing wildlife

habitat, and choices for shoreline plantings. Girolamo represented Eco-Building and Forestry, LLC.

Another session reinforced LLLPRD's program at the Ice Age Center about infiltration practices of rain gardens. In this session case studies were presented to show how you can infiltrate storm water runoff on your waterfront property, helping to protect water quality and enabling groundwater recharge.

Attorney Bill O'Connor enlightened participants with the latest waterfront court decisions and pending legislative initiatives. Of special interest are changes to Chapter 33 that affect lake organization law and water law. One change that will affect the election of district commissioners eliminates absentee voting for them.

There was a session on the lawn phosphorus controversy, and during the convention it was announced that Dane County had passed a phosphorous fertilizer ban. The speaker challenged folks to take a detailed look at water quality research from developed and undeveloped lakes. He referred to the Minnesota P fertilizer ban at lakes in the Metro area.

Lowell Klessig involved participants in a discussion of values and the

considerations of land and water quality within value systems. What is the depth of our connection to our environment?

Randy Korb had live amphibians in his frog workshop as he talked about the wonders of frogs and toads, their identifying features and sounds. He also told of their declining populations and deformities.

Rick Gauger from West Wisconsin Land Trust was one of the speakers about conservation easements and other land protection tools. He told the success story of Wayward Beaver Lodge on Long Lake.

Thursday was devoted to one of the recommendations of the Waters of Wisconsin initiative that Wisconsin support, expand, and improve volunteer monitoring programs and coordinate an effective statewide volunteer monitoring network. Examples include self-help lake monitoring programs and volunteer watercraft monitoring.

I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the full conference. I would like to see more Long Lake folks participate next year.

*For more information about this conference or any of the items presented, please contact commissioner Pat Andress (967-2518).*

# Proposed 2004-2005 Budget

CATEGORY	'03-'04	SPENT	PROPOSED
Fish/water quality committee	\$100.00	\$0	\$100.00
Projects and Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$71.00	\$100.00
Picnic	\$50.00	\$0	\$50.00
Property Committee	\$50.00	\$0	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	\$949.00	\$1020.00	\$1020.00
Fish Cribs	\$300.00	\$0	\$300.00
WAL meeting and membership	\$725.00	\$533.00	\$725.00
Publicity Committee	\$650.00	\$449.03	\$650.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2924.00</b>	<b>\$2073.03</b>	<b>\$2995.00</b>

## Lower Long Lake Water Trail Map

Enclosed with this newsletter is the new Lower Long Lake Water Trail map. Funded by DNR Lake Planning Grant SPL-038-03 and created by Darlene Glass and Kurt Lothe with the help of the Grasskamp family, this map outlines DNR Identified Sensitive Areas in our 1052-acre lake.

The Long Lake Water Trail has been designed to deepen awareness of the lake's importance as a recreational, historical and ecological wonder. Enjoy your personal water tour of the lake with your new Water Trail map!



## Foundation Report

At this year's annual District meeting, the Foundation will elect two directors from district constituents. Directors serve three year terms, with a maximum of three terms. The outgoing directors, Wally Schulenberg and Rich Kracum, have both served the maximum three terms. Many thanks to Wally for spearheading the inception the Foundation and serving during its prosperous growth. Rich Kracum has brought credibility, expertise and professionalism to the board. The Foundation currently is processing the donation of another parcel of land to perpetual conservancy. If you are interested in serving as a director or have an interest in making a donation to the Foundation, please contact Wayne Sauls (967-2152) at your convenience.

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In order to provide timely notification of events, we have begun publishing the "LLLPRD Bulletin" on our website at [http://lllprd.org/Newsletter\\_index.htm](http://lllprd.org/Newsletter_index.htm). The Bulletin is sent by e-mail and discusses pending issues, announces upcoming meetings, and provides useful reference information.

We also offer Lake News by e-mail. In addition to U.S. Mail, you will get our newsletter, in color, several days earlier.

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## LLLPRD Committee Chairs



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# Lake Friendly Landscapers



Looking for a landscapers/installers who specializes in lakeshore landscaping? Following are two possibilities that have been brought to the attention of the LLLPRD board members.

Tom Girolama, Eco-Building and Forestry, created the "Systems For Success in Sustainable Landscapes." The "Systems" include unique ways to approach design, installation of plants and materials, and long term protection and maintenance of sustainable landscapes for lakeshore properties. Eco-Building & Forestry has a staff of natural resource professionals that does all of the design and installation of their products. Phone: 715-344-2817, Web page: [www.eco-buildingandforestry.com](http://www.eco-buildingandforestry.com)

Daniel Dix, Wood Spirit Gardens, is a landscape designer/installer who specializes in creating custom landscapes that harmonize with the existing environment. Dix has given seminars at Minnesota Arboretum in Chanhassen, MN and Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, WI. WoodSpirit Gardens is reviving an ancient landscape practice of stone construction, particularly the more primitive type, that features construction of a dry stacked stone wall. This is an example of WoodSpirit Gardens' emphasis on natural landscaping, which focuses on positive steps that can be taken to avoid and reverse environmental injury caused by improper approaches to landscaping. Phone: 888-947-2414, Web page: [www.woodspiritgardens.com](http://www.woodspiritgardens.com)

## 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](http://www.organicfertilizer.com).



## Wisconsin's Lake Courtesy Code

Wisconsin Association of Lakes / [www.wisconsinlakes.org](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org)

### *In the hope that everyone has fun:*

The demands we're placing on our lakes are growing, and so are the variety of our water toys. Competition for space and a flood of activities can cause conflict. Some lake dwellers want peace and quiet, while others prefer adventure – which sometimes can be loud and disruptive. The way we treat our lakes affects creatures who need to live in them. If what we do makes it impossible for them to live there, it also signals that the quality of the waters we enjoy has been damaged.

### *It's a matter of "R-E-S-P-E-C-T."*

**RESPECT:** Respect the rights and needs of others.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Enjoy wildlife from a distance. Leave what's natural undisturbed.

**SAFETY:** Heed boating regulations. Adjust your speed to your surroundings.

**PEACE:** Reduce noise to a minimum and reduce your wake.

**ENJOYMENT:** Have fun and share the moments with your friends.

**CONSIDERATION:** Be aware of and responsive to the needs of others, including the creatures who live in the waters and along the shores.

**TRASH REMOVAL:** Dispose of it properly or take it home. Leave only a small footprint.