



Lake Mildred and Clear Lake Property Owners Association

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mick Howen

Hello neighbors and members of Lake Mildred & Clear Lake Property Owners Association. Last year, I wrote "Wow, we have had an interesting winter and I'm sure we are all looking forward to warmer weather". I think this winter topped last year and, quite frankly, the warmer temps may have some of us a little concerned (that snow has to go somewhere). Still, with all the lakes have to offer, I'm sure we'll be enjoying it in no time.

Please know you are still a valued member and we need to hear from you. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to get them to us. After all, we can't truly represent you and what is best for the lake, if we don't have you involved. Also, please take the initiative to get others involved. Our membership is very important and I hope each one of you will work to get others to join.

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 25th at 9am at the Newbold Town Hall. As always, at the meeting, you can also expect a treasurer's report and updates on fund raising, Clean Boats/Clean Water, fish stocking and other topics of interest. Please attend and encourage your neighbors to attend. Again, we appreciate and need your involvement.

We will have a Board of Directors election at the September meeting.
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Author Ted Rulseh to Speak at May Membership Meeting

The speaker for our May 25th membership meeting is Ted Rulseh, the author of "A Lakeside Companion" published by the University of Wisconsin Press. His book is a comprehensive guide to the amazing biological diversity present in our lakes. Ted also writes a newspaper column called "The Lake Where You Live" and is active in lake-advocacy groups including Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. Ted lives in the Harshaw area on Birch Lake.



Meetings and Events

May 25, 2019 9:00 AM Membership Meeting

July 6, 2019 3:00 PM Flotilla

August 31, 2019 9:00 AM Membership Meeting

**Membership Meetings are held at the Newbold Town Hall
4590 Hwy 47, Rhinelander, WI**



Lake Mildred Boat Landing

By Stan Strub



Responsibility, maintenance, and oversight of the Lake Mildred public landing property lies in the hands of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Parks Department. Unprecedented high water levels in recent years prevented the annual Spring installation of the pier at the landing; making boat launching more difficult. As of this update it appears we will again be facing high water conditions this season. The DNR plans to assess water level conditions after ice out and weighing options to reestablish the pier either this year or in the future. Unfortunately due to state and local policies/ordinances, permit requirements, and budget limitations, a quick fix does not seem likely. While LMPOA has no power or authority to dictate changes or upgrades to the boat landing we have been able to keep our DNR apprised of our concerns and are comfortable they are doing what they can to meet them. As always, when launching your boat whether there is a pier in place or not, use caution, seek assistance as needed and be mindful of windy weather conditions. Hope to see you at our Memorial Day weekend meeting and maybe we'll have more boat landing news to share.

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We will be taking nominations at the May meeting. Connie Muckelberg's term is expiring and she has decided to step down after many years of dedicated service in several important roles. We are so very thankful for what Connie has done for us and our lake as a leading pioneer in the effort to establish and maintain the association. Thank you Connie. Also, Sandy Ebben's term is expiring and we are very pleased she has expressed a desire to remain on the board. Sandy continues to be an integral member of the group as she does so very much to ensure the board stays on track, our membership is informed, the wellbeing of our lake is at the forefront of our efforts, and everything is documented along the way.



If you recall, I wrote you about the Carlin Lake Property Owners Association's efforts to protect their lake as a water bottling company was attempting to gain access to significant amounts of water through a well located near (on) the lake. We had indicated we wanted to support this cause financially as the result of ongoing litigation could have an impact on our lakes and other nearby lakes. We reached out and they were so pleased and thankful to have our careful and committed support. They indicated they "believed from the beginning that this threat is not only to Carlin Lake and surroundings, but that it also has the potential to threaten all the lakes in our water-rich Northwoods". They went on to say "We had not, however, anticipated that lake associations in addition to those in our immediate township would also become 'true believers' in this challenge. Your support is extremely encouraging to us". At the time we reached out, they were still attempting to gain more information about two pending legal cases. Their next hearing is scheduled to occur in April and they believe they will be able to pay for that effort out of current available funds. It is believed that Trig Solberg (Trig's) will continue to challenge the ruling of the Vilas County Zoning Administrator and the county Board of Adjustment. In any event, they will learn from the outcome of that case and subsequently, they will be able to more easily estimate their future financial needs. We will have more updated information at our May 25th meeting, and if necessary we may ask for support to donate \$500 to their litigation fund.

Finally, we were pleased to receive an update pertaining to metallic mining in Western Oneida County. An advisory referendum vote against allowing mining in Oneida County forest lands in the Township of Lynn passed this past November.

Remember, we all have a part in ensuring our lakes stay wonderful. Please slow down when you are supposed to slow down, be respectful of others, and keep the shorelines and lakes safe and clean. Also, it's customary and downright friendly to wave and say hello as you encounter others on the lake. It's just what we should do as neighbors. I'm wishing you all nothing but the best as we continue to enjoy lake life experiences and keep traditions alive. Let's do all we can to make sure Lake Mildred and Clear Lake remain wonderful!

FISH STOCKING UPDATE

By Paul Evans

Fish Stocking Update On October 19th Central Wisconsin Fish Farm released 950 walleye fingerlings into Lake Mildred at the landing. Total cost was \$1900. This was the third year of putting 950 walleye into the lake. I am sure you wonder as I do what happens to those small walleye after they are released. We of course hope that those, along with the natural reproduction that is happening, will increase the number of adult walleyes. I have contacted Zachariah Woiak, the DNR fisheries biologist for our area, regarding stocking again this fall. He has given tentative approval. We will need to secure funding and contract with an approved fish farm. We had trouble last year finding a fish farm that had the strain of walleye that the DNR required. We will keep you informed about this upcoming fall's stocking as we finalize plans later this summer. In my correspondence with Zachariah I asked him about the impact of the snow we had this winter on fish populations. Would the large amount of snow increase the likelihood of a winter fish kill. His response is below.



“Heavy snow and ice cover for an extended period of time (like the duration we saw last winter) does increase the possibility of winter kill in some lakes. With the weather we are having up here this year it is hard to tell what will happen before ice out.” I also asked him about the impact muskies have on other game fish. In particular the walleye fingerlings that we are releasing. His response to that question is below. “Muskies of course feed opportunistically on other fish but a study done in northern Wisconsin that focused on the diets of muskies documented the main forage that muskies prefer and that make up most for their diet when available are suckers and yellow perch. Muskies will eat walleyes but they are typically not their preferred diet item. There are many fisheries that have both very good muskie and walleye populations. The amount that muskies may feed on walleyes depends on the availability of other food sources. Yes,



muskies will feed on walleyes but the impact on the walleye population is likely minimal.” I am sure you are, as I am, looking forward to open water fishing. We all hope that each year will be better than the last. Stocking walleyes each year will help but how each of us handles our catch has the biggest impact on the numbers and size of the fish we catch. As we know from the lake study conducted by Onterra, our lakes cannot sustain healthy fish populations without help from us. So stocking is important but only by releasing large male bluegills and crappies and by releasing walleyes and large smallmouth will we be able to improve the fishing.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Mick Howen
Treasurer: Jim Wheaton
Secretary: Sandy Ebben
Director: Jennifer Labs
Director: Stan Strub
Director: Paul Evans
Director: Stephanie Fischer

ELECTIONS: There are two positions open on the board of directors. Nominations will be made at the May meeting and the election will take place at the August 31st meeting.

The Clean Boats Clean Waters

By Jennifer Labs



Clean Boats Clean Waters is an aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention program through which trained individuals conduct boat and trailer inspections and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of AIS. Because of our love for Lake Mildred and Clear Lake, the members of the LMPOA set aside money to pay a summer intern to provide CBCW services at the boat landing. This year, the LMPOA Board of Directors applied for, and received, a grant to help fund this effort. The grant money will allow us to increase inspection hours, and save almost \$1000. Our goal is to provide a minimum of 200 hours of boat inspection this summer. This is an increase of approximately 40-60 hours over the previous years. To help our current inspector, Jackson Labs, protect Lake Mildred from AIS, we have recruited an additional boat inspector. Her name is Emma Germain. You will see the smiling faces of Emma and Jackson at the boat landing this summer. Both teenagers attend Rhinelander High School. They enjoy the beauty of Lake Mildred and all of the fun the lake has to offer. Please stop by to say hello to Emma and Jackson at the boat landing.

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Association Meeting Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 9 AM at Newbold Town Hall

Kids of Lake Mildred

By Stephanie Fischer Parise



Hi, I'm Nolan and I'm 4. I love going to my cabin on Lake Mildred. I am always super excited when I am there so I wake up before the sun does. There are so many adventures at Lake Mildred. I love to go fishing. There's a big bass that lives under my pontoon boat. It has a pink lure in its mouth because my auntie's line broke and I think that's why it won't eat my worm. My sister comes fishing too with her princess pole. She thinks she is going to catch a Muskie. Sometimes we even go fishing in Papa's boat. He lets me be in charge of the minnows and even lets me reel in the big ones on his pole. When my mom says it's warm enough, I love to swim. I run and jump off the dock making big waves from my cannonballs. My papa jumps in too and we swim out to sunset city (the swim raft). Papa thinks someday we can swim all the way to the island, but that's far away. I also like to fill my John Deer gator with sticks. Nana says we have the cleanest lot on the lake. I put them all in the fire pit so we can have smores at night.

Hi, I'm Emmy and I'm 3. I like to go to Lake Mildred in the winter too. When there is a lot of ice on the lake we go on an adventure walk to all of the islands while we wait for the flags to go up on our tip-ups (I'm still waiting). In the summer I like to ride in the kayak around all of the islands. I look for deer and the eagle. The loons are always making noise and diving for fish. Sometimes they scare me as they pop up right next to my kayak. I also like to take pontoon rides after my nap. Auntie lets me drive and Nana brings the snacks. I am always sad when I have to leave the cabin, but my mom and dad always tell me that we will go back soon

