



LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Have a fair amount of tidbits to share---so here goes.

---There's a membership form in this issue. If you've forgot to join this Spring,you can do it now.

--- We have a web site now. It wasn't 100% at the last meeting,but you can still get on it. In the future,at least one newsletter will be on the site. It's www.lakewashburn.org.

--- Buoy markers--whether you are a member-OR NOT- we would like to have Rod McKinley as the lake coordinator. Call Rod at,(218)-792-5228. We need to organize this area better. We have had people quit,move,etc. without communicating to anybody. So if you put markers in and out---talk to Rod.

--- The first fire dry well will be installed by late fall. It's located just on the South end of Peninsula Road,on Lake Margaret. This will service Co. 48, Peninsula road, Plummers Point,and Longwood point--for now. The next one for us will go on Fehr's Road,in 2004. We may get another one somewhere down the road.

--- Review of by-laws,and rules of incorporation. Thought we would have voted in August---but it has been promised for the June meeting of 2003.

--- Question was put to us about a culvert under County 48,South end of East lake. Per the Army Corp. of Eng. the area on the South side of 48 --- is higher than Washburn--so---no culvert.

--- Had our 4th of July potluck in Iowa Camp. Had a fun time,and there was 71 people in attendance.

--- Lost another dear friend,due to cancer,in July. Bill Moss,Brig. Gen.(retired) (Army),and His wife Dee, have had a cabin in Iowa Camp,for many years. We will all miss Bill.

--- Guest speaker for our August meeting will be Tim Bastrup, DNR regional hdqtrs. Brainerd. We can talk to him on the walleye stocking moratorium, property owners responsibilities on lake shores, changing catch limits, slot limits, and many more important things.

--- We have elections in August. Four officers, and three directors. Eastlake is not represented very well---need somebody. Need some new people in here, for new ideas, and challenging assignments! We're just like National elections--if you don't vote, then you don't have the right to complain as to who's in office.

---Developing lakeshore---Eleanor Burkett, Univ. of Mn.--Dept. of Natural Resources, and enviroments extension educator. Saturday 17 August 2002 ----- 9 A.M. Crooked Lake Township Hall, Outing, Mn. Guest speaker.

--- NUMBER 135 !!! Ossawinnamakee Lake has Eurasian milfoil.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY? - OR - TOO MUCH !

We've been questioned, especially when dues went up a while back, as to why we have so much in the bank. Here are a few reasons-----

I talked to Lawrence Stenstad, who lives on Ruth Lake, by Emily. Lawrence holds the position of a current director on their association. And has held an office for 27 years.

Ruth Lake Assoc. has not paid a dime for milfoil control. The DNR has picked up the tab. The milfoil this year is spreading, and the DNR told Lawrence they didn't know if they would be back on the lake, due to low state funds. The association still doesn't have a dime to control milfoil, and they are worried about it.

Lawrence also told me that he knew that due to the EXTENSIVE treatment on Bay Lake, the property owners around Bay Lake were assessed \$70,000!

Also, people around Lake Emily, and Mary, know they have a lot of contamination in their lakes. They are currently just talking around, trying to get organized. I do not know the particulars about what kind of contaminants.

We also committed to paying \$350 per each fire dry well around Washburn. We have the first one to pay, this fall. I will be asking to increase this to \$750, at the general meeting.

And, if people get in gear, we will be paying \$700 per year for camp scholarships.

I've also suggested that we have a fund, to assist people who are doing shore restoration. Restoring is not cheap!

The newsletters run around \$400 per time, and we run 3 newsletters per year. The startup, and annual fee for 2002, is \$640 for our new web site. This will be better in the future---the web site will replace one of the newsletters.

WASHBURN LAKE ACCESS MONITORING

The Washburn Lake Assoc. has been coordinating a watercraft monitoring program at the Clinton Converse Campground public access three times each year, for many years. Starting in 2002 we modified the schedule to include the Mn. fishing opener, and excluded the Labor Day weekend. Both the fishing opener weekend, and Memorial weekend had foul weather. However, thru the 4th of July weekend, we had a total of 111 watercraft launched, while we were monitoring.

We should give a special "Thank You" to the following monitors from 2002

Dave Anderson	Gerald Ballard	Ron & Pat Behning
Terry Carlson	Mark Hegman	Bill Herrick
Marv & Sara Hildreth	Al Hines	Bob Holman
John Houston	Doug Johnson	Ted Johnson
Bob Matherne	Rod McKinley	Ron Nichols
Don Peterson	Lee & Patti Simonson	Dave Snesrud
Vic & Bert Stanchfield		

*** PLEASE REMIND YOUR GUESTS TO THOROUGHLY CHECK THEIR WATERCRAFT--AND TRAILER--BEFORE PUTTING INTO OUR LAKE.**

WASHBURN ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

We have five directors/officers meetings each year. They are ALWAYS the second Saturday of each month---May thru September. They start at 8 AM. Everyone is welcome to sit in on any of these meetings.

We have two GENERAL meetings each year for ALL members. The first is in June, and follows the normal meeting---after a get together for coffee and rolls. The second one is in August, and we hold it in the afternoon, the same day as the directors meeting. We have recently had an ice cream social, a speaker, business meeting, and election of new officers, and directors agenda, which works fairly well.

SO HERE WE GO AGAIN WITH NOTIFICATION:

GENERAL MEETING---CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL
SATURDAY THE 10TH OF AUGUST, 2002.

5 PM---ICE CREAM SOCIAL

5:30---- TIM BASTRUP--BRAINERD DNR--LET'S TALK ABOUT FISH, SHORELINE RESTORATION, WHAT AN OWNER CAN OR CANNOT DO WITH AQUATIC WEEDS IN FRONT OF THEIR PROPERTY. HOW ABOUT THE MORATORIUM ON STOCKING WALLEYE? WHAT ABOUT PERCH?
6 PM? MEETING THEN ELECTION OF OFFICERS.



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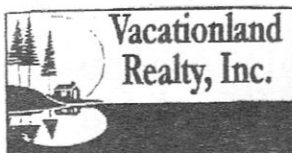
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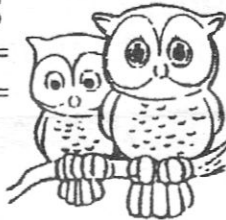
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THE WATERS EDGE -BROCHURE FROM THE DNR

We still have a LOT of brochures for the whole lake. We mailed out 127 @ 57 cents apiece. These 127,are people who have a mailing address around the lake.

I also had them for hand-out at the general meeting in June. And asked people to take extras to give to neighbors. I also hand delivered around Iowa Camp,and South on Peninsula Road.

They will be at the August general meeting--so please pick one up.

LAKE REFLECTIONS

Judy Matherne sent to me,not once,but twice,an article submitted to her for our newsletter. I am not a computer person. They didn't call me "thunder thumbs" at John Deere Des Moines Works,for nothing. MANY times I called extension 3128----to hear "Computer services--this is Don". And I would say-"Hi Don--this is Doug". That's all it took for him to unlock my screen. So I'm hoping Judy kept a copy so they can run the story this fall. I could read her E-mail,but the document attached is what has disappeared.

So I'm sharing a little history of Donna,and myself. As stated I worked for John Deere,in Ankeny,as a production supervisor. This is where I met Ron Nichols,who also was a production supervisor.

We would take breaks together,and sometimes Ron would start talking about Minnesota,cabin,fish,fun,and a glaze would go across his eyes! He told me he had been "GOING UP NORTH" since his pants were three cornered.

Sometimes during break he would say"Only 134 more days before we go to the cabin". Then around Valentine's Day,he would say "Only 100 more days,until we get to go to the cabin". Then when early May came---well---He was REALLY excitable,and would mumble loudly "Only 24 more days". I finally told him,that we had NEVER gone anywhere that we anticipated it so much,that we did a count down.

He challenged us to come up,and we did. After making connections--we rented Clara Hildreths cabin,for \$100.

LAKE REFLECTIONS CONTINUED

This rental was the summer of 1976, and we fell in love with Washburn. We put our hat in the ring before we left---got a call--came back up to inspect the property. And we were proud owners by January 1977.

All of this probably wouldn't have happened, if not by chance that Ron and I had been put together at work, and I got curious about his ranting and raving.

CASS CO. SELECTION OF LAKES TO CHECK SEPTICS

Cass Co. will probably pick Washburn in the very near future. To test all septic systems 100 %. They have certified, trained people come in and basically check your complete system for conformance.

They are currently having checks being performed on lakes around Pine River.

COUNTY 48 CLEANUP

Spring cleanup went well, with many treasures picked up. Unfortunately while the pile sat, waiting for the county to pick it up--it grew. We don't need this---thank you.

The next scheduled cleanup, connects to Labor Day week-end. So it will be on Saturday, 31st of August, 2002. Meet at the campground parking lot at 9 AM.

RASCAL RACCOON

Raccoons are well known for their ability to open just about anything. Just ask Lillian Carlson, on Peninsula Road about her experiences! She was leaving her covered 60 gallon trash container outside, and put garbage in as needed.

One morning she went out to dispose of a sack of garbage, and when she lifted the lid, a raccoon jumped out. And that wasn't the only thing that jumped that morning. Evidence showed he had been feasting on a good meal.

So bungee cords were used to tighten the lid tight----that will stop that critter! And the next time Lillian went out with garbage---you guessed it---TWO things had a big jump. Lillian, and the raccoon. Now the can is inside the garage.

Submitted by Marie Ballard

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