

Peppermill Lake District News

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Summer Issue

State of the Lake, Summer 2009

Last year at this time I had talked about a hard winter and a mild summer and as I look out my window and see a gray mild day, 2009 feels like a rerun of 2008 with the exception of the hard spring storms in 2008.

Our Spring inspection of the lake, where we map the presence of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), yielded so little EWM again that we canceled the Spring chemical treatment for the second year in a row. And, as some of you may have noticed, the algae known as chara is as pervasive as ever, sending large mounds to the surface, dotting the lake in places never before seen.

Since chara is an algae, it feeds from taking nutrients right out of the water (hence our nice clear water). It really has no root structure to speak of and is only loosely attached to the lake bed. We try to harvest the mounds that come to the surface but we always run the risk of dislodging larger chunks up in

the process. If the summer warms up we could see significant chara mounding and will have to address that on a case by case basis.

The upshot is, with the exception of chara, plant management on the lake this year has been easier and less expensive just like last year.

Our Clean Boats, Clean Water program is very active, this weekend making our 5th weekend at the public landing. Boat traffic has been mild on the weekends. And our new storage shed at the landing is built and repainted.

Last year we invested heavily in overhauling our aeration system and both east and west end systems ran smoothly throughout the winter. We are due to replace one of the west end motors this year. We also have some noise abatement issues to address for the West shed. But overall, our aeration systems are in great shape.

In the upcoming Board

meeting we will start the budget planning process for 2010 so that we can provide as much information as possible, as early as possible, for the next annual meeting. Given the radical change in the EWM population we are looking at ways to trim the budget and leverage any surplus we have so that the mill rate and special assessment can be reduced. We are sensitive to the fact that county and state taxes will likely rise and that the current economy is challenging us all.

Please join us at the next meeting and give us your input. If you can't be there, feel free to email us, or write us. We will make sure all comments are presented at the meeting.

Please also think about becoming a board member. One position is opening up this year.

In the meantime, the Board hopes you had a wonderful 4th of July holiday.

This and That

- Jackson Township's website is now at www.townofjackson.us
- Peppermilllake.com now has a new Shoreland Protection page.
- Stay current with area activities. Check out the Event Calendar at our Website.
- Find out how to track the lake water level at the dam, remotely (updated every 35 minutes). Go to: <http://www.co.adams.wi.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=PbXATs7yjCU%3d&tabid=147&mid=713>

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Shoreland Protection Resources

In our last newsletter it was announced that Adams County had adopted a new Shoreland Protection Ordinance mandating new buffer requirements to be in place by 9/2013. At the Annual Lakes Fair held in May in Adams, three presentations were given that may help you.

The presentations by Buzz Sorge (West Central Lake Coordinator, WI DNR) and Scott Watson (Central Wisconsin Watershed Basin

Supervisor) give a macro big picture view of the science and the law around shoreline and watersheds and really help to contextualize things.

The last presentation was given by Chris Murphy (Head of the Adams County LYCD), and it gives concrete examples of how to comply with the new law and some of the things to think about before you do anything.

All of these presentations are now on our website and can be found at

www.peppermilllake.com/shoreland.html. Or look for the "Shoreland Protection" option under About Peppermilllake in the website menu.

These are large PDF's taken from powerpoint presentations. If anyone doesn't have access to the Web and would like a copy of these reports, please contact Bill Pegler.

You will also find a link to the actual ordinance as, well.

We'll also try to have

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Annual Meeting Coming Soon!

- Usually held on Labor Day weekend, which means September 5, this year. So plan ahead.
- One Board Position is opening this year.
- This is your chance to help set the budget and the mill rate that affects your taxes.
- The Annual meeting is preceded by a budget hearing (as required by law).
- The Annual meeting is your chance to propose actionable items that can be voted on by those present.
- You must be present to vote, so make your voice heard.
- A great opportunity to meet other folks from the Lake!

Clean Boats, Clean Water

We have started our Clean Boats Clean Water program for this year, which is a program to try and protect the lake from invasive species and plants from entering our lake.

We are in need of volunteer help to work with the supervisors and kids for this program. The kids and supervisors have already been trained; we talk to the boaters coming into our

lake about the importance of clean boats and we hand out educational material. The volunteer hours accumulated are donated hours for the grant and helps everyone learn about invasive species.

For the month of July 25th & 26th

For the month of August 8th & 9th, 22nd & 23rd

For the month of September 5th & 6th 19th , 20th.

Hours are from 7 AM to 12 PM.

If you are interested contact Dan Henning at : dhenning1@tds.net or at 608 432 2160 or at 800-692-9924.



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July 18, 2009 Proposed Agenda

9 AM - Boondocks Restaurant, Jordan Lake, County G

Call to Order/Certification of Meeting Notice/Approval of Minutes/Treasurer's Report

Old Business

AIS Grant Report

Clean Boats, Clean Water Program

Weevil Cultivation Program

EWM Management (Hand Pulling, Chemical Treatment, Harvesting)

Aquatic Plant Management Report (Non EWM)

Chemical Treatment

Harvesting

Web Site

Aeration

New Business

Budget Planning for 2009

Board Recruitment

Next Meeting/Adjournment