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- **Bill Pegler—President**
- **Art Donner—Treasurer**
- **Russ Stearns—Member**
- **Joy Schrab—Member**
- **Dan Henning—Town Representative**
- **Al Sebastiani—County Representative**
- **Nancy Johnsen—Resignation Submitted**

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October, 2011

Fall Edition

2011 Annual Meeting Update

The 2011 Annual meeting turned out to be a well-attended meeting with a full agenda. There is a lot to share within this newsletter.

First off we'd like to thank exiting Board members Larry Nelson and Bob Cropp for all their dedication and hard work. We hope they can find time to come back on the Board soon. We'd also like to thank Russ Stearns for all the hard work he did this year dealing with the workers compensation issues and so much more.

We'd like to welcome Art Donner as our Treasurer, and the return of Bill Pegler as Board President both of whom were voted on by unanimous consent.

Secondly, at the meeting, the passing of Carl Landgraf was recognized. Carl had been a supporter of our Lake for many years and, through his kindness, we were able to maintain the west aerator shed on his land. But because of his passing we now have to find a new home for the shed. As a result of this

information, the membership voted to increase the budget submitted to you in July by \$2500 to fund the shed's move. The membership also voted to have the Aeration Committee report to the Board on 10/15 with its recommendations for the aeration system's new home.

Two other amendments to the budget were adopted, one to increase funding for the Clean Boats, Clean Water program and the other to increase funding for hand-pulling of Eurasian Milfoil. Both of these items should eventually be offset by AIS grant money now that our Grant has been extended to the end of 2012.

Overall, the final budget adopted will mean an increase in our taxes. The Board has, over the years, aggressively pursued grant money and has even reduced the taxes during the 2009-2010 budget cycles but, faced with some of the new challenges ahead of us, the membership present at the

meeting chose not to let short-term savings erode the gains made over the last several years.

This summer we also received an in-depth report from the DNR regarding the health of our fish population. This report is posted on our website and can easily be found by going to the "What's New" page.

A more detailed analysis can be found elsewhere in this newsletter courtesy of Russ Stearns.

Lastly, we're sorry to report that Nancy Johnsen has submitted her resignation from the Board, effective immediately. We'd like to thank Nancy for her efforts and hope she can come back soon.

At the next Board meeting on 10/15 a new appointee will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Recommendations are welcome and should be submitted to Bill Pegler.

We hope you can make it to the next meeting.

Catch and Release

Last October the DNR conducted a fishery survey on Peppermill Lake. After almost a year we received the final report which is on the District website, www.peppermilllake.us, for anyone to review. For those who fish Peppermill Lake frequently the report held few real surprises. We have lots of small pan fish and not enough large predator fish (bass, northern pike) to control the pan fish. We need more large bass and northern pike!

The DNR recognized all of the steps that have been taken by the various organizations over the years to improve the fish habitat including the installation of pea gravel for bass spawning areas, multiple fish cribs, and numerous tree drops. Plus there have been at least 9 fish stockings over the past 20 years.

Unfortunately, even with all the efforts in the past, there has been limited long term changes in the overall fishery of Peppermill Lake. The report

specifically states that additional habitat improvements would not have a significant impact on the imbalance of pan fish and larger predator fish. The winterkill of several years ago killed many larger bass which didn't help matters. We have lots of small bass and northern pike just not lot of big ones. The report suggests that a closed fishing season might be effective but getting such a change made is a lengthy and time consuming process taking years according to the DNR.

However, all is not lost. A potential improvement that we could make is to allow the predator fish already in Peppermill Lake to grow! The only way for this to happen is to have fun **catching** fish but when it comes to bass and northern pike (plus crappie and rock bass) **RELEASE** them so they can grow even bigger. We aren't just talking about the fish that are under the legal keeping size (which must be released) but ALL predator fish irrespective of size. So, please help your lake be a better fishing lake and Catch & Release, all year long!!

“Overall Peppermill Lake should remain being managed for Largemouth bass, northern pike and bluegill. “

-2010 Fishery Report

Peppermill Lake,
Adams County, WI



It's Your Money

At the next Board meeting we will be voting on a resolution to formalize the fact that Grand Marsh State Bank is our public depository.

If anyone has any concerns about this, please submit your opinions in person at the meeting on 10/15 or by email to peglerw@netscape.net. You can also do so by traditional mail using the address on page 4 of this newsletter.

The Board will consider other options should anyone feel there is a conflict of interest between the Board and the Bank.

A draft of the resolution has been posted on the Peppermill Lake Website on the Current Board Documents page. If anyone wishes a print copy mailed to them, please contact Bill Pegler or use the contact

info on page 4 of this newsletter.



Grievance Process

Many of you may have heard about the changes in Wisconsin relating to public employees and their rights to collectively bargain.

Because of the new law that now limits what is possible through collective bargaining, units of local government must now implement a grievance process for public employees. Pursuant to s. 66.0509(1m),

We have posted the draft language for the resolution and for the grievance procedure, itself, on the Peppermill Lake website.

While Peppermill Lake has no public employees, we are still required to implement this by law. If the District does retain employees, sometime in the future, then these provisions will already be in place.

This Resolution, like the Resolution regarding our Public Depository, will go into effect upon posting at the three locations around our lake where our meeting notices are posted.

Affidavits certifying that the Resolutions were posted will be available upon request. As

with the other documents mentioned elsewhere, this resolution is available, along with the grievance procedure language, at our website.

If you do not have web access, please contact Bill Pegler and he will send you a print copy, immediately.

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Lake Advisory Group Meeting – 11/03/2011

Every year we hold an open meeting to the public in order to solicit input on our Lake Management Plan. This year it is on November 3 at 10 AM.

The meeting place is the Adams County Court House, as in past years.

The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comment from anyone who uses the lake,

regardless if he or she even lives within Adams County. All comments are welcome.

The current Plan is posted on the Peppermill Lake Website. You can find it at: <http://www.peppermilllake.us/about.html>. It is a powerpoint presentation so if you don't have the correct application to view it, please contact us to get a print copy.

The Plan is what we use to guide our budget and guide our interaction with the DNR.

Your input is important in shaping the future of what the Board understands and what we convey to the DNR.

More details will be posted in local newspapers shortly after you receive this.

Lake Advisory Group

Meeting

November 3, 2011.

10 AM

Adams County Court

House

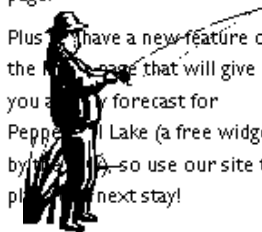
Website Updates

We've updated our website with all the minutes from the quarterly meetings and the annual meeting from this year.

We've also added the language for the proposed resolutions that will be considered on October 15, along with the latest Fish Report from the DNR.

You will also be able to find a copy of this newsletter on the Current Board Documents page.

Plus, we have a new feature on the Home page that will give you a daily forecast for Peppermill Lake (a free widget, by the way) so use our site to plan your next stay!



www.peppermilllake.us.

Coming soon, we will have a form to allow you to offer comments to the Board.

All you have to do is go to

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Winter is coming.

Quarterly Board Meeting - 10/15/11—9 AM Boondocks on County G

Proposed Agenda

**Call to order—Notification Certification—Agenda Approval—
Minutes Approval—Treasurer's report**

Old Business

**1) Committee Reports—Aeration, Aquatic Plants, AIS Grant , Lake
Advisory Group (LAG)**

New Business

- 1) Resignation of Nancy Johnsen**
- 2) Appointment of new Secretary**
- 3) Public Depository Resolution**
- 4) Employee Grievance Process Resolution**
- 5) West End Aerator Shed move**
- 6) Public Comment**
- 7) Next Meeting(s)—Adjournment**
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