

Peppermill Lake District News

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Annual Meeting Issue

2014 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

Last year at this time we mentioned the fact that the first aquatic plant harvesting of 2012 exceeded that of all of 2011.

Comparing this year to 2012, year to date, the numbers work this way for plant removal:

138,000 lb Chara 2012

185,000 lb Chara 2013

144,000 lb navigational 2012

185,000 lb navigational 2013

As you can see, our efforts at plant management are resulting in higher yields but with mixed results.

Some have registered concerns, in particular, over the expansion of chara on our lake, particularly when large mounds rise to the surface.

The Dept of Natural Resources recommends harvesting over chemical treatment for the primary reason that harvesting removes future nutrients from the lake. Even if chemically treating chara were allowed, the resulting biomass would only

create new fuel for plant growth in years to come.

This year we have GPS coordinates established to aid us in assuring that we harvest where we map. Also, the 2012 Aquatic Plant study is now up on our website so that you can see how our lake has changed since the first study in 2002.

While we make every effort to do the best we can on managing our aquatic plants, we do face limits. The area in front of our piers (basically 30 ft wide out to the center of the lake) is ultimately our individual responsibility. If you wish to use non-mechanical means to remove plants, then no permit is required. If you wish to use mechanical methods, like a harvester, then a permit must be obtained from the DNR.

Ultimately, we cannot guarantee that any harvester we contract with can get near enough to your pier to make a difference.

With harvesting in mind, we

would like to urge you to come to the next meeting to help us align our budget to the needs of the lake as a whole. Our lake is changing and we must respond accordingly.

There are two positions on the Board opening this year and we would like to encourage you to run. If you are interested, you can submit your name to candy.pegler2@gmail.com or to the PO box address on the outside of this newsletter. Nominations are also accepted from the floor.

Lastly, you will see that the budget proposed, is largely an extension of the current budget. Plant management continues to be our single largest challenge. While we inspect the lake multiple times a year, your input can make a big difference at the annual meeting. Climate change and plant population change will always make our budget very dynamic. Please help us be good stewards.

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Your Right To Vote

Who can vote

First and foremost, under all circumstances below, **you must be present to vote**. Act 275 of 2004 specifically states that proxies and absentee ballots are not permissible.

A single property owner whose name appears on the tax rolls as of 12/22/2011 gets one vote.

If the property is in the name of two or more people, then the names listed on the tax rolls are entitled to one vote each. For example, if the tax rolls show that a property is in the name of Paul and Jane Bowles, then both Paul and Jane get one vote each. If the tax rolls state John Burdett, et al, then John Burdett and all the names flagged by et al, get one vote each.

If the property is in the name of a living trust, only one vote is possible. For example, if the tax rolls state

that your property is in the name of Thomas Pynchon Living Trust, only Thomas Pynchon can vote.

If the property is in the name of a Corporation, only one vote is permitted. The resident agent stated in the Articles of Incorporation, may cast the vote.

Full time residents may vote, also. For example, if there were an apartment complex on this lake, the owner would be entitled to vote as would all full time residents of the complex. Another example includes a full time live-in relative. Proof of fulltime residence must be offered at the meeting, in order to vote. Examples of proof include current driver's license or utility bill showing an address within the district.

Voting procedure

There is one open board position. Each is a three-year term.

Elections for commissioners shall be conducted by secret ballot. Other votes are not conducted in secret.

Act 275 of 2004 now permits electors and property owners at the annual meeting to consider and vote on amendments to the annual budget.

Act 275 of 2004 clarifies that proxies and absentee ballots are prohibited.

"Vote by a majority a tax on upon all taxable property within the District. Is also specified."

Act 275 specifies that special charges (assessments made in addition to the tax levy) may not exceed \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessed value.

Nominations can be made from the floor.

Your chance to vote on:

- 1) The Budget
- 2) The manner in which the budget is funded
- 3) Two open board positions

Proposed Budget—Income—2014

Income	2012 (A)	2012(B)	2013 (B)	2013 (ytd)	2013 (P)	2014
Taxes-General Property	\$14,081	\$ 14,081	\$ 24,500	\$ 16,325	\$ 24,500	\$ 21,000
Special Charges			-	-	-	-
Total Taxes	\$14,081	\$ 14,081	\$ 24,500	\$ 16,325	\$ 24,500	\$ 21,000
Grants		1,400	1,400	-	-	-
Interest	35	100	100	13	30	30
Miscellaneous			-		-	-
Income Total (+3400)	\$14,116	\$ 15,581	\$ 26,000	\$ 16,338	\$ 24,530	\$ 21,030
Prior Year Ending Balance	\$27,264	\$ 27,264	\$ 11,470	\$ 21,527	\$ 21,527	\$ 14,477
Net Income (loss) and Prior Year Balance	\$21,526	\$ 3,465	\$ 839	\$ 33,191	\$ 14,477	\$ 161

Proposed Budget— Expenses 2014

Annual Meeting

	2012 Ac- tual	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	Actual 2013 YTD thru 5/31	Projected 2013 Total Year	2014 Budget
Expense						
Aeration						
Electric	\$ 1,267	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 995	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,500
Aerator Repair & Other	206	600	600	-	600	600
Pump replacement	-		-	-	-	-
Aerator Relocation (0 to 2500)		2,500	-			-
Total	\$ 1,473	\$ 5,100	\$ 2,600	\$ 995	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,100
Aquatic Plant Management						
Harvesting Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EWMF Chemical Treatment Permits		200	200	-	200	200
Harvesting	12,248	13,700	17,700	-	17,700	17,700
EWMF Treatment	-	9,030	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Barley Straw	490	600	500	-	500	-
Grant Applications	-	-	200	-	-	-
Other		200	200	-	-	-
Total	\$12,738	\$ 23,730	\$ 23,800	\$ -	\$ 23,400	\$ 22,900
Clean Boats / Clean Water						
Contract Workers (600 to 1000)	\$ 714	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Other			-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 714	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Communications						
Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies	\$ 747	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 279	\$ 800	\$ 800
Website	41	350	350	327	350	350
Other-Wal convention	221	100	100	264	221	250
Total	\$ 1,009	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 870	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,400
Insurance						
General Liability	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,600	<u>\$ 1,911</u>	\$ 2,091	\$ 2,091	<u>\$ 2,341</u>
Workers' Compensation	668	800	670	605	668	675
Total	\$ 2,484	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,581	\$ 2,696	\$ 2,759	\$ 3,016
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies						
Monitoring Services	\$ 606	\$ 350	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 630
Other-legal-easments	571		-	45	-	-
Total	\$ 1,177	\$ 350	\$ 250	\$ 45	\$ 350	\$ 630
Miscellaneous						
Wisconsin Lakes Adams Dues	\$ 259	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 68	\$ 300	\$ 300
Fish Stocking & Other (100 to 400)	-	400	-	-		-
Total	\$ 259	\$ 550	\$ 150	\$ 68	\$ 300	\$ 300
Contingency Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Expense Total (+3400)	\$19,854	\$ 39,380	\$ 36,631	\$ 4,674	\$ 31,580	\$ 35,346

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Fall is Coming!

WE'RE ON THE WEB AT
WWW.PEPPERMILLLAKE.US

Proposed Agenda – 2014 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting 9 AM, August 31, 2013, Jackson Town Hall HWY 82 & 4th Ave

Budget Hearing — 9AM

Annual Meeting — Immediately following Budget Hearing

Agenda

Call to Order

Certification of proper meeting notice

Consider and approve agenda

Consider and approve minutes

Treasurer's report

Committee Reports: Audit Committee, Lake Advisory Group, AIS Grant. Aquatic Plants, Aeration

Nominations for two board positions (pre-nominated and/or from the floor)

Paper ballot election of two (2) board positions

Discuss & vote on 2014 Budget

Discuss & vote on 2014 method to fund budget

Citizen Comment

Adjourn