

## ***NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2001***

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**

This newsletter is to update you at season's end. I feel we have had a very successful season with many individual challenges that were addressed and conquered. The new equipment worked up to expectations. Several new procedures were implemented. The progress on the bog was tremendous – see the bog report.

I am very pleased with the board of directors you have elected to serve the needs of Lake Management. They give freely of their time and talent to do what is best for our beautiful lakes. I think the outstanding quality of this group is their ability to work with each other. Art Schmitz has done an outstanding job managing the harvesting crew. He coordinated the construction of the new harvester and the trailer using the fifth wheel for weed and bog removal. This required tremendous talent as well as time. Gordon Philip has not only provided us with outstanding professional financial reports but he has led the bog committee in overcoming all the obstacles associated with getting the permit and finally we are doing something about the bog. Gary Marvin has provided day to day assistance to the weed harvesting and bog removal as well as managing the chemical treatment program. Mike Plier joined the board in August and has become active in several areas. Norm Prusener and Toby Shroble represent the Township and County and always have intelligent and positive input. Rose Marie Berg has provided us with excellent clerical service.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

*Happy Holidays and we look forward to a very enjoyable lake season in 2002!*

**Bernie Tangney, Chairman (473-8525)**

## **WEED HARVESTING REPORT:**

The equipment has been put into storage for the winter except for some minor alterations to improve water quality and efficiency goals and have it totally ready for next season.

The new harvester has worked well, including using it for bog removal. Having this dual-purpose machine will allow us to better utilize our available crew hours when the weeds are in control, as they were this past season. This will also allow us to better maintain our crew since it is difficult to keep seasonal employees when you can't offer them forty-hour workweeks. This was the case this past season and we did utilize the same crew for floating root vegetation (bog) removal, while keeping our main focus on weed harvesting.

Our Saturday morning weed pick up is a definite step forward in service to you. Our crew will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and pick up weeds you have placed on the end of your pier.

Even though we enjoyed a more weed-free lake this past year, total tonnage of weeds harvested was down from previous years. Possible reasons could include the heavier snow blocking out more sunlight, water depth and temperature, harvesting techniques and chemical treatment. All have a lot to do with weed growth. We harvested 442 tons in 2001, 1,268 in 2000 and 1,526 in 1999.

Costs were up in 2001 due to several factors including changes in how we park the equipment on the lake – freeing up the landings for your use and enjoyment. Deferred maintenance from previous years and restoring equipment for value added resale, and several one-time expenses that create long-term savings.

We were pleased with the harvesting crew. They stayed with us for the full season including time spent removing some of the bog. Retaining part of their payroll upon satisfactorily completing the season probably helped.

The past season has been very good. Several new procedures have been put in place and most of them are working well. Those that are not will be reevaluated. We look forward to next season with confidence and we are ready to care for your lakes in an efficient, productive, cost-effective manner. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or comments.

**Art Schmitz, Harvesting and Equipment Chairman (473-0777 or 262-248-4340)**

## **BOG UPDATE:**

As you are probably aware, we were successful in obtaining a permit for Phase I of the bog removal project for removal of 10,000 sq. ft. (50' x 200') section of "Gilligan" from the DNR on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

During the summer the harvesting crew, under the direction of Art Schmitz and Bob McCracken, had been quite successful in removing some floaters along Woodchuck and other areas when encountered. Due to timing and cost considerations we decided, upon receipt of the permit, to begin "harvesting" the test section of the bog along the eastern shoreline.

While the progress was slow at first, once we were able to cut through the edge of the blanket, removal volumes increased. By late September when we concluded our bog removal operations, approximately 20% or 2,000 sq. ft. of surface area had been removed. It was estimated that approximately 866 cu. yds. of material weighing 510 tons were removed and hauled to the DNR disposal site off County highway P.

This undertaking was a learning experience for the crew and the Board, which collectively spent many hours observing and documenting the removal operation with photos and video recordings. Following the conclusion of the removal operation, the Bog Committee met with several board members to evaluate the progress and plan for 2002.

It was the general consensus that this has and will continue to be a learning experience both from a "removal" perspective as well as an understanding of the physical nature of the bog. Art was quite optimistic that we will complete removal of the test site next summer and reevaluate at that time, proceeding with the DNR on Phase II. This involves removal of an additional 90,000-sq. ft. of surface material to establish a "permanent" waterway along the east shoreline.

There is no question that this has been one of the worst years for the bog situation. It necessitated establishing a no wake zone for a significant part of the area impacted in late summer. In closing, comments and questions are always welcome. They can be addressed to my attention N7189 Chapel Dr., Whitewater WI 53190 or (608)883-6882

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