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Message from the Chair

On the positive side, we had ice out on March 15 after a good Ice Fish-a-Ree at the Lions Club on the lake. On the somber side, this Coronavirus may restrict some of our fun and activities. Enjoy the season but be safe. If you are traveling, you'll want to be cautious about potential transmission. Be thoughtful of others as you enjoy the lakes community.

We have some new DNR rules and some new DNR representatives but we expect a good continuing relationship. Our equipment had additional upgrades over the winter and we are prepared to fight weeds. If you are new to the lake, send the attached permission slip to Fran and Dave Cleven allowing us to cross your property when controlling geese. We are also encouraging local college students to use our environment for their studies and to share findings with us.

Our Treasurer Brad Corson is up for reelection this fall. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for the Board is encouraged to send me a short resume for publishing in the next newsletter to be eligible. Please send to me by June 15 at rich@whitewaterlake.org.

Finally, have fun, enjoy the lakes with family and friends, and most importantly, be safe.

Rich Charts – Chair

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Permission for Entry to Property for Goose Management

(For new permissions only)

I authorize representatives from United States Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services and Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management (egg oiling and/or Round-up). This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. You will have an annual opportunity via newsletter or direct mailing to remove your property from the approved site list. Thank you for your assistance.

Printed Name: _____

Lake Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature (Mandatory): _____

Mail to: Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District, PO Box 301, Whitewater, WI 53190

Whitewater-Rice Lake Management

District Notice

The Whitewater and Rice Lakes Management District (the District) proposes to assess and chemically treat up to 175 acres on Whitewater Lake and up to 20 acres on Rice Lake to control the excessive growth of the exotic invasive aquatic plants, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and Curlyleaf pondweed (CLP). The District proposes to conduct an application of Weedar 64 (2, 4-D), Aquathol K (endothall), and/or ProcellaCOR (florpyrauxifen-benzyl). We anticipate the treatment to occur sometime in spring, 2019 and will proceed only after the District obtains a permit for the treatment from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Notification of the exact dates of treatment and water use restrictions associated with the use of Weedar 64, Aquathol K and/or ProcellaCOR will be provided by the posting of shoreline in and adjacent to treatment areas, and public access points.

The water use restrictions associated with use of the above pesticide are noted below:

21 Day Irrigation Restriction (Weedar 64)

As we get closer to May, get additional information on the proposed treatment including a completed copy of the permit application, DNR Chemical Fact Sheets on 2,4-D, endothall and florpyrauxifen-benzyl as well as proposed treatment map by visiting : www.district.whitewater.org

For questions about the proposed treatment, please contact: (815) 245-0201 or gooseislandretreat@outlook.com

Terry Anderson, Commissioner



Protecting our Lakefront Investments with Healthy Lakes--Best Practice Grants. 81 Wisconsin lakes participated in the DNR's Healthy Lakes best practice grant program between the years 2014-2018. Our Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District has been a sponsor for the program since 2016 and the District has taken a leadership role in promoting the program throughout Walworth County. Preliminary assessment for years 2019-2020 has seen a significant uptick in the program's participation statewide; and so, the good news is that the State of Wisconsin has responded with increased funding to match public interest.

With or without the success of the grant program, noticeably, many of our lake neighbors are actively participating in better management of their shoreland with an eye towards preserving and improving natural scenic beauty and water quality on our lakes. This would include residents that do not directly live on the lakes, but are within its watershed. Preserving existing trees, planting native plants, and looking for effective solutions to preventing erosion and stormwater runoff are part of that effort. As more and more of us participate in our lakes' wellbeing, we all benefit in terms of preserving property values and the enjoyment of all the outdoor recreational activities that we are so fortunate to have at our lakeside retreats on Whitewater and Rice Lakes.

Natureland County Park Workday. Mark your calendars, Friday, May 15, 9a.m.-noon (subject to change), to be followed by a complimentary lunch. Volunteers will be planting hundreds of native plants right along the shoreline. Trail grooming and general cleanup will also take place. All skill levels are welcome. Please bring a garden trowel or soil knife for planting perennials. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Colleen Lesniak, Walworth County Volunteer Services 262-741-4223 clesniak@co.walworth.wi.us to make sure Colleen purchases enough food for lunch. If you forget to RSVP or if you cannot stay for the full three hours, that's ok, any level of time or energy you wish to contribute is very much appreciated or just stop by to see what we are up to. I plan to bring along Healthy Lakes grant information for those who are interested. If you cannot attend the workday, and would like to learn more about Healthy Lakes or would like a copy of the "Self-Evaluation Checklist for Waterfront Runoff" please contact Theresa Stegemann, Lakeshore Management, 262-458-4226 theresa.stegemann@gmail.com.

Theresa Stegemann, Team Leader

Whitewater Lions Club

2020 Fish-A-Ree, February 9, 2020

Grand Prize Winners

Fish	Winner	Weight	Length
Bass *	Jeff Nyborg	4.6 lbs	20"
Bass *	Mitch Policello	4.0lbs	20.25"
Blue Gill	Ryan Funk	1.6 oz	5.5"
Crappie	Brodie Peyer	3.5 oz	8"
Northern	Lacey Wilcox	7.0 lbs	29"
Perch	Clyde Curtis	1.6 oz	50.875"
Bull Head	Greg Hacker	1.4 lbs	13.5"
Walleye	None Qualifying		

* Tied

40-10-10 Cash Raffle Winners

1st Prize	Kim Frotz	\$ 640
2nd Prize	Sean M.	\$ 160
3rd Prize	Kyle Ball	\$ 160
8 " Electric Ice Auger	John Talbot	
Generac Power Washer	Drew Hansen	

Summary of 2019 Financial Results

2019 finished the year with a net surplus of \$53,995. This is comprised of the carry over surplus from 2018 of \$16,732 and an additional surplus from 2019 operations of \$36,199. The two largest contributors to the 2019 surplus was in the Weed Harvest and Bog Harvest budgets which had surpluses of \$11,272 and \$15,775 respectively. Weed Harvesting benefited from mild weed growth and Bog Harvesting from moderate amount of bog that surfaced. The DNR survey allowed us to treat the maximum acreage supported by our Chemical budget, using \$97,579 of its \$100,000 budget. The surplus in the Chemical area came mostly from survey funds that will not be required. The Repairs & Maintenance budget came in just under budget by \$2,314 with equipment maintenance costs of \$26,497, in line with last year which was lower than the 4 previous years due to our new equipment. Our General & Administrative budget includes an unbudgeted Legal & Professional expense of \$1,367, but this is the other side of a pass-through payment for DNR grant proceeds paid to a Healthy Lake recipient. The grand funds are shown up in Income in the Contributions & Other line.

Our capital fund had a starting balance of \$53,882. We had budgeted contributions of \$50,000, proceeds from the sale of our 1999 Dodge truck of \$1,500 and interest of \$141. We purchased a new F350 pickup truck for \$34,063 and refurbished two trailers for \$8,361. This gave us an ending balance in the capital fund \$63,099.

Brad Corson, Treasurer

Safety Team report

A Boaters' Safety Course will again be offered by the District on May 16th & 17th at the Whitewater Township Office from 8 Am till noon both days. A second course is being planned at another site also, details will sent separately. Students from 10 years to any age may take the course. Operation of a Motor Boat in Wisconsin (& Illinois) requires the operator or supervising adult to have a Boater's Safety Certificate if they were born after January 1, 1989. The Course is also available at dnr.wi.gov (cost \$25). District class cost is \$10 per student. Information on the course is available from Larry Brady 847-975-6334 / larry@whitewaterlake.org or Deputy Sean Blanton at sblatz03@sbcglobal.net.

As the weather warms, let's all think "Safety." Please practice safe boating & show courtesy to your fellow boaters/PWC & skiers. "Safety is NO accident."

Important reminder: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources no longer requires a "competent observer" be present in the boat/PWC if the boat or PWC is engaged in towing person(s) participating in aquatic activity (skiing, tubing, etc.). The water craft must be equipped with a large convex mirror designed to be mounted where the boat/PWC operator can observe person(s) being towed. The placement of the mirror must not interfere with the operator's line of sight. Questions? Please contact the Water Safety Patrol.

Your Board strongly urges you to still have a "competent observer" present for increased safety during towing activities.

Larry Brady, Commissioner

2020 Boat Launch Fees

As a reminder, all Town of Whitewater Boat Launches require a launch fee as suggested by the guidelines of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Envelopes will be available at the Self-Pay Boxes located at each launch site beginning with the Spring/Summer Boating Season. Launch Fees for Calendar Year 2020 will remain the same as last year and are listed as follows:

Daily: Lake District Resident (\$4.00) Non Lake District (\$6.00)

Annual: Lake District Resident (\$20.00) Non Lake District (\$30.00)

The fees listed above apply **only** to the **Town of Whitewater Boat Launches** on Whitewater Lake. These are located at:

- Cruse Lane
- R-W Townline Road and Krahn Drive
- R-W Townline Road and Chapel Drive

Aquatic Weed Harvesting

After a mild Winter (So far!!), "Spring" is looking up. With open water come boats, skiers, PWCs & of course, Aquatic growth - "weeds." The last few seasons has seen the Lake kind to the boaters/swimmers with lower overall growth & fewer invasive varieties. Your Management District hopes that the trend continues but they are planning for what may occur.

2020 will see the District apply for a Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance (Wi 67 % / WWRLMD 33 %) with reviewing our current five-year Management Plan. The update is necessary to comply with DNR requirements to obtain a new five-year Weed Harvesting Permit. Our current permit expires at the end of 2020 but we will be granted a one-year extension to take advantage of a possible grant award. We expect to have an approval in early February 2021. With that award approval, the District will move forward with a Plan Update & with the assistance of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

I will update the Lake residents of our progress at our annual meeting next August.

The Saturday pick up of weeds from piers will continue. Please have the aquatic materials on the ends of the pier no later than 8 AM Saturday. Pickup will be from 8 to noon. Any concerns or issues can be addressed by calling or emailing Larry Brady at 847-975-6334 at larry@whitewaterlake.org.

Please, no yard waste or other organic material should be left on your dock for pickup at any time.

Thank you for your cooperation with these efforts.

Larry Brady, Commissioner

Fees at the **State Park Boat Launches** located on Whitewater and Rice Lakes are under the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Chuck Chamberlain, Commissioner

Equipment Report

- The 12 foot harvester and trailer were refurbished/updated during the end of 2019. This brings both of these pieces of equipment up to proper operating standards and ready to be put in to service for the 2020 harvesting season.

- All current weed harvesting equipment will be removed from winter storage and prepared for launching/operation during the month of May.

Chuck Chamberlain, Commissioner