



Message from the Board

Jim Bartlett, Chairperson; Gordon Phillip, Treasurer and Bog Committee; Tammy Steinke, Weed Harvesting; Mark Skidmore, Chemical Treatment & Boundaries; Jim Felland, Equipment

It is a little strange to be preparing this newsletter and the budget for 2006 when we are only half way through the summer. While we know we have made some progress this year, we are still hoping to address some problem areas before the end of the season. As a result, this newsletter will highlight some of the progress made this year, and refer to some of the areas that we hope to improve before the end of the year.

Over the winter, nature provided us with some assistance. We had reasonable snow and ice coverage and the water level was back up to the spillover level. Both items help reduce the weed levels. We started our chemical treatment earlier this year and covered more area than ever before. The DNR approved spraying along the shore of the south lobe, allowing us to treat about 30 acres of the lake core. I believe the result of these treatments was less shoreline weeds early and overall less floaters.

As the season progressed, the weeds recovered in many areas. The extra funding provided in our budget allowed us to do a second treatment in late July that we feel will keep the weeds under control during the remainder of the summer. We are also planning to do a fall treatment targeted primarily at the milfoil that has a longer growing season than native plants. We are hopeful that a late season treatment will keep the winter growth to a minimum, reducing the level of weeds in the spring and summer. The early and later treatments were both suggestions developed in last year's conference on milfoil.

As discussed at last years meeting, we applied for grants from the DNR to purchase an 11- ft. weed cutter and to convert the weed transport to diesel. The DNR approved our request for the weed cutter, but declined on the transport. The transport was declined primarily due to a policy that the DNR would not replace a piece of equipment until 10 years after the original purchase. Since they funded the purchase of an outboard in 1996, it was not eligible at this point for replacement. The 11-

footer was purchased in December and delivered in mid-May. It has worked very well, operating with no problems for the entire season. The transport continues to operate using the outboard purchased last year and is still very functional. We will review its upgrade or replacement in the future.

Using the new equipment, the harvest crew is able to harvest more weeds, keeping the traffic lanes cleaner than previous years. Unfortunately, more cutting seems to create more floaters. The board is aware of this problem and is trying to address it. One solution carried over from last year is to focus on picking up floaters on Thursday and Friday – that will help. In addition, we are contacting all of the neighboring districts seeking advise and spending personal time on the machines looking for a solution. Floaters have been a problem for several years, but we are focused on finding a solution.

As discussed at last year's Annual Meeting, the DNR did not approve our grant request for the bog removal. We worked from Labor Day into October removing the bog in the approved channel. The bog area is getting smaller and we will continue our efforts this year.

Nominees for the Board

One position on the District's board of directors will be open and needs to be filled at our Annual Meeting on August 27th. The membership will decide which of the two candidates will serve for the next three years. The candidates are:

Gordon Philip and wife Jeri have been property owners on Whitewater Lake since 1982. They became full time residents in 1996. They have two grown children, who live in Northern Illinois and the Quad Cities area. He is currently Controller/CPA with Plastronics Plus Inc. in East Troy and has held this position since April 1997.

Gordon has served on the Lake Management Board as treasurer since August 2000. He has provided the on

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District with bookkeeping service, thus eliminating the need to pay an outside service. This has resulted in substantial savings to the District. He also has been chairman of the Bog Removal committee and has worked closely with the DNR for the past three years.

Gordon has a deep interest in Whitewater Lake and lake management issues and expands his knowledge by attending seminars and conferences. During his term the Board, he has stressed the need to reduce the floaters while keeping expenses under control.

In 2004 he was invited to attend the WI Association of Lakes Leadership Institute- Crew V and had the opportunity to participate with 26 other lake volunteers from throughout the state in three 2-day workshops which focused on maintaining and improving the lakes and waterways with the state. This is a bi-annual program conducted by WALs, the DNR and the University of Wisconsin Extension at Stevens Point.

Other activities include involvement with the Walworth Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Foundation and he is currently chair of the finance committee at their congregation in Whitewater.

Donald Wickersheimer and wife Shirley recently became full time residents on Whitewater Lake after spending much of their life in Shorewood WI. He currently is employed as a Sales Representative for J.H. Fagan Company/Key Electronics located in New Berlin WI, although he expects to retire in 2006.

Don was first introduced to the Whitewater Lake area in 1955 which his aunt and uncle purchased a lot. At that time, there were three cottages on Ridge Road.

As a member of the Lake Management Board, Don would focus his efforts on keeping the lake clean and safe with better weed control. One major concern would be reducing the level of floaters that invade some of the bays and make water sports difficult. Don feels that this process can be improved by providing better direction to the staff. Don loves the lakes and neighbors and looks forward to the challenge of working on the management team.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to members Mark and Lynne Muschinski who operate Marlin Printing and Graphics. Mark and Lynne designed and print the newsletter at no charge to the district. Please remember Marlin Printing and Graphics if you need any printing or graphics work.

Thanks also to the volunteers that have supported the District during the year. Including the Boundary committee members Greg Marvin, Don Meyer, Tom Ponyicsanyi and Andy Wojdula. Also to the Audit Committee- Robert Sturgis and Donald Cullen- for their time and effort.

Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District Proposed 2006 Budget

Summary	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004	Budget 2005	Budget 2006	%
Harvesting	59,287	57,823	78,023	79,700	80,000	0%
Chemical Treatment and Other	13,604	18,117	17,308	46,400	46,000	-1%
Bog Removal	16,567	1,474	6,519	15,000	9,000	-40%
Equipment Fund	-	10,000	Deferred	10,000	18,000	80%
Administration	5,851	6,180	4,167	7,000	5,000	-29%
Total	\$95,309	\$93,594	\$106,017	\$158,100	\$158,000	0%

Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District

Minutes of Annual Meeting, August 21, 2004

Chairman Jim Bartlett called the Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. at Lakeview Elementary School on Saturday, August 21, 2004. He began by introducing the board members and mentioned their responsibilities: Gary Marvin, secretary and Chemical Treatment Chair; Gordon Philip, treasurer and Bog Committee chair; Norm Prusener, Whitewater township representative; Art Schmitz, Equipment and Tammy Steinke, Harvesting. Absent was Jerry Grant, county representative. Rose Marie Berg, clerk was also present.

Administrative:

The minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting were approved as earlier presented.

Bob Sturgis and Don Cullen as the Audit Committee, previously reviewed the 2003 year-end financial statements and reported the records appeared to be in good condition. The audit report was received as presented.

Barry Mess, Biological Services, Inc., who performs the lakes chemical treatment gave an interesting presentation on the pros and cons of chemical treating vs. harvesting weeds and showing the need for both.

The four nominees: Jim Felland, Dick Kelly, Brian Morris and Mark Skidmore each gave a short presentation as to their qualifications for the two board positions open. Voting by membership gave Jim Felland and Mark Skidmore positions on the board. Each will serve a 3-year term.

Gordon Philip presented the proposed budget for 2005 and each committee member spoke on his or her respective categories as he went through the budget.

Dennis Siok moved to double the budget for chemical spray from \$17,700 to \$35,400. Motion was adopted after debate and is subject to DNR approval to treat the larger area discussed.

Dennis Siok moved to accept the proposed budget including the amendment to increase the chemical treatment by \$17,700 to accept the base budget as projected at \$142,100. Majority voted approval and motion passed.

Motion made to purchase the 12-ft. harvester subject to a 50% grant from the DNR and paying for it out of existing funds in the equipment reserve. Motion carried by majority.

Gary Marvin made the final motion for \$11,000 to spray approximately 40-acres in the south bay, subject to DNR

permission to treat this area. Motion carried by majority.

New Business

Bartlett moved that a new committee be formed to work on the possible detachment of Pine Knolls subdivision and possible annexation of other properties into the district. Motion passed by majority Mark Skidmore agreed to head this new committee.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting, August 21, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Assignment of officers, unanimously agreed

Jim Bartlett, chairman

Gordon Philip, Treasurer and Bog Removal chairman

Mark Skidmore, Secretary, Chemical Chairman
and Boundary Changes, Chairman

Tammy Steinke, Harvesting Chair

Jim Felland, Equipment Chair

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg, Clerk

2005 Meeting Agenda

- Review and approve the minutes of last years meeting.
 - Vote on the carryover of excess funds from the 2005 budget
 - Discuss and approve 2006 Budget
 - Budget discussion by major category-
 - Harvest
 - Chemical
 - Bog
 - Administrative
 - Fish Stocking- to be integrated with Committee reports
 - Election of one commissioner for a three-year term; each candidate will make a brief presentation.
 - Treasurers and Audit Report
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Next year's Annual Meeting date will be Saturday, August 26th, 2006
 - Adjournment
- A short organizational meeting of the new board will immediately follow for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committee assignments.*

Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting Notice

The Budget Hearing and 2003 Annual Meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District will be held on **Saturday, August 27th, 2005, 9:00 A.M.** at Lakeview Elementary School on Townline Road, Whitewater, Wisconsin.

All members of the District are encouraged to attend.

Except for the provision for Special Meetings, described in our District by-laws, these Annual Meetings represent the only opportunity for District property owners to assist in defining the future direction of our Lake District programs. Therefore, it is important for you to attend. Please mark your calendars and **PLAN TO BE PRESENT**. Election of one Board position will take place during the meeting. Your vote is important.

A short organizational meeting of the Board will immediately follow for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committee assignments.

This is the last direct communication from your Lake District that you will receive prior to the Annual Meeting on August 27th. Notices of the meeting will, however, be published in the Whitewater Register during the two weeks prior to the meeting.

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