



Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

Coffee and sweet cakes provided as fund raiser by Lions Club between 8am and 8:30 for your enjoyment prior to meeting. Proceeds to help food pantry, fire and rescue departments, Bethel House and other organizations. Your support is appreciated.

Message from the Chairman

We thought we might have a bad weed season this year because of a short ice cover, but it has been nice so far. A quick team response to Spring growth followed by a cooler early season and we had excellent conditions during the July festivities periods. There may be another application to keep the lake in check. Goose management has again been successful and we have no algae problems. By the time we see you at the annual meeting, we hope you will still be happy.

As a reminder to keep the weeds and algae from exploding, we need to keep lake nutrients down. That means that you should not use phosphorous fertilizer, do not throw grass cuttings into the lake and do not blow leaves into the lake. Let your landscapers know that you are serious about this.

We are happy to see the Stegmans are working hard to help with shoreland beautification. They are working with the State and County Parks to make them more pleasant and can also advise you on your shoreline. Terry Anderson has stepped up to study the Rice Lake ecology to suggest improvements in water quality. Ray Baker is an avid carp hunter and has made it his goal to reduce that population. These new volunteers are a great addition to our lake community.

Please put your house numbers on your pier or boatshed. It helps support personnel find you. If you call about weeds or floaters, it would be nice if we could figure out where you are.

Finally, come out and see us Saturday August 27 at the Lakeview School right off the western edge of the lake. You will meet us and your Town representatives . You will learn what goes on in and around the lake. You will learn how lakes work and how we can or cannot affect conditions. You will learn our budget, help make changes and vote on it. Meet your neighbors as you breakfast on coffee, donuts and coffee cake provided by the Lions Club. After the District meeting, learn about the social events as the GWLPOA (Greater Whitewater Lakes Property Owners Association) has an open meeting to discuss future events and activities.

Rich Charts, Team Leader

Safety Committee

The boater Safety Class saw 14 people take the course. Eleven from Whitewater/Rice Lake and three from outside the Township. We plan another class for 2017 and anyone interested may contact me or Deputy Blanton for further information.

Please remember that anyone born after January 1, 1989 **must take and pass an approved Boater Safety Class- no exceptions** to operate a powered water craft in Wisconsin. Illinois also now has the same requirement.

Any Safety related concerns about boating or other activities on the Lake may be referred to Deputy Blanton, myself or any other member of the board. Let's all stay safe out there.

Larry Brady, Team Leader

Chemical Treatment

Our 2016 spring survey showed that we had fewer weeds in the south lobe than the last previous years for some reason that I can't explain except for Mother Nature, but more in the North, formerly Bass/ Round Lakes. We treated 159 acres this year about 5 more acres than last year in Whitewater Lake. There was no treatment in Rice Lake per the DNR request because of the water quality. The DNR is hoping that any plants, native or invasive, will help clear up Rice Lake water quality. Some harvesting has been done in Rice Lake to help land owners with navigational lanes. In our post treatment survey of Whitewater we noticed about 5 acres, in the North section, of Milfoil that was not knocked out completely with our spring treatment. We think it is a hybrid milfoil, which is a cross between the native milfoil and the invasive milfoil, this requires a different type of chemical treatment. We have requested to treat these 5 acres yet this year, but at this time we have not heard back from the DNR for approval. If we get the approval we will keep you informed, and will post the signs up like in the spring. Enjoy the lake.

Ernie Roy- Team Leader

Annual Meeting and Budget Review

Lakeview Elementary School • W8363 R&W Townline Rd
 Saturday, August 27, 2016 • 8:30 a.m.

- 8:30a** Opening remarks – Rich Charts, Chairman
- Call to Order
- Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 8:45** Review by commissioners: Chemical - Ernie Roy • Weed Harvesting - Larry Brady
- Bog Removal - Rich Charts • Equipment - Chuck Chamberlain
- Financials - Brad Corson • Audit Report – Dominick Fashoda
- 10:00** Introduction of candidates followed by voting: Chuck Chamberlain (3 year term)
- 10:05** Presentations on Lake Initiatives: Wildlife Management - Dave Clevon • Lake Quality – Tom Ganfield
- Rice Lake initiatives - Terry Anderson • Lake Safety – Larry Brady
- Safety Patrol - Shawn Blanton • Fish Management - Tom Potrykus
- Carp initiatives Ray Baker
- Shoreland Management – Theresa and Gerhard Stegmann
- 11:00** Input from Towns of Richmond and Whitewater
- 11:15** Election results
- 11:20** Open Discussion/Resident Input
- 11:30** Adjournment
- 11:35** GWLPOA Meeting – Lillian Roy
- 11:50** District Board Meeting

Fish Committee

2015 ended with Whitewater Lake being stocked by the DNR with 5,600 7-9 inch walleye pike. This complements the 4,125 walleyes of comparable size stocked by the Lake Management District since 2011. These fish normally have a high, first year survival rate (+/-75%) and can grow to about 18 inches in their 3rd year. Best catch heard of this year was 22 inches by a young boy (Andrew Skifstad) off his pier. The current size to keep walleyes is 15 inches. The DNR is proposing to raise that to 18 inches, which would yield a fish which has a chance to spawn once or twice. The Lake Management District is on record of supporting this size increase.

No carp were commercial netted on either Rice or Whitewater this past year. There was one attempt on Rice but nothing was caught. Local Rice Lake residents also made an effort this June to catch the carp near the dam. Not much luck, but a big thanks for trying. The existing commercial license for netting on our lakes ends this December, and it will be reopened for commercial fishermen to "bid" on. That might result in more netting activity. The DNR hopes to make Rice a trophy northern pike lake, as pike are big eaters of carp. In 2015, they stocked Rice with 2700 3-5 inch Northern Pike. On a smaller scale, new local resident Ray Baker has volunteered to get his attention around the carp population. Ray is an avid, licensed carp bow hunter. If you see carp you would like removed or want to be involved, call him. (262 206-1598)

The DNR is revisiting the size of walleye spawning habitat approved last year... maybe smaller, cheaper. Wisconsin annually offers each county about \$1400 to build wildlife habitat. We applied for those dollars through the Walworth County Park's Board, but "came in second".

Lastly, the Fish Management Committee would like to expand its membership. Let me or a Lake Management Board member know if you are interested. The meetings are short and non-confrontational, as so far the committee only has one member.

Tom Potrykus, Team Leader (608) 883-6664 🐟

Annual Equipment Report

The new Aquatic Transport Barge, which we acquired in July of 2015, was returned back to the manufacturer during the off-season to be equipped with plastic sheeting to reduce the wear and improve the efficiency of the primary conveyer belt. In addition, the Aquatic Transport Barge was equipped with longer spud anchors to help provide improved shoreline stability in deeper waters.

Presently, we are pursuing the acquisition of a new or pre-owned truck to replace our current 1999 Dodge truck. The acquisition of a Shore Conveyor to improve the efficiency in the removal of harvested aquatic plants is also being pursued. At this time, all equipment is fully operational and harvesting weeds per the 2016 schedule.

Chuck Chamberlain, Team Leader 🐟

Candidate for the Board

Chuck Chamberlain

My wife, Kathy, and I reside in McHenry, Illinois and have been proud property owners on Krahn Drive for 44 years. In 1986, I supported the creation of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District and continue to be a member of the Greater Whitewater Lakes Property Owners Association.

I am a graduate of Northern Illinois University with BS and MS degrees in Industrial Technology. I was a classroom instructor and Department Chair in Applied Technology at Fremd High School in Palatine, Illinois for 34 years with extensive training and experience in electronics, power mechanics and the vocational and building trades. In June of 2014, I retired as the Director of Summer School, Evening Programs and Continuing Education with Township High School District 211 with a total of 42 years in education.

I was a school board member for 12 years and served as both Vice-President and President with Community Unit School District 300 in Carpentersville, IL. During this period, I was a member of the Construction Oversight committee for all district building projects.

I have served 5 years with the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District as the Chairperson for capital equipment. In my tenure, I have worked with many quality people and would be honored to continue my service on behalf of this great organization. I believe my background will continue to be an asset as a commissioner to the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District.

Weed Committee Report

2016 has been a relatively light year compared to the previous two. The usual offenders – South Bay & Isabella Bay – have seen moderate weed growth but nothing like the past few years. A combination of aggressive chemical treatment & harvesting or maybe just Mother Nature have caused the reduction. Only time will tell.

Good news this year. The DNR has approved our Five Year Plan and granted us a harvesting permit thru 2020. As part of their recommendations from them, we are not harvesting any part of Rice Lake. This is to counteract the algae that has formed there. We are allowed to create navigation lanes on Rice Lake if necessary and we have done so on specific occasions. It seems we either let the weeds grow for a season or two or the algae could reach toxic levels such as occurred on Lake Delavan. We will continue to monitor these conditions & will take further steps as appropriate.

For those that have concerns or questions in the future regarding weed harvesting, I am available at larry@whitewaterlake.org.

Larry Brady, Team Leader (847) 975-6334 🐟

2017 WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES TAX ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Projected	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2016 Projected vs 2016 Budget		2017 Budget vs 2016 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
OPERATIONS BUDGET TAX	\$ 197,498	\$ 296,931	\$ 258,217	\$ 258,217	\$ 249,145	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ (9,072)	-3.5%
Cost per tax parcel	\$280.54	\$421.78	\$366.79	\$366.79	\$353.90	\$0.00	0.0%	\$(12.89)	-3.5%
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TAX ASSESSMENT	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$-	0.0%	\$ 6,000	20.0%
Cost per tax parcel	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$51.14	\$-	0.0%	\$ 9	20.0%
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TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS	\$227,498	\$326,931	\$288,217	\$288,217	\$285,145	\$0	0.0%	\$ (3,072)	-1.1%
Cost per tax parcel	\$323.15	\$464.39	\$409.40	\$409.40	\$405.04	\$0.00	0.0%	\$(4.36)	-1.1%

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES PROPOSED 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary Operations Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Projected	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2016 Projected vs 2016 Budget		2017 Budget vs 2016 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue - Tax Assessments	\$227,498	\$326,931	\$288,217	\$288,217	\$285,145	\$0	0.0%	\$ (3,072)	-1.1%
Interest Income	321	-	-	-	-	\$-		\$ -	
Contributions & Other	63	74	783	24	1,000	\$759		\$ 976	
Total District Revenue	\$227,882	\$327,005	\$289,000	\$288,241	\$286,145	\$759	0.3%	\$(2,096)	-0.7%
Operating Expenses									
Weed Harvesting	53,337	53,014	63,360	62,083	60,009	1,277	2.1%	(2,074)	-3.3%
Chemical Treatment & Other	55,138	97,993	93,696	120,000	120,000	(26,304)	-21.9%	-	0.0%
Bog Removal	49,257	44,309	50,701	51,601	52,288	(900)	-1.7%	687	1.3%
Repairs & Maintenance	37,425	39,848	33,940	33,590	35,382	350	1.0%	1,792	5.3%
General & Administrative	15,619	15,610	16,790	15,260	17,240	1,530	10.0%	1,980	13.0%
Total Operating Expenses	210,776	250,774	258,487	282,534	284,920	(24,047)	-8.5%	2,386	0.8%
Transfers To/(From)									
To Capital Reserve Fund	30,321	30,000	30,000	30,000	36,000	-		6,000	
To Next Years' Operations	(11,969)	34,262	34,775	0	-	(34,775)		(0)	
From Prior Years' Operations	(1,245)	11,969	(34,262)	(24,293)	(34,775)	9,968		(10,482)	
Net transfers	17,106	76,231	30,513	5,707	1,225	(24,806)		(4,482)	
Net surplus/ (deficit)	0	0	0	(0)	1	(0)		1	
Assessed Valuation (000 omitted)	\$247,709	\$251,364	\$251,364		\$251,364				
Change from Prior Yr	-1.5%	1.5%	0.0%		0.0%				
Mil Rate	1.15	1.15	1.15		1.13				
Average (704 Tax Parcels)	\$ 409.40	\$ 409.40	\$ 409.40		\$ 405.04				

2016 Financial Update and 2017 Proposed Budget

Though we still have about half our season left with respect to our total expenditures, we are projecting a surplus again this year of approximately \$35,000. As with the situation last year, this is largely due to the DNR survey limiting our spray acreage to less than what our Chemical budget could have accommodated, resulting in the Chemical budget coming in under budget by \$25,574. The remainder of the 2016 surplus relates to the 2015 surplus carried over into this year coming in \$9,968 greater than budget. If you recall, that was due to the delay of our SEWRPC lake survey of \$5,000 that will be paid this year, and lower bog harvesting expenses last fall.

Keeping in line with our objective to maintain expenditures at current levels, 2017 expenditures are projected to increase by only \$2,386, or 0.8%, from \$282,584 to \$284,920. However, our 2017 Capital Budget will require an increase of \$6,000 from \$30,000 to \$36,000, due to the proposed purchase of a new Shore Conveyor and a replacement of one of the pickup trucks. Consequently, the proposed 2017 total tax assessment will be approximately \$3,000 less than 2016's tax assessment.

Brad Corson- Treasurer 🐟