



Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

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Message from the Chair

I am looking at solid ice as we reach late March with no open water to be seen. People on Facebook are guessing anywhere from March 23 to the July fireworks weekend before we get full ice out. I vote for mid April, the latest in many years. Either way, it will not prevent our beginning operations in May and water activities in June.

We are again preparing for the worst as we anticipate the best in conditions. Equipment has been brought to fighting strength and we will make all effort to make your season a pleasure. In turn, you need to be mindful and courteous of others so that all can be safe while having fun.

After skipping a year, we will again be searching for geese. Look for nests under decks and in hidden areas around your property or anywhere in your area of either lake. Notify Dave Clevin if you see any during late April and contact him at (608) 883-2483 or daveandfranclevin@gmail.com. If you have not yet given permission to enter your property, fill out the attached form and send it in. If you do not wish people on your property for this purpose, let Dave know and he will respect your wishes.

We thank all volunteers who make all this possible every year with a special shout out to the GWLPOA, the new Southern Wakes Ski Club, the Lions Club and Camp Joy.

Rich Charts, Team Leader 

Equipment Report

- All current weed harvesting equipment will be removed from winter storage and prepared for launching during the month of May.
- The new Shore Conveyor that we purchased in 2018 was modified during the off-season to improve the operating efficiency of weed and bog material loading.
- A new 2019 Ford F-350 pick-up truck was purchased to replace our 1999 Dodge pick-up truck. By pre-ordering the vehicle in October, we were able to save the Lake Management District on the overall purchase price of the new truck. This vehicle is used in our weed harvesting and bog removal operations and will be put into service in early June, 2019.
- The 10 Year Capital Equipment Plan calls for us to refurbish the trailer that transports the 12 foot harvester. During this current fiscal year, we will proceed with the trailer refurbishment after the 12 foot harvester has been launched for the 2019 harvesting season.

Chuck Chamberlain, Commissioner 

Harvesting Report

After a brutal Winter (heavy snow, ice, wind & cold – in case you forgot), “Spring” is looking up. With open water come boats, skiers, PWCs &, of course, Aquatic growth – “weeds.” Last season the Lake was 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. New equipment is ready (conveyor & dump / weed hauler trucks) to make removal of the harvested aquatic material more efficient & cost effective.

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 or larry@whitewaterlake.org.

Please, no yard waste, sticks 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 

Summary of 2018 Financial Results

2018 finished the year with a net surplus of \$84,663. This is comprised of the known carry over surplus from 2017 of \$32,007 and an additional surplus from 2018 operations of \$52,656. Similar to last year, we had reasonably mild weed growth that allowed minimal weed harvesting labor contributing to \$13,904 of the surplus. The Chemical treatment was one of the largest acreages allowed in many years by the DNR with the cost coming in at \$90,183, which is also the most we have spent on Chemical. However, our Chemical budget was and has been \$100,000 to providing sufficient funds to treat what is required, and as such, contributed another \$9,800 of the surplus. Wildlife Management provided another \$6,950 to the surplus as the Goose Round Up was not held this year and supplemental fish stocking was not recommended by the DNR. The Bog Harvest activity was performed for only 4 weeks contributing to another \$10,000 to the surplus and finally, new equipment has allowed the least spent on repairs and maintenance in many years generating a savings of \$4,500. As with all surpluses, these funds will be carried into 2019 and allow a reduction to future tax assessments as appropriate.

Our capital fund started 2017 with a balance of \$77,820, to which we added the 2018 budgeted contribution of \$50,000, a DNR grant for the Conveyor of \$19,674 and a small amount of interest income. Capital expenses in 2018 were comprised of the new shore conveyor, \$37,710 and a new dump truck for \$51,840. We ended the year in the capital fund with a balance of \$53,900.

Brad Corson, Treasurer 

Lakeshore Management Report

According to the Center for Limnology at UW-Madison, native prairie grasses are far superior to trees, shrubs and lawns at filtering surface water runoff of pollutants, including phosphorus. Lawns are only slightly better than bare soil at reducing and filtering stormwater runoff. We can all agree that better water quality is desirable and at times we wish Whitewater and Rice Lakes had better water quality. Planting buffers of native grasses in sunny areas will protect water quality in our lakes and will enhance wildlife habitat, especially when planted with a combination of forbs (wildflowers) and sedges (for wetter soils) to fill niches wet/dry/sun/shade and add diversity.

It's a given that native trees and shrubs enhance wildlife habitat, but trees and shrubs also enhance our human experience around our lakes. Trees and shrubs slow and capture rainwater with their many leaf surfaces; and in doing so, reduce flooding and allow groundwater to recharge aquifers. Groundwater discharge is usually much cleaner than surface water runoff and therefore much better for lakes. Trees and shrubs improve air quality, provide cooling shade, muffle undesirable noise, and increase privacy and natural scenic beauty around our lakes. A natural scenic view is the sort of view that most of us crave when we own lakefront property. I know I appreciate my neighbors' trees on the opposite side of the lake, especially in autumn when those trees are ablaze with color! And if I ever sell my property, I am certain that prospective buyers will also see value in that view.

With the advent of LED lighting we are quickly losing our rural advantage for stargazing and nighttime tranquility around our lakes. We can all appreciate that artificial lighting is essential for security and safety, and is a fun outdoor accessory when entertaining, but it might be worth considering minimizing some of that lighting, especially after retreating indoors for the evening.

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Safety Team Report

A Boaters' Safety Course will again be offered by the District on May 18th & 19th at the Whitewater Township Office from 8 Am till noon both days. 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's class costs \$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.

Important note: The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources no longer requires a "competent observer"

be present in the boat if the boat 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. PWCs must continue to have a spotter.

Questions? Please contact the Water Safety Patrol.

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

Larry Brady, Commissioner 

Public Notice of Upcoming Chemical Application

Re: Proposed Aquatic Herbicide Application for Eurasian watermilfoil and Curlyleaf pondweed control on Whitewater Lake.

Dear Whitewater Lake Property Owner or Occupant:

The Whitewater and Rice Lakes Management District (the District) with support from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and Clean Lakes, Inc. (CLI) proposes to assess and chemically treat up to 175 acres on Whitewater 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 ProcellaCOR (florpyrauxifen-benzyl) to be performed by CLI. 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 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

For 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 please visit: www.district.whitewater.org

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

Terry Anderson, Commissioner 

Permission for Entry to Property for Goose Management

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 a 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): _____

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Fish Management Report

The DNR plans to stock the following in our lakes:

Whitewater

6250 walleye 6-7 “ size

Rice

1,370 small pike 3-4”
 to grow up and control the carp population

Lake Management plans to resume stocking with a \$3,500 budget; \$3,000 from Lake Management and \$500 thanks to the Lion’s Club.

Whitewater

2,900 perch 3-5”
 popular with anglers and excellent forage for walleye and pike

Rice

49 northern pike 12”
 stocked in the fall to control carp.

Tom Potrykus 

**Whitewater Lions Club
 2019 Fish-a-Ree Winners**

Bass
 Josh Holmes – 7.0 lbs., 22 ¾”

Blue Gill
 Brice Remington – 3.2 oz., 6 ⅛”

Crappie
 Cody Kravik – 5.3 oz., 8 ½”

Northern Pike
 Cody Kravik – 8.6 lbs., 33 ¾”

Perch
 Jason Schultz – 1.3 oz., 6 ¼”

Rough (Bullhead)
 Robert Rottermund – 1.4 lbs., 12 ½”