



MOOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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N E W S L E T T E R

Dear Members of the Moose Lake Community,

Though the calendar tells us that spring has been here for almost a month, one look across Moose Lake makes it pretty obvious that gentle spring time is having quite a challenge wresting our lake homes from the muscular grasp of winter.

For those who enjoy winter activities this has been a banner year. Snowmobilers and cross country skiers have had a solid four months of excellent snow conditions. Many Moose Lakers serve as volunteers clearing and grooming the several miles of trails leading to Moose Lake. As a result the trails in our area enjoy the reputation of being the best in the county.

Winter is also the time for the twice monthly Pot Luck Dinners at Louie's. They are a time to share goodwill and excellent food in a cozy congenial atmosphere on a cold winter night. The skill of the local chefs is really quite remarkable. If you are here on a Tuesday night during the winter, come join the fun. The dates are posted on our website (www.mliahaywardwi.org).

As soon as we get enough warm weather to melt the remaining snow your MLIA will be active with many springtime activities. Doc Grayson and his crew will be placing the navigation hazard buoys. Don Rossiter will be supervising the spring roadside cleanup. Betsy Vogel and Katie George will be rejuvenating the community flower gardens which will soon be awakening, all in preparation for the arrival of an active summer on the lake. Many of the tasks your MLIA takes on rely on volunteers to be successful. Please join us by contacting a board mem-

ber (look on the website) to help make the lake we all love a better place to live while getting to know your neighbors.

Looking forward to summer there are two things I would like to bring to your attention. First, the July 5th Annual Meeting will be moving to the lawn in front of Louie's. It is hoped that this more family friendly, scenic venue will encourage a larger attendance. Second, Saturday August 2nd has been set as the date for the Moose Lake Festival. This great family oriented community event is a great way to help raise funds for our hardworking and dedicated Volunteer Fire Department.

Finally, I would like to remind you that it soon will be time to renew your membership in the MLIA. You should receive a mailing informing you of your membership status. The Board of Directors voted to increase the annual dues to \$25. The last time the dues were changed was over 30 years ago. While much of what we do is achieved through the efforts of our volunteers, those things which cost money have increased thus making the increase necessary. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find an enumeration of the top ten things your MLIA does for the lake and for the community. After reviewing this I think you will agree that your MLIA membership is really quite a bargain.

I hope you all have a great time enjoying spring and summer at the lake we all love.

Sincerely,
David Wiltout
MLIA Board Chairman



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The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Moose Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Moose Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations, while respecting the interests of property owners and the public, in accordance with Chapter 181 of WI statutes.

What does the Moose Lake Improvement Association do for the Lake and the Community?

For the Community

- 1) Provide a forum to address lake issues at monthly meetings
- 2) Maintain website to communicate with membership
- 3) E-Publish Spring and Fall Newsletters
- 4) Publish Membership Directory
- 5) Hold Annual Meeting which includes social time and food
- 6) Sponsor bi-weekly community pot luck dinners in winter months
- 7) Help sponsor 4th of July Fireworks
- 8) Maintain community flower gardens
- 9) Have rental tents available for community use
- 10) Sponsor youth birdhouse building activity at the Moose Lake Festival

For the Lake

- 1) Maintain navigational hazard buoys
- 2) Monitor lake for aquatic invasive species
- 3) Monitor lake water quality
- 4) Membership in Lake Associations
- 5) Monitor loon population
- 6) Improve fish habitat
- 7) Post voluntary fishing regulations
- 8) Sponsor fishing preferences survey
- 9) Sponsor spring roadside cleanup
- 10) Maintain two public picnic sites

Please join in the effort to preserve and improve our lake and community by being a member of the Moose Lake Improvement Association.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

An Invitation: New this year, the Annual MLIA meeting, which will be held on **July 5th at 9:30 am**, will be on the **LAWN AT LOUIE'S**, the most beautiful venue in Sawyer County. A huge tent will be set up, chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring blankets or your own lawn chair for comfort. Following an informational speaker who will briefly explain the Fish Sticks program, there will be a picnic lunch of brats, beer, hot dogs and ice cream. There will be a 50/50 raffle, and more!

Please attend and enjoy the food and camaraderie. Family and lake guests are more than welcome.

A Message from the Vice President

As you read this, the ice on Moose Lake should be gone and I hope we have some good fish stories to tell. As I write this, the fishing opener is just two days away. We still have ice in front of Louie's Landing but it looks as though it could go out at any time.

Because of the ice, our dam keeper, Frank Leuschen, has not closed the gates on the Moose Lake dam. By closing them, this would bring the lake water level up to normal pool. This is normally done every spring prior to the fishing opener, but it all depends on the weather and melting of the snow and ice.

One interesting thing that is happening this year is the effect of the runoff from the melting snow and the rain that we currently are getting here. Along with the ice that is still remaining, this has forced Frank to keep the gates on the dam wide open. Most people on our lake leave their docks in all winter. This can be done, as most of you know, because our lake is drawn down to 5 feet below normal level and left that way all winter. If the lake comes back up in the spring before the ice melts it could cause problems. This is especially true if the wind would start to blow, as large chunks of ice could move around, destroying anything that would get in the way. This is why the water level has to stay down until all of the ice has melted. Currently, the gates on the Moose Lake dam are raised as high as they can go which is allowing millions of gallons of water to pass through the spillway every hour. Despite having the gates wide open our lake has still been rising about 2-4 inches a day. We currently have to only raise the lake 28 inches to get to our summer level.

The two gates on our dam are only 9 feet wide and with both of them raised all the way out of the water we still cannot keep up with the amount of water that is now entering Moose Lake. This is one of the reasons why Xcel Energy is going to replace our dam next summer (2015). The second reason for replacing the dam is the concrete alongside of the gates is deteriorating and eventually will become unsafe. With the new dam, Xcel is planning on constructing three gates that will be 12 feet wide. This should handle just about any threat of flooding in the future. No matter how much water enters Moose Lake after the year of 2015, the new dam will be able to handle the flow. Please note that during construction the lake may have to be a few feet lower than normal level. We will have more information on the construction of the new dam in the months to come.

Over the years, Moose Lake has lost a large majority of the wood that once was in the lake. This wood was from fallen trees during the lumbering days and it served as good cover for many of the smaller fish in the lake. Years ago, when we had large amounts of wood, people were catching very large crappies and perch. This has changed drastically. The main reason is that our smaller fish today have very little cover or no protection from the larger fish. Our lake has very few weeds compared to most lakes. So the only alternative is wood. The Fish Sticks program puts wood back into the lake.

We would need to cut perhaps over 100 trees and place them along the shoreline. This would give the added protection that our smaller fish need. The MLIA is looking into implementing a Fish Sticks program on Moose Lake. The program was done on Nelson Lake and has proven to help the fish population tremendously. At our annual meeting in July we will have a presentation on the Fish Sticks program and show how it would improve our fishery.

I hope we continue to have a very wet spring this year which will keep the fire danger low. But keep in mind things can change very rapidly. Please watch the local Fire Danger signs that are posted throughout the County.

The following information will help you understand the different levels of fire danger.

Low: Fires will start from an open flame, spread slowly, and in the absence of wind tend to go out. This is the safest time to burn.

Moderate: Fires start from a match or burning embers, spread quickly in dry grass or leaves. Burn with extreme caution!

High: Dangerous conditions. Fires start readily from a match or spark, spread quickly and spot readily. These fires are difficult to control and burning is not recommended.

Very High: This is a very dangerous condition. Fires start easily, spread very rapidly, can cause a crown fire and start many spot fires. These fires are very difficult to control and burning is not recommended.

Extreme: This is a very explosive condition. Fires start easily, burn fiercely and start crown fires very readily. These fires are very difficult or impossible to control during the day. Burning is not recommended. This also may be declared a Red Flag day at which time burning is not allowed at all.

I hope this information will help you. Remember, instead of burning, composting is always your best option. Burning debris is your last option. But in case you need to do outside burning, please note that in the Moose Lake area we have two locations where the fire danger will be posted for your information: Pine Point Road & County Hwy S and County Hwy S & Moose Lake Road.

Well, I think I'm out of room for this spring newsletter, I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer, and good luck fishing! Jim Onarheim

CAUTION!

This picture shows the remains of a bonfire left on Moose Lake this winter. Not only is it illegal to leave anything on the lake, it is also very dangerous for snowmobilers and even for boaters after ice out.





Buoy Report By Doc Grayson

Our MLIA Buoy Committee, much like our Town of Round Lake Fire Department, is unique for a community as small as ours. Our buoys, 20 in all, are "stewards of the lake" keeping all boaters safe from hazards that are the natural result of a dammed lake where irregular rock and wood contours are flooded.

Our present committee is a direct offspring of a dedicated and lake-hardened group of residents affectionately known as "the Buoy Boys" -- men who diligently painted white Freon tanks blaze orange, chained them to cement blocks, and faithfully maintained the markers voluntarily year in and year out. Over the years, the names of such men included Chet Ridgely, Don Panke, Bob Pepin, Ray Richter, Norm Scamfer, Dave Sanders, and Bill Vogel.

Sadly, years ago, an issue arose out of a direct confrontation of a single lake shore owner who decided to place his own buoys which the DNR found improper. An irritated DNR reacted by condemning ALL Moose Lake buoys, and had them removed. They mandated that if we did not have expensive, DNR approved buoys that are GPS located and recorded, there would be no buoys at all.

We complied for a couple of years until, in 2007, Jim Onarheim, determined to once again make Moose Lake safe, purchased an approved buoy and brought it to a MLIA meeting. Jim offered to voluntarily GPS locate all 20 sites if the MLIA would purchase 19 more buoys at \$125.00 apiece. The then president of the MLIA, Dick Tyrrell, came up with a brilliant concept of offering an "adopt a buoy" program. Anyone willing to donate the cost of a buoy could place their name, family member memorial, group affiliation, etc., on a particular buoy. The idea proved so popular that the MLIA had more requests for adoption than they had buoys, and the MLIA was spared generating the dollars.

So for the past six years, our committee has come together in the spring when the lake reaches full pool to remove the winter markers and attach the adopted buoys, only to repeat the process each October when the lake level drops. Our present group is composed of different volunteers (it even boasts a buoy scrubbing committee) except for one member. There exists a constant from back then to now, and that would be Dave Sanders, Captain of the SS Minnow, who still thoughtfully puffs on his cigar while studying the waves washing up through the Minnow's floor boards while carrying a cargo of adopted buoys headed for The Islands.

The Buoy Boys--and Girls--still do exist.

Doc

The Buoy Boys and Girls hard at work cleaning the hazard buoys last fall.



Don Rossiter and Marilyn Karns enjoying the beautiful weather if not the work!

Flower Gardens

Thank You Moose Lakers for the wonderful complements on the “Rock Garden” at the new bridge. It was fun putting it together with Dave Wiltrout and others. It will continue to look better each year. I want to especially thank Dorothy Briggs for her continued help in mowing the grass. Remember that there is no parking or boat launching at the garden since it is reserved for the Fire Department and people who are maintaining the garden.

Credit for the garden at Pine Point Road goes to Katie George. Her creative use of planting and driftwood was beautiful. Watch each space as things begin to emerge from their long winter slumber.

Submitted by Betsy Vogel



Despite the record snowfall (107” and still counting!), Dave Wiltrout was able to find a few crocus brave enough to face the several feet of snow still on the ground last March.

Report on the Activities of the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

Aquatic Invasive Species in the lakes of Sawyer County continues to be a serious and insidiously growing problem. Only last year, Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil were newly discovered in Lake Hayward and Eurasian Water Milfoil found in Spider Lake. Once these aquatic pests find their way into a body of water they are difficult and very expensive to eradicate. If not dealt with promptly and effectively these plants experience explosive growth making a shoreline unattractive and almost unusable for recreational use.

The good news is that to date Moose Lake does not contain any of these nasty plants. The Moose Lake Improvement Association Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Committee is a group of eleven dedicated volunteers who closely inspect the lake for suspicious plant growth once monthly during the growing season. You can help our efforts in two ways. First, you need to be very vigilant in inspecting your water craft for any hitchhiker vegetation when launching and retrieving. Furthermore, if you are entertaining guests who are bringing their own boats, make them aware of this problem. Second, you should become aware of what these problem plants look like and inspect your personal shoreline. The more eyes we have watching, the better chance we have of catching the problem when it is small.

If you do not know what these plants look like, please contact me and I will show you what to look for. Finally, while our committee does not have a high turnover rate there are occasional vacancies. If you are interested in a more active role, I would be happy to give you the details.

David Wiltrout
MLIA Aquatic Invasive Species
Committee Chair



**Curly Leaf
Pondweed**



**Eurasian
Water
Milfoil**



SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM

The Sawyer County Lakes Forum will have its Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 28, 2014, at 9 a.m. at the Comfort Suites on Highway B in Hayward. The speaker will be Alex Smith, DNR Lake Biologist, Bureau of Water Quality for Sawyer, Barron, Polk and Rusk Counties. He will be giving us an update on the spread of invasive species throughout the state and in our county. He will speak about what it means to a lake when such animals or plants take hold and grow and what it can mean for homeowners on these lakes that are so affected.

This will be in some ways a follow up to the presentation at the 2013 SCLF Annual Meeting when three speakers addressed the difficulties encountered in combating the spread of invasive species in their lakes. One speaker told of the complexity of determining the correct herbicide to use and when to apply it based on the two different invasive weeds growing in the lake. The second speaker told of the need to reevaluate treatments that are not effective. After a study of the acidity of the water in one lake that had had herbicide treatments for several years, a slight change in the formula gave better results. The third speaker told of the evolution of his lake association's Invasive Species Committee that began with volunteer inspectors doing the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. When they could not keep up with the hours involved, inspectors were hired to be sure that the two main boat launches could be adequately covered.

Moose Lake is fortunate to be one of the very few lakes in the county that does not have invasive species, as reported by our Invasive Species Committee, but it is helpful if all of us learn more about these plants and animals. Please plan to attend this meeting and take the opportunity to meet lake association members from other parts of the county and hear of other county issues that could affect lake shore homeowners.

Submitted by Mary Ann Churchill

NORTHWEST WI LAKES CONFERENCE

The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference will be held Friday, June 20, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Drummond High School in Drummond, WI. Don't miss Dan Small of the TV show, "Outdoor Wisconsin," as the keynote speaker. He will address celebrating Wisconsin waterways. There will be 15 separate sessions during the day. Some of those of interest to Moose Lakers might include:

Controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil

Partnerships Protecting Waterways

The Life & Challenges of the Common Loon

Improving Habitat with Fish Sticks

Damned if You Do, Damned if You Don't
– What Does It Mean to Own a Dam

An Eye for Wildlife Photography

The conference registration fee is \$35 per person (free for students) and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Register online at www.wisconsinlakes.org or call 1-800-542-5213 to pay by phone with credit card. The registration deadline is Saturday, June 14.

Submitted by Bill Czeskleba



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LOON REPORT

By Bill Czeskleba

Sandy and Dave Neuswanger were first (2nd year!) to report loons on the West Fork below the dam on April 19. The lake is still in ice and at winter drawdown of 5 ½ feet. I heard a loon flying at 6 a.m. on April 23, and we have heard loons calling nearly every morning the last week of April. Hopefully, the lake will be at full pool when they are nest site shopping this year. Otherwise, the nests flood out. I will be making weekly loon surveys during May, June and half of July. Then the schedule is bi-weekly until boat out in the fall. All sightings and counts are reported to LoonWatch for the state’s loon record-keeping.



LoonWatch will be hosting the North American Loon Symposium October 25-26, 2014, at Northland College in Ashland, WI. It has been more than 10 years since a loon symposium of this size and scope has taken place in North America. Topics will include mercury and lead toxicology, migration, behavior, loon banding, impacts of global warming, habitat management, wintering habitat and citizen science. An agenda and registration information are still in development. If you have the time to spare and want the

latest on loons, it promises to be a rewarding gathering. (Photograph courtesy of *National Geographic*.)

FISHING & BOATING VIOLATIONS

Please remember, if you see something that you know or suspect is against the law or dangerous, please contact a local DNR warden. Our eyes and calls can assist them in making Moose Lake a safer and better place for all. All calls are kept confidential.

1-800-TIP-WDNR



Note from the Editors:

Please go to the MLIA Website to view this newsletter. This newsletter looks much better in color — especially the photographs!

(www.mliahaywardwi.org)

Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary

The Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their support. Because of you, we have been able to provide our Fire and EMS Department with vital equipment which they need to respond to the 911 calls within our town as well as calls for mutual aid in other towns. With your support, we were able to accomplish our goal for last year which was to add a conversion slide to the UTV for fighting wildfires and to retrofit the UTV trailer for custom mounting of both rescue and wildfire slide-ins so that both slide-ins can be on the trailer at the same time. Additionally, we were able to purchase 7 individual GPS units for all fire trucks for quicker emergency response times.

We would like to remind everyone that no taxes were used in the acquisition of the last three vehicles, the new equipment truck, the fill site truck, and the rescue/wildfire UTV. Of course, this could not have been accomplished without your help and the help of the very talented group of people, led



Equipment Truck



Fill Site Truck

by Mike Feldner, who put hundreds of hours into the design and fabrication of these vehicles, as well as donations of material and labor from businesses in our area. This group of volunteers is able to take a basic piece of equipment and customize it into just what the Fire Department needs. The UTV has such unique capabilities that it and our personnel have been called in on mutual aid calls all over Sawyer County. The Fire Department is also proud to let you know that the new fillsite truck performed beautifully when called out for a fire at 4:00 in the morning on New Year's day this year, in extremely harsh, subzero weather.



The purpose of our fundraising this year is to add a snowmobile to the UTV setup. Having a snowmobile mounted on the trailer along with the UTV will be very useful because it will provide a way to transport multiple responders to a remote scene. Additionally, we will be starting an equipment fund to purchase a new fire engine that would be housed at Station 2 on County Road A. The one we have is fairly old. Our long term goal is to purchase a new engine and move the old engine to Station 1 at Moose Lake, which does not presently have one. This goal may take several years to accomplish as it will require an addition to be built to Station 1.

We raise money in several ways. One is the RLFD Sweepstakes which is just a new name for the old Cash Raffle. Another way is the Moose Lake Festival which will be held on Saturday, August 2. And, of course, donations are always welcome. Last year was a banner year for donations and the Fire Department can't express how grateful they are for the generosity shown by their neighbors all around the Town of Round Lake. We will also be selling Moose Lake Country apparel again this year.

Attending the Festival and purchasing sweepstake chances are terrific ways for you to show your support of the Firefighters, EMTs, and First Responders who serve our community. But we would like to remind you that the Auxiliary is about more than raising money. Not everyone can fight fires or be an EMT or First Responder. **But everyone (men and women) can help out our fire department by becoming active members of the Auxiliary.** We assist our Fire Department personnel when they are fighting a fire or handling a medical emergency by providing them with food, water, or other services they might require. We also help people in the community with special needs. If you would like more information about the Auxiliary, please contact Marilyn Karns, Lou Grayson, Pat Feldner, or Sharon Bratrud,

The Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department Personnel greatly appreciates your support.

Hope to see you at the Moose Lake Festival on August 2!

Submitted by
Marilyn Karns, President

We wish to thank the following businesses for their generous contributions and assistance in the clean-up of our home after we suffered extensive smoke damage. There were also many improvements made for our safety.

- Dave's Tile of Moose Lake
- Hayward Home Center
- Louie's Landing Condo Cabins
- Louie's Landing Restaurant
- Snyder's Y-Pine Tavern and Restaurant
- Uttech Plumbing
- Brighten Electric
- Charlie's Fine Food
- Screw Machine
- The Stoveworks
- Charly's Painting
- Rainbow Cleaning
- Do it Best-Northern Lakes Hardware
- Hayward Glass
- Tonelli Construction

We also wish to thank all of the community volunteers, the Town of Round Lake Fire Department and the Fire Department Auxiliary for their generous donations of time, furnishings and money. We can not thank you enough for the concern and generosity you have shown us.

*Lucille and Ron Ross
Moose Lake*



Ross Family Project Leaders

Doc and Lou Grayson

Mike and Pat Feldner

***We are so fortunate to have such caring people like you in our Moose Lake Community.
Thank you!***

MOOSE LAKE FESTIVAL

Saturday August 2

Top Ten Reasons to Attend This Year's Moose Lake Fest

Whatever you and your family and friends love best about the festivals in our north woods area each year, you will be head over heels in love with the Moose Lake Fest! This 38-year-old fest benefits both the Town of Round Lake Fire Department and the Chequamegon Lions Club. Here are the top ten reasons for going to this great event.

Reason #10: It's the best way to spend Saturday afternoon on August 2! Located in the midst of the Chequamegon National Forest, the annual Moose Lake Festival will be held at Louie's Landing on the shores of beautiful Moose Lake. The fest begins at noon and continues until 6 pm when the final big cash prize winners of the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Sweepstakes will be announced. There's no charge for admittance, and parking is free. Every age group will find something to enjoy at this very well loved summer celebration.

Reason #9: You just love to win prizes! Hundreds of prizes will be awarded between 12:30-5pm. In addition to over 200 door prizes from area businesses, you'll see many wonderful prizes created by local artists and craftsmen. There are many opportunities to win, including bucket raffles, a wheel of fortune, crowd raffles, a 50/50 raffle and a grab bag raffle. The Town of Round Lake Fire Department also offers a sweepstakes with a top prize of \$500.

Reason #8: Getting a great deal at the rummage sale makes you so happy! The huge White Elephant Sale will open at noon to a predictable crowd of bargain seekers. Some incredible buys plenty of lake toys and recreational equipment, outdoor furniture and grills, and lots of antiques. There are huge collections of kitchen, yard, kids' stuff, sports, books, seasonal and decorative items. There's fishing gear and lawn care equipment as well. You will be delighted to find that special treasure at this gigantic sale opening at noon sharp and going until it's all gone!

Reason #7: Kids will go bananas for all the neat stuff to do! Youngsters will love to build and decorate birdhouses and enjoy other activities. Professionally trained clowns will be providing entertainment with balloon animals and face painting. Smokey Bear is planning to make an appearance. The Town of Round Lake firemen and local DNR reps will provide some educational fun with a "Learn the Lake" pontoon boat tour for youngsters, where kids learn about measures of lake water quality, where fish live, and how to catch fish.

Reason #6: The food is out of this world! This year's menu includes fabulous broasted chicken cooked on site, grilled bratwurst and hot dogs, Charlie's Cowboy Beans, taco salad, and Italian beef sandwiches. Fresh sweet corn will be served with lots of butter. Save room for ice cream cones and sundaes made with Hayward's own West's Dairy ice cream. Louie's Landing's concession tent will be serving a variety of ice cold beverages to keep fest goers properly hydrated. You can start eating at noon, but leave room for some pie!

Reason #5: You know you just love that pie! The Moose Lake Festival is arguably best known for its famous Pie Auction of dozens and dozens of homemade pies. You can eat it there, or take it home for family and guests. The crowd is always captivated by crowd members sweetly outbidding each other beginning at 1 pm.

Reason #4: Your team is finally going to win that big competition! The very competitive Bean Bag Double Elimination Tournament will start after registration closes at 1 pm. Teams compete for prizes of \$100 to the first place team and \$50 to the second. This event is a blast to watch!

Reason #3: Your feet are tapping and you wanna dance! Back by popular demand, Danny and the Devils, a hard rocking original blues/rock band from the Chicago area, will be rocking the crowd from 7-11 pm sponsored by Louie's Landing. While this not an official part of the festival, it is a great way to finish the day.

Reason #2: You want to help support the community! This event benefits both the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Chequamegon Lions Club. The Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department will use their portion of the proceeds to purchase a snowmobile to go along with the rescue UTV and start a long term goal of purchasing a new engine. The members of the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary work tirelessly during Moose Lake Festival season to insure that the festival is a successful fundraiser in all ways. The auxiliary also supports the fire department during firefighting incidents by providing food and drink 24/7 as needed.

The Chequamegon Lions service area focuses on the towns of Round Lake, Spider Lake and Hunter. The Lions use funds raised to provide high school scholarships for students in their service area, put on an annual Free Health Clinic at the Spider Lake Town Hall in October, and treat all Hayward area third graders to a Water Habitat Study Day on the Chippewa Flowage each May. The club also assists in funding and providing service to many other local causes including the Hayward Community Food Shelf, Northwoods Humane Society, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Regional Hospice program, Weiss Memorial Library, Ventures Unlimited, Christmas 4 Kidz, Leader Dogs, Diabetes Awareness, Wisconsin Lions Camp for children with disabilities, and other projects for groups and citizens of the local community needing assistance.

Reason #1 to go to the Moose Lake Fest: Aw, you don't need any more reasons. Just hop in your vehicle and go!! To get to the festival at Louie's Landing on Moose Lake, take Highway 77 or County Road B east out of Hayward to County Road A, and follow the signs to Louie's Landing on Moose Lake (on Louie's Landing Road between Pine Point Road and Moose Lake Road off County Road S).

Submitted by Jan Stapleton

The Moose Lake Festival needs volunteers! Please call Lou Grayson at 715-462-9538. Help is needed in all phases, beginning now and ending after cleanup on August 3.

MOOSE LAKE FESTIVAL

on the lakefront at Louie's Landing on Moose Lake

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014
12 Noon until 6PM

Games and Crafts for Kids • PIE AUCTION 1-5PM • Bean Bag Tourney
Gigantic White Elephant/Rummage Sale • Live Music • Popcorn Cart
Great Food and Desserts: Chicken, Sweet Corn, Ice Cream
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Chequamegon Lions: Excited to Serve Our Community

The Chequamegon Lions Club is made up of service minded individuals from the towns of Round Lake, Spider Lake, and Hunter. The club's officers for 2014-15 are Dave Sanders, President; Steve George, 1st VP; Kay Hucker, 2nd VP; Katie George, 3rd VP; Sally Myers, Secretary; Mary Brad-dish, Treasurer; Nancy McDowell, Membership Chair; Jim Nickel, Tail Twister; and George Duewerth, Lion Tamer. Since it was founded 18 years ago, the Moose Lake area continues to be well represented in the leadership of the Chequamegon Lions Club.

The Chequamegon Lions love to serve their environment. For the third year in a row, the club will be hosting a one-day Water Habitat Study Day for 150 Hayward area third graders. The learning program takes place at The Landing and CC Campgrounds on the Chippewa Flowage. Small groups of students move between a number of outdoor education stations throughout the day, where they have the opportunity to learn about fish identification, fish anatomy, water clarity and quality, invasive species, and lakeshore management. The learning stations are staffed by local DNR representatives, county environmental staff, and volunteer teachers, many of them members of the club. Northern Waters Environmental School students spend the day as assistants. A healthy lunch is served, which includes a chicken and wild rice soup made with locally harvested wild rice, and organic chickens donated by Northstar Farms.

Other activities enjoyed by the third graders during the annual Water Habitat Study Day are knot tying, fly fishing, fish trapping, and fish art prints. Each student has the opportunity to record their favorite moments of the day using a digital camera. Those photos are used back in the classrooms to practice writing skills and share the special day with others. This event was established in 2011 by Lion Bob Kondrasuk in memory of Lion Bruce Meyers, who was a lifelong educator with a passion for the health of our lakes and the surrounding environment. The Chequamegon Lions feel that this effort supports their goal of teaching youth to be good stewards of the environment.



Kristi Maki teaches about invasive species.



Steve George teaches about water clarity using a succhi disk.

Each year, the Chequamegon Lions sponsor a free Health Clinic. This year it will be held on Friday morning, October 10, at the Spider Lake Town Hall. A variety of free screening tests will be offered, including cholesterol, diabetes, glaucoma, osteoporosis, hearing, sight, and blood pressure. Flu shots are available. There is no charge for any of the tests, and everyone is welcome.



Joe Dwyer having blood pressure checked by First Responder Mickey McGuiness

The club's biggest fundraiser of the year is the Moose Lake Festival, when it partners with the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary to raise money for the local fire department and many other projects. One hundred percent of the money raised by the club is returned to the community. The club awards scholarships to local high school graduates, provides assistance to families in need, and relief for victims of fire and natural disasters.

Funds raised by the club also support the free Health Clinic and the community meals program. Local nonprofits that received funding from the Chequamegon Lions this year include the Hayward Community Food Shelf, Ventures Unlimited, Northwoods Humane Society, Weiss Memorial Library, Regional Hospice, Christmas 4 Kidz, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Leader Dogs, and the Wisconsin Lions Camp for children with disabilities.

Each spring and fall, club members also offer their time and energy to keep a section of Highway 77 clean through the Adopt a Highway program. You will also see them cleaning the pontoons used in the Fishing Has No Boundaries event.

All are welcome to join our fun, friendly, and service minded club! Please attend one of our club meetings held the first Wednesday evening of each month at the Round Lake Town Hall. For more information, contact me, Jan Stapleton, at 715-462-3979.

Submitted by Jan Stapleton, President and Publicity Committee Chair, Chequamegon Lions Club

MOOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
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Minutes Annual Meeting from July 6, 2013

The MLIA meeting was called to order by President Dave Sanders. 54 MLIA members attended the meeting.

1. Adoption of the agenda: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda as distributed.

2. The minutes from the July 7, 2012 Annual Meeting were approved as written.

3. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Our current balance is \$5549.75.

4. New MLIA Member Directories should be published in the fall, 2013.

5. The MLIA Spring Newsletter has been distributed.

6. Old Business:

A. Doc Grayson recognized Mike Schmidt and Mike Feldner for their leadership in the acquisition and fabrication of the Fire department's Kubota UTV. It is a one-of-a-kind vehicle that can be used for both firefighting and search, rescue and transport.

B. Mike Feldner reviewed Fire Department procedures to provide support to other fire departments. He also reviewed how the Barnes Fire was supported by the Round Lake Fire Department.

7. New Business:

A. Each year six MLIA Board positions are up for election. There were no nominations from the floor and the ballot had six people running for office. A motion was made to suspend the rules and have a voice vote. The motion passed and those running for office were elected unanimously. The elected Board members include Joe Dwyer, Mike Feldner, Daryl Neibauer, Jim Onarheim, Tom Sroczyński, and Mike Williams.

B. Fireworks were shot off at Louie's on July 4, 2013. They were sponsored by Louie's, Mystic Moose and the MLIA.

C. Marilyn Karns discussed the RLFD Auxiliary raffle. This year's proceeds will be used to purchase six GPS units. Marge McCormick modeled the new Auxiliary T-shirt that is for sale at area establishments.

D. Lou Grayson reviewed the status of the Moose Lake Festival. Things are progressing but many volunteers are still needed as are Pies and Prizes.

8. Committee Reports:

A. The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee conducts lake surveys June through August. Dave Wiltrout has recruited volunteers from the Moose Lake area for the monthly lake survey. The June survey found the lake to be free of AIS.

B. Joe Dwyer reviewed the preliminary results of the Panfish Survey. A report on the final results will be in the Fall MLIA Newsletter and posted on the MLIA website.

C. Jim Onarheim noted that the lake is monitored monthly for oxygen and clarity. The monitoring is conducted during the open water season. The June effort showed good oxygen levels. He also informed everyone that Tom Hiser, DNR Warden, would be looking for lights, life jacket, and no wake zone violations. Jim continued to report on the DNR netting and electroshocking of the lake. A lot of small walleye and rough fish were seen along with some nice Muskie. He also noted that the new Sawyer County Paramedic Program established on 6-1-13 would bring "the ER to the response site".

9. Announcements:

Kyle Sorenson caught a 52" Muskie on Moose Lake.

Dave Sanders is no longer on the MLIA Board. Thanks for your contributions and leadership.

Thanks to Charlie's for the fine food!

10. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

1) To access the Sawyer County Lakes Forum website: [http:// Sawyer-County-Lakes-Forum.org](http://Sawyer-County-Lakes-Forum.org)/ Please note new address.

2) To access the WAL website: <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/>

3) To access the Town of Round Lake website: <http://townofroundlakewi.org/>

Be sure to check out the MLIA website at: www.mliahaywardwi.org

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dwyer



Fun at the winter Pot Lucks



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Please mark your calendar

MLIA Board Meetings — Check the Website

MLIA Annual Meeting — Saturday, July 5 - 9:30 am - Louie's

Moose Lake Festival — Saturday, August 2 - Noon - Louie's

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