

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

The Moose Lake Improvement Association Board of directors met last Saturday for their monthly meeting at Louie's Landing. The meeting was held outside on the lawn in front of Louie's because of COVID-19. Doc Grayson gave a report on the new hazard buoy's that had to be purchased because of the age of some of the existing ones that we currently have. Many of the original buoys are at the point of needing to be replaced. Doc has been doing an excellent job of managing this program and keeping tabs on the 18 Hazard Buoys and two No Wake buoys that we have in the lake.

The annual Moose Lake Directory will be coming out September 1st. Joe Dwyer is in the process of selling ads for the directory. All ad information from must be turned in by Wednesday July 8th. Ads that can be purchased can be a full page down to a ¼ page ad. Many area businesses have benefited from running an ad in our annual directory. If you are interested in running an ad in the directory please contact Joe Dwyer at 715-462-3979.

I missed some important news a week ago by not mentioning the joint training that we had with Spider Lake volunteer Fire department on the evening of May 19th. Both departments met at the Moose Lake Rd. bridge that crosses the West Fork of the Chippewa river, next to County Rd S for some valuable river rescue training. There were over 20 volunteers that participated in the training. The Round Lake Fire Dept. and the Spider Lake has joint training quit often. This River Rescue training was organized by Round Lake Training officer Mark Gritzmacher.

Mark had one of our Sawyer County EMT/ Paramedics, Haley Krehmeyer in a cold-water rescue training suit down-stream from the Moose Lake Rd. bridge. She was simulating that her canoe had tipped over and needed to be rescued. A team of 4 Firefighters came down stream in our inflatable river rescue boat and rescued the victim. This exercise was repeated several times so many firefighters and First responders could experience and participate in the cold-water rescue training.

We would like to thank the Jerry & Lynn Overman family for allowing us to use their property to take our rescue boat and canoe out of the river. The Overmans have property approximately two miles down-river along Hwy S from the Moose Lake Rd bridge, where we started the exercise.

The Round Lake EMT's Fire Department and Sawyer County Ambulance would like to thank Tom Blumenberg of the Sawyer County Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) for organizing & getting 1400 medical masks for Sawyer County emergency workers. Tom also had assistance from his nephew Howard Bichler and a friend David Brouillette of the Chicago area for helping to obtain the masks.

The Sawyer County MRC is part of the National Medical Reserve Corps program operated from the U.S. Surgeon General's office. Unit volunteers assist with: Disaster Response, Immunization administration, Public preparedness outreach, Environmental health surveillance, Communicable disease surveillance, Point of dispensing operations, Drug/medical device safety, Medical assistance & Data collection.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network comprises 990 community-based units and almost 200,000 volunteers located throughout the United States. Sawyer Counties unit is operated through the Sawyer County Public Health and the Office of Emergency Government. Thanks again everyone for this donation.

At the Moose Lake Improvement Association monthly meeting last Saturday there was a report from Sharon Haak our Town of Round Lake representative that there will be a Public Hearing at the Round Lake Town Hall on Saturday June 27, 2020 at 3 PM. The Hearing is for the Motorboat Wake Protection Area Ordinance No. 01-2020 (Tiger Cat Flowage). The stake holders and Lake Associations members would like to pass this Ordinance for protection of their lake.

The Ordinance would help regulate boating upon the waters of the Tiger Cat Flowage chain of lakes within the Town of Round Lake, Sawyer County, Wisconsin. This means that no one could create an elevated wake for over 50 feet in length, closer than 700 feet from any shoreline, dock, pier, raft, or other restricted area(s) within the Town of Round Lake, Sawyer County.

An elevated wake is a trail of disturbed water, more than 24 inches left by the passage of a watercraft. Such prohibited operation shall apply to wake enhancement watercraft using ballast, mechanical hydrofoil(s), uneven loading, or operation at transition speed. Transition speed means the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no-wake speed, but not fast enough so the boat is planing.

This should be an excellent Hearing to attend if you are concerned about the protection of your lake. I am totally in agreement to this proposal.

We need to protect our waterways. There is a substantial amount of damage that could be done to our lakes if we do not control this issue. There is way too much information on this subject that I cannot cover in this article. If you research this you should find many things pertaining to the damage that could be created, by allowing this kind of wake.

Birthday greeting this week go out to Bryan Duray on the 12th and my good friend Joel Miller also on June 12th. Anniversary wishes are extended to Ed & Eileen McKinney who will be celebrating on June 14th. Happy anniversary & Happy Birthday to all Moose Lakers that I have not mentioned.

Well that is all we have for this week. Please keep the news coming my way. I can not do it with out your information and help. Please give me a call at 715-462-4448 or send any information to me by e-mail at jonarheim@centurytel.net so I can include it in the column. Have a great week enjoy our beautiful weather. Stay safe!