

## Moose Lake News

We have an early deadline this week, so I am writing this on Thursday evening September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This morning we had our monthly MLIA Board of Directors meeting. Joe Dwyer reported that our annual Moose Lake Directory is close to be sent out to the printer. Advertising is close to the same as last year, in reference to the number of ads. Please patronize our sponsors.

Our President Tom Koehler reported that we have two individuals that have showed interest in being a Loon Ranger for Moose Lake. Tom will be following up with these two people soon.

Tom also talked to the board about maintenance to our two boat landings. We discussed this a year ago that we should add some small rock which is called angular rock at the end of each of the two concrete boat ramps. Many people power load their boat which washes the sand and gravel away from the end of the concrete ramp which creates a large hole. This could cause a problem when backing a trailer into the water. If the trailer wheels fall into this wash out the person may have trouble pulling his trailer back up onto the concrete ramp.

Our Town of Round Lake Liaison Sharon Haak suggested that the MLIA send a representative to the next Town of Round Lake monthly meeting to discuss this issue because the boat ramps are the towns property. Dave Sanders who was at the meeting as a guest volunteered to attend the next town meeting. Jack Brown who is a board member also volunteered to attend the meeting. The MLIA has always maintained the boat landings for the Town but under the Towns supervision. The Board of directors felt that if this work could be done this fall it would be better than in the spring when we must deal with road bans. We should have an answer from the Town hopefully by our next meeting which will be on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dr. Dave Wiltrout gave a report on Invasive Vegetation, Dave report that our lake is exceptionally clean, and we have no problem at this time. I asked the question of him, do many of the other lakes in County have a problem with Invasive Vegetation? He said yeas many of the other lakes have major problems. This question led to reminding boaters to be sure to clean your trailers after fishing in these other lakes. It is the law that you need to clean your boat and trailer before driving away from any lake. Remember, before putting your boat back into Moose Lake check your boat again before unloading it just to be safe.

Cary McDonald gave a report on our flower Gardens and Mike Feldner gave a report on the Fire Department. Things have been quiet on the fire front.

For years no one has ever caught a Northern Pike out of Moose Lake. The DNR has published in their Wisconsin Lakes booklet, that there are no Northern Pike in Moose Lake. About two years ago, one of our local guides informed me that he has caught a hybrid musky, which is a cross between a Musky and a Northern. At that time many of us felt that there must be Northern Pike in our lake but again no one has ever caught one.

Within the past few years, we have been getting reports from different people that have caught a Northern out of Moose Lake. We had no photos to back this up so most of us just thought that the person did not know the difference between a Northern and a Musky, even though Hybrids have been showing up. I think many of us were in denial. We just did not want to see Northern Pike in with

our muskies. Within the past years we now have seen photos from people that they have been catching Northern Pike.

I gave a report on this at the MLIA meeting last Thursday of a photo that I included in my Moose Lake News story a few weeks ago. The young man that I was guiding told me about his catch on Moose Lake earlier that week and sent me the photo of the fish. The photo is posted on the MLIA website.

After our MLIA meeting Dave Sanders shared with me a story about his Great Nephew who was visiting him and Snook in early June of this year. Dave's great nephew is Mason Sanders who attends Southern Illinois University. Mason loves coming to Moose Lake to visit Dave and Snook but most important he loves to fish.

The main reason Mason chose Southern Illinois University is because they have a bass fishing club. Many Universities and High Schools now do have fishing clubs as a competition sport just like football or basketball. In June of this year Mason was visiting Dave and Snook. He was out fishing on Moose when he caught a Northern Pike. Mason is an exceptionally good fisherman in fact he wants to be a professional fisherman someday. I think he does know the difference between a Northern and a Musky.

I have a friend of mine up here visiting us for a few days and we will be fishing Moose Lake targeting Northern Pike. If they are now in our lake I want to catch one. That is my goal. If I catch one, I will take a photo and post it.

Birthday greetings go out to Betty Haling on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Jerome Johnson on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Ann Berlage Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Frisbee on the 14<sup>th</sup>, & Ryan Ross on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There is only one anniversary this week. Greetings are extended to Rich and Lori Good on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September.

Well that is all we have for this week. Keep the news coming my way so we have things to write about. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather with 60 & 70's during the day the cool nights which are good for sleeping. Remember, wear your mask, keep your distance, and stay safe. Any News that you have can be sent to me at [jonarheim@centurytel.net](mailto:jonarheim@centurytel.net) or 715-462-4448.