



Cedar Lake Conservation Club NEWS LETTER



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CEDAR LAKE NEWS ROLLS #1

SUMMER MEETING

CELEBRATION MARKS 20 YEARS

The past presidents, officers, and board of directors of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club request the honor of your company at the 20th anniversary party, summer meeting and election of officers of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club on Saturday, July 28, 1973 at the V.F.W. club in Annandale for dinner, drinks, and dancing. The C.L.C.C. has come a long way since July of 1953, when a handful of fishermen, (Wayne Gendreau, Bob Kohonen, Bruce Gordon, Joe Brou, Art

Koehler and several others), decided to formally organize our club. Dues were a dollar then, and our minutes show that the largest project undertaken was a benefit dance held for Camp Courage that raised \$373.00 from which proceeds the club purchased a pontoon boat for the camp.

Some of these original organizers have since died or moved away, but others remain active in our present organization providing stability to our structure. Commencing with the fall of 1971, a completely new concern confronted Cedar Lake, the problem of back lot developments, the adverse ecological consequences of which are still being battled. Most members have participated eagerly and willingly in helping us face these problems through selfless donations of their money, time, efforts and ideas. Therefore, on July 28, we want every member, active or inactive, to participate with us in the celebration of this anniversary summer meeting and election of officers for the next two years. We also wish to discuss a new proposal for a water study project for Cedar, and we need as well to amend, for clarification purposes only, one article of our newly (cont. page 2, col. 4.)

NOMINEES NAMED

The following persons have been placed in nomination by the nominating committee for elective positions on the C.L.C.C. staff, (4 officers and 4 directors are needed.)
For President, Greg Heuer; for Vice-President Melvin Dykhuzen; for Secretary, Judy Draper; for Treasurer, Peter Cook.

For Board of Directors, Robert Kohonen, Elden Johnson, Larry May.

At the summer election meeting the opportunity of making additional nominations from the floor will be granted.

Though the calendar year of 1973 is already half over, the Cedar Lake News, a new publication to be put out periodically by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, is just beginning its first year with this, its first issue.

Present plans call for the News to be published six times a year: Jan.-Feb., Mar.-Apr., May-Jun. July-Aug., Sep.-Oct., and Nov.-Dec.

The format of the News is also radically different from the newsletters of the past. Following a style similar to that of a miniature newspaper, the News will keep all members and residents around Cedar informed of current club activities, projects meetings and the like. There will also be informative feature articles

COMMITTEES SELECTED

At the spring meeting the following people volunteered to serve on the club's three standing committees:
Membership Committee: Carmen Caruso, Chuck Duepner, Melvin Dykhuzen, Stan Ehrke, Elmer Heuer, Larry May, Mrs. Larry Thomsen, and Robert Zeller.
Fund Raising Committee: Richard Applegren, Mrs. Peter Cook, Judy Draper, Mrs. Esther Hegg, Mrs. Gordon Matson, and Mrs. Larry May.
Newsletter Committee: Mrs. Ron Dircks, Mrs. Stan Ehrke, Mrs. John Gross, Greg Heuer, and Robert Leet.

dealing with various areas of environmental science. The News will also be an organ for notices of social and news events concerning club members, and there will be a mailbag forum as well where our readers can write us their opinions on matters dealing with our Lake or conservation and environmental topics in general.

Does anyone around the lake have anything to buy, sell, trade, rent, or give away? The News will have its own want-ad section, too. And each issue will have its comedy spot as well, with a cartoon showing the humor (ironic or not) of the ecological situations men and animals in our day and age are confronted with.

COMMITTEES 126 ATTEND DINNER-MEETING

126 members and their families attended the spring dinner-meeting of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club at the V.F.W. hall in Annandale on Sunday evening, May 27. After an all-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Larry Thomsen. During the course of the meeting a report was read by Sec. Judy Draper concerning the harassment last year of the family of loons on Cedar and the subsequent death, after injury, of one of the young birds. Vice-President, Greg Heuer, also (cont. page 2, col. 3)

FIRST SUCH SESSION OFFICERS MEET WITH F.G.R.

BULLHEADS REMOVED FROM CEDAR

On Saturday, May 19, 1973, the officers and board of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, along with the club's legal counsel, Mr. Will Harfeldt, met with Messrs. David Ferrell, Daryl Gunnarson, and Bill Roth (of RGR Enterprises, Inc.) at the Town Club cafe in Annandale to discuss the problems arising from the Cedar Acres development on the west side of Cedar

passers out.

This is the maximum extent of RGR's plans for developing this site. They have no plans for a marine or swimming beach.

However, the matter does not rest here; for after the seeding, fencing, and some landscaping is done, RGR will turn this park area over to the residents of Cedar Acres, to be known as the Cedar Acres Association. The association will then be delegated the responsibility of maintaining and managing this area and making use of the lakeshore as it so determines--which could include docks, swimming beach or whatever. So far this association does not exist, but it will be formed as soon as possible. This association, then, is the organization the officers and board of our club will meet with in order to arrive at a settlement agreeable to both sides concerning how the beach location is to be used and the unique characteristics of this area preserved.

The meeting lasted just about an hour, and it marked the first time since development operations began two years ago that both sides sat down at the table and directly expressed their concerns to one another. Daryl Gunnarson acted as chief spokesman for the RGR group.

One item of false information that was corrected by Mr. Gunnarson at this meeting concerned the size of the development itself. While Cedar Acres does have a present total acreage of 120 acres, not all lots are only one acre in size. In fact, these lots range in size from one to eight acres each. A nevertheless substantial total of 50-55 lots are now platted.

Mr. Gunnarson went on to explain, in part, proposed plans for the beach location and the land immediately behind it. This area is to be set up as a private park for families in the Cedar Acres development only. It will extend back to the new road and includes three to four acres that are to be left undisturbed as woods. The high piles of dredged material have been leveled out and the area will be seeded with grass. A large cyclone fence will also go up around this park area to keep trees-

all public hearing meetings of the Wright County Board of Commissioners and to pass along to the club the results of these hearings. At the close of the meeting a cash prize of \$36 was won by Dan Albrecht, and Judy Draper was the winner of the door prize: a Time-II electric ceiling clock. At 7:45 the meeting was adjourned, and the members were entertained until midnight by the Red Jackets band.

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retified constitution amended by-laws.

We are determined to constrain the length of the business meeting so as to accent the celebration aspect of the gathering.

The format for the evening is as follows: Pre-dinner social half-hour with setups available beginning at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM followed by a brief business meeting. At 8:00 PM the Jolly Dutchmen dance band will play for your enjoyment until midnight.

The menu is fried chicken; the cost is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.25 for children 12 and under. There will be anniversary cake for all and prizes as well. For the kids we will have free pop, ice-cream and favors.

We are hoping that you parents won't forget to bring your children along to the celebration and meeting as well, for the too, are future conservation club members and vital to the continued strong growth of our organization.

Please return the slip found in the back of this paper to Judy Draper no later than July 24. Again, reservations are limited to 150 persons, so please send your replies in soon. For any further information call (in the Twin Cities) 451-3315. C'mon out--we'll be looking for you!

126 ATTEND (cont. from P.1)

In the interim, from now until an agreement is reached, FGR has pledged to do no more work along the shoreline or bed of the lake, nor will they build any structures adjacent thereto. When pressed for a pledge that property owners in the development would not use the water area until a settlement was reached, Mr. Gunnarson replied that he could not guarantee the owners' actions but would urge them to wait the situation out.

gave an update on the RGR Cedar Acres affair, and chairman of the specially created by-laws committee Elden Johnson, read and formally presented the proposed new constitution and by-laws for the club; the first in the organization's 20 year history. The membership in turn voted unanimously to adopt the new regulations and guidelines.

Following adoption, members for the standing committees were selected and Mr. Melvin Dykhuzen volunteered to be the club's representative at

WATER-STUDY PROPOSAL ADVANCES

New inquiries into the possibility of water studies being made on Cedar Lake have recently been undertaken by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club staff.

Initial overtures towards the University of Minnesota's Limnology Department to undertake or help the club to conduct such a study have met with an apparent lack of sustained interest by the department along with a breakdown in communications. Consequently, in recent weeks contacts have been established with Dr. Keith Knutson of St. Cloud State College's Biology department.

Dr. Knutson is an aquatic environment specialist and has had much experience in conducting such studies as we are seeking.

Dr. Knutson and his staff of environmental science students would be very willing to undertake a survey program to determine the source(s) of our lake's pollution problems and to offer suggestions for alleviating these problems.

Initial cost estimates we have received are also encouraging in that they are substantially below estimates given by the University. Checks are currently being made with various groups and governmental agencies to determine the amount of financial assistance the club could obtain to help finance the project.

At the club's summer meeting on July 28 a moratorium report on these new proposals will be published before the membership and vote called for on whether or not to begin such water study.

CEDAR LAKE LOONS PROTECTED

At the May 28, 1973

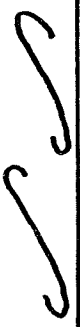
meeting of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, the members listened to a special report on our Cedar Lake loons. In the fall of 1972 one of our young loons was rescued from the west shore of Cedar. The loon was observed to have a poorly mended broken leg and was slowly starving. This bird was taken to St. Paul on instructions of game warden Earl Putzke for the purpose of being examined and doctored.

The animal was surrendered to the custody of Como Zoo. The zoo veterinarian concluded that amputation of the leg was necessary. However, the surgery proved too traumatic a shock to the loon and the bird expired. An autopsy of the loon was conducted by Judy McIntyre of the Dept. of Zoology of the University of Minnesota. She concluded that the injury was inflicted by a motor-power watercraft.

Our club had received several reports last year about the harassment of our loons by speedboaters. In an effort to protect these birds the Loon Observation and Protection Committee was appointed. Helen Westlund is the chairman. We urge all residents to advise Helen or contact warden Putzke if any harassment is noticed.

The loon, our state bird, is a federally protected species. A penalty can be levied on anyone convicted of harassment.

This year the nesting pair of loons on Cedar have only one offspring. Please do your part to help keep both the young one and its parents safe.



MAILBAG FORUM



Ordinarily this space will be reserved for those readers who wish to correspond with the News on any number of matters that concern the problems of Cedar Lake, current activities the club might be involved in, or just environmental topics in general.

If anyone wishes to sound off with a complaint or criticism, we'll print it here, in the "FORUM"; of course, any letters of praise that might flow our way we won't hesitate to publish either. But the point we're trying to make is that the "FORUM" is the spotlight in which

we seek to display your ideas and opinions. And you can believe us when we say that matters! Because communication is a two way street; just as we seek to inform our readers on developments in the club, and happenings around the lake, so we hope to be informed in turn by them. We don't just want to talk—we want to listen, too. What do you say, News readers?

---The Editor

THE NEWS WANT-ADS

FOR SALE:
Deluxe Weeres Pontoon boat (15ft. deck) and 18 H.P. Johnson motor--both like new (boat used one season.) Call 274-5555 (Annandale)
1950 Ford ½ ton pickup. Good runner. Call 274-5555 (Annandale)

3 H.P. Johnson outboard motor. Like new, exc, running cond. Wilbar Light, 955-1709 (Delano)
Sunbeam Electric Snowblower, 100 ft. cord, good cond. 963-3771 (Maple Lake)

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"THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE Biting, today!"

WANTED! VOLUNTEERS

THE CEDAR LAKE NEWS

Several young boys and girls are needed for a special task later this summer. The creek at the south end of the lake is again reported to be occupied by fallen logs, branches, and other assorted refuse.

Robert Kohonen requests that all interested young conservation members contact him about this project. It will take several hours to clean away the debris. This is a good opportunity for young people around the lake to do their share in helping to clean up and protect their environment. Failure to clear out the stream will prohibit

1973 MEMBERSHIPS

The 1973 membership drive is already well under way. Reports coming in from committee members is that they are having good success with lake residents showing continued support of the club and its programs.

Our dues, which are \$10 this year, down from \$20 last year, comprise the meat of our treasury. Among the costs incurred by the club are legal fees (our largest expense), mailing costs, pike pond rental, and special conservation projects.

If you have not yet been contacted for membership, send \$10 along with your name, address and phone number to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, Box 192 Annandale, Minn. 55302

many spawning fish from returning to Cedar from the spawning grounds further up along the creek next spring. Adult northern pike and much of their fry have died in past years because they were unable to make their way back downstream after the mating, egg-laying and hatching process had been completed.

Those who feel they could help in any way or would like further information, please contact Bob at his home on the east shore of Cedar any weekday or weekend (phone 963-3771). The club will provide refreshments for all workers after the cleanup.

SOCIAL NEWS

We'd like some assistance from our readers in this department. This section will be reserved for social news around Cedar, such as new people on the lake, old members that are leaving, fishing success stories, celebrations, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, etc... and any news items you feel are interesting to other members. Call Linda Dircks at 274-5555 or mail your news notes to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, Box 192, Annandale, Minn. 55302.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

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Want-Ads rates as follows: 3¢ per word; phone numbers, address numbers, year and month numbers (grouped digits) are considered as a single word. Payment must be made before ad is printed, any checks make payable to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. Ads printed for one issue only unless otherwise specified.

Letters to the Mailbag Forum must be signed. We reserve the right to edit lengthy letters.

QUITE A MINNESOTA CATCH!

(Reprinted from the March-April, 1973 Volunteer)

A measure of the magnitude of sport fishing in Minnesota was revealed by a recent mail survey of fishermen conducted by the Fisheries Research staff of the DNR's Division of Game and Fish.

Casey presented this summary of survey highlights: "Of the 3.8 million residents of Minnesota (1970 census) approximately 36% go fishing. Of these 537,000 are under 16 and need no license.

"On combination licenses, about 68% of the wives indicate they actually go fishing and they total about 250,000 individuals.

"One-third of the license buyers, about 220,000, indicate they fish

in the wintertime. Add to this the number of wives and those under 16 who fish and we probably have a wintertime angling army of near 500,000.

"When asked which species they fish for most, anglers indicated the most effort was expended on walleye and northern pike by a sizeable margin. Sunfish and crappies were their closest competitors for attention.

"More than half of the license buyers fished 10 or more times a year and almost one in four indicated they fished 20 or more times a season!

"No doubt about it, Minnesotans love to fish!"

RESERVATION SLIP --- RESERVATION SLIP

(Clip and mail to Judy Draper, 157 13th Ave. N., S. St. Paul, Minn. 55075. Reservations must be in by July 24. Cost: \$3.00 per adult, \$2.25 per child. Make checks payable to the Cedar Lake Conservation Club.)

NAME: _____

NAMES OF OTHERS IN YOUR PARTY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ TOTAL COST: _____