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NOTICE OF SUMMER MEETING

The summer meeting of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club will take place Saturday afternoon, July 26, at 2:00 PM at the lake home of Elmer Leuer (lot 12 section H on your Cedar Lake maps.)

A number of important items are on the agenda for that day including election of club officers and a board of director member, selection of people for assignment to the standing committees, and the presentation of cash awards to the winners of the first half of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club's annual fishing contest. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

A complete list of candidates for office selected by the nominating committee was not yet available by publication time, but at least one nominee for each opening will be listed on the ballot. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted at the summer meeting.

As in the past, this will again be an outdoor meeting. We ask that those attending bring along a lawn chair, boat cushion or blanket for seating purposes. In the event of rain the meeting will be postponed to the following Saturday.

POT LUCK A SUCCESS

The spring meeting of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club was held on Saturday, May 31, at Camp Courage. It was a combined pot luck dinner and meeting. Over 60 persons attended the event which was judged by most everyone in attendance as a successful new approach to

dinner meetings. Disappointment was expressed by many, however, in the relatively small number of members present. Only a year ago we were attracting 100 or more individuals to our meetings, and certainly we are presently drawing in groups that are a far cry from our high water mark of over 200 people.

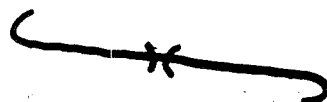
SETTLEMENT REACHED IN CEDAR ACRES DISPUTE

On June 7, a final out of court settlement was made between F.G.R. Inc. of Annandale and the Cedar Acres Association and the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. The agreement, signed in attorney Thomas Lilja's office in Buffalo, marked the end of a 3½ year series of legal maneuvers and negotiations in a case which has held our club's attention since 1970.

The agreement as signed insures the protection of the hard-stemmed vegetation in the Turtle Bay area and consequently the spawning bed as well. Docking facilities for residents of Cedar Acres will be on the northern end of their property (on the sand spit.) Entrance to and from the shoreline behind the vegetation will be through a single designated channel, and the park area itself will be for use only by Cedar Acres residents and their

guests. The Cedar Acres residents have also established a program for tax payments on the park land which will avoid future problems with the land reverting back to the county for non-payment of taxes.

In total it is an agreement which all parties concerned can comfortably live with and which takes care to preserve our lakes resources as well. The members of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club are to be commended for their continued strong support throughout this matter and now that this chapter in our club's history has closed, we ask that our members continue to lend their support to new programs designed to restore the quality of cleanliness to Cedar and the preservation of its ecological and recreational resources.



DNR NEWS RELEASE

A couple of news items have been released recently by the state Department of Natural Resources that deal with boating on Minnesota's waterways. The first item is a change in the legal waterskiing hours of the day. Henceforth it will be illegal for waterskiing to occur from one hour after sunset to sunrise the next day. Also, DNR wishes to make it known that non-residents of Minnesota 13-17 years of age, will no longer be exempt from having to have a state issued permit for operating without an accompanying adult, a motor boat with a motor larger than 24 horsepower. Previously, all residents of Minnesota in this age group were required to have this permit before operating such a craft, but now out of state youths will find it necessary to have one as well.

PRESIDENT & SECRETARY WON'T RUN

Cedar Lake Conservation Club President, Greg Heuer, and club secretary Judy Draper both announced at the spring membership meeting their intentions not to run again for office in the upcoming summer elections. Mr. Heuer, who served 2 years as vice-president before his election to the presidency, as well as Ms. Draper, who has served 4 years as secretary, felt that new people should be encouraged to step into the leadership

role, thereby stimulating a greater number of individuals to become active in the organization. Both the President and Secretary expressed the hope that now that the chief crisis of the Cedar Lake Turtle Bay affair has been resolved, club energies can and will be turned towards the task of restoring the pristine condition of Cedar Lake's water that most of us once knew.

CLCC FISHING CONTEST WINNERS

The first half of the new Cedar Lake Conservation Club's annual fishing contest is now over and we have winners in 4 out of the 5 categories. Unfortunately, no entry was made at Marv's Bait shop outside of Annandale, for a crappie. The winners of the other categories are:

northern--8 lbs. 5 oz. caught June 28 by Reed Swanson on a sucker minnow; walleye--2 lbs. 0 oz. caught June 29 by Ted Wratkowski on a beetle spin and minnow; largemouth bass--3 lbs. 0 oz. caught June 8 by Richard Medvec on a Bass Oreno; sunfish--0 lbs. 10 oz. caught July 4 by Carolyn Custer on a worm

Each of these winners will receive a check for \$10.00 from the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. Congratulations!

The second half of this contest is still on through labor day weekend. Even if you were a winner the first half, you still are eligible to enter and win again if you are a current 1975 paid member of the club. Good luck and good fishing!

DNR NET SURVEY

Some very interesting information was obtained from the Montrose fisheries people of Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources by Mr. Dick Appelgren earlier this spring. Probably of foremost interest is the report on bullhead netting early this year. The results of that netting are that 44,900 bullheads weighing a total of 17,140 pounds (or over 8½ tons!) were removed from Cedar this spring by Mr. Jim Kath of Buffalo. Plans are for netting to take place again this fall.

Also of interest to our members is a report that DNR made on random netting done in our lake to determine various species of fish present and their approximate size. The species of fish netted were: tullibee, white sucker, black bullhead, northern yellow perch, walleye, bluegill, rock bass, black crappie, dogfish, carp, yellow bullhead, green sunfish, pumpkin

seed, and largemouth bass. Their numbers ran from one specimen (dogfish) to 106 specimens (pumpkinseed and black bullhead.) As one might expect in a lake such as ours, a large number of panfish were caught. Over 90% of the bluegills and pumpkin seeds caught were between 5½" and 7" long. 85% of the crappies were between 3½" and 4" long. All northerns caught were between 17" and 26", and of the few walleyes netted only one was less than a foot long, and none larger than 17". Strangely enough only 4 largemouth bass were netted, the largest being only 7" long. When asked why so paltry few of these bass were netted from our lake, which does have an abundant supply, the DNR "expert" grinned and said, "...they're just too smart a fish to get caught."

Amen to that, brother. Amen!!

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