



Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

November, 2013

President's Letter *by Mike Hankee*

Greetings,

While you turn your thoughts to the upcoming Holiday Season, please take a few minutes to read this edition of the CLCC Newsletter. As you know, much has happened this past year .

In September, after months of research, education, and discussions, the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) passed an amended P06 Swartout and Cedar Water Quality Improvement Project. Hats off to everyone who participated.

New offerings by the Club this year were the Native Rain Garden and Shoreline Restoration Class in April and the Native Plant Sale and shore land tours in June. They were very successful and as a result, the Wildlife Committee has recommended we do another native plant sale and tour of lakeshore restoration projects again next year. Our third annual Summer Picnic was another big hit with over 270 people attending. Members donated over \$480 to the Walleye Fund which will be used next fall when CLCC stocks Cedar Lake.

My last highlight is to thank the 45 visionaries who donated over \$7,100 to the various CLCC Visionary Funds. Your donations truly make a difference.

The CLCC Annual Meeting was held on September 21st at the Corinna Township Hall. The CLCC membership elected three new Board of Directors: **Bill Arendt, Glenn Baird and Orv Jonsrud**. We also said thank you to three outgoing members: **Leslie Kreutter, Kathy Jonsrud, and Cheryl Wold**. Leslie Kreutter was the Merchandise Chair and also a past president. Kathy Jonsrud was vice president for one year and president for two years and just finished her last year. Kathy is staying on as the Water Quality Committee Chair. Cheryl Wold worked on the

Fish and Wildlife Committee and was responsible for setting up training for our native shore land restoration projects and plant sales. A huge thank you to these three outgoing board members for their great service and contributions to the CLCC.

During the Annual Member Meeting, I gave a summary of events that the CLCC was involved in throughout the year. **Kathy Jonsrud** also spoke about this year's water quality related items. Please see the Water Quality Article on page 14 for this information. Also present at the member meeting were Clearwater River Watershed District Manager Mary Ellen Wells and Administration Assistant Cole Loewen. They were available for member questions. After the Annual Member Meeting the Board of Directors met and elected the CLCC 2013-2014 Officers: **Mike Hankee (President); Bill Arendt (Vice President); Liz Baird (Treasurer) and Christa Lane-Larsen as Secretary**. Welcome and thank you for your willingness to serve the CLCC.

Cathleen Campbell will take over as Merchandise Chair. Thank you Cathleen for volunteering to do this.

Also, the Board agreed that the Annual Picnic will again be held at Camps of Courage and Friendship on August 23rd, 2014. The Board also agreed to continue the CLCC partnership with Wright County Parks for an Aquatic Invasive Species Inspector at Schroeder Park.

In closing, please consider being more involved with your CLCC. We are always looking for more help. Whether your interest is in water quality, fish and wildlife, native shore land restoration, newsletter and website, membership or being a board member, there is something for everybody. Please make sure your email address is current and consider making that end of year tax deductible donation to a CLCC Visionary Fund. Your 2014 dues can also be prepaid in 2013 and all this can be done easily on our website at www.cedarlakecc.org

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Mike Hankee



CEEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB

In This Issue:

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Stay abreast of breaking news - visit www.cedarlakecc.org for the latest updates.

Do you enjoy reading about the activities on the lake? This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner. If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and other CLCC activities .

CLCC SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Third Annual Summer Picnic and Music on the Water Another Smashing Success!

By Mary Ellen Wells

The signature social occasion for CLCC was another rocking success! Held again at Camp Courage on August 24th, over 270 people enjoyed the opportunity to gather with neighbors and meet new lake friends. The food, games, merchandise sales, fund-raising raffles, and the 60th Anniversary display boards made the lunch a great success. The event shifted to the lake's sand bar for the Music on the Water. Over 100 people in 30 boats anchored and rocked once again to Midnight Radio. The band on the barge was sponsored by Dingmann Marine and More.

HAVE FUN PLANNING THE FUN! Cathi Gabriel Westman needs help! Please contact her at 651-253-2675 or cgwlawoffice@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Next year's event will be August 23rd.



Don Linn wins framed 3D Cedar Lake print

Bill Arendt, Liz Baird, Bill Westoff, and Dean Nicholson



The big crowd sees Laurie Hankee 's raffle tickets pay off!



Ben Diers and Katie Wolf win a basket of goodies

Dave Glass wins a gift certificate



Leslie Kreutter selling Cedar Lake merchandise

CLCC SOCIAL COMMITTEE



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

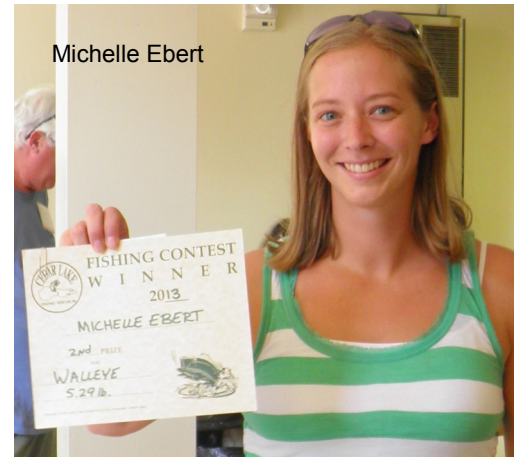
So many of you sent or brought wonderful photos, written memories, and historic information that made for such an informative look at the past for the display at the Cedar Lake Conservation Club's annual picnic and 60th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you all very much! We had so many items to work with, that we were able to show the development of the lake from a favorite location for camping and swimming, picnicking, fishing, to the many resorts that developed to provide those amusements, and then fast-forward to the well loved lake homes that we have today.

and amenities we can look back to what, in so many evolved to today. Let this glance back remind each and the very excellent Conservation Club that we have to guide us. Again thank you for your memories. *The 60th Anniversary Committee: Cathy Campbell, Gary Miron, and Diane Salls*

Now, as we enjoy our modern accommodations cases, was the family "project"- and all that has us of our very important stewardship to the lake

The annual fishing contest was another great success. Fishermen, women, boys and girls enjoyed the lure of the fish and the thrill of reeling in the large as well as the small. Thanks to Dean Nicholson for organizing, weighing, and keeping track of the winners. Congratulations to this year's winners!

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Walleye:	Ross Pope	Michelle Ebert
Bass:	Adam Badger	Eli Schaffer
Crappie:	Deaton Rhode	Beth Trout
Sunfish:	Justin Hill	Dinah Shaffer



Michelle Ebert



Beth Trout



Ross Pope



Adam and Kyle Badger

CLCC FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

By Paul Schutte

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club has worked very hard to keep our lake one of the finest in the area, not only for quality fishing, but as the host to many species of birds, animals, reptiles, insects and native plants. We will continue to work closely with the DNR and other agencies to help make good management decisions for our lake. With everyone practicing good lake stewardship and working hard to protect our water quality, the lake and its wildlife will be here for us to enjoy in the future.

New Area Fisheries Supervisor: Joe Stewig is the New Area Fisheries Supervisor. He has replaced Paul Diedrich who retired after many years of serving our area. We welcome Joe to his new position and look forward to working with him and his staff.

Cedar Lake Survey: DNR Fisheries will be completing a lake survey in Cedar Lake next year, 2014. The last survey, completed in 2006, can be found at:

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showreport.html?downum=Joe stated](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showreport.html?downum=Joe%20stated)

Tullibee and Lake Health: Tullibee are also known as Cisco or Lake Herring. They are silvery-sided, iridescent fish of the open water beyond the shore with dainty mouths that feed on small crustaceans and aquatic insect larvae. Tullibee don't often end up on the end of anglers hooks because they don't typically eat bait-sized prey. These members of the salmon family can weigh up to several pounds in inland lakes. Rare 5 pounders have been caught, but typically they weigh less than a pound. One thing we do know that if you have tullibee in a lake, things are usually pretty good with the lake. Tullibee are typically restricted to the northern half of Minnesota. They must have cold, oxygen-rich water to thrive. Even slight changes in temperature and available oxygen can squeeze these sensitive fish out of their comfort zone, particularly in central Minnesota which is at the southern extent of their range. The Tullibee are not the only living things affected by change in oxygen and temperature, two major drivers of the lake ecosystem dynamics. Low oxygen concentrations in the deeper water is one factor resulting in a severe deterioration of living



The Tullibee

conditions for most fresh water organisms. Because tullibee are more sensitive to these changes than most other species, their state of well-being can signal the well-being of our lake as well as the northern pike and walleye that feed on tullibee. In 1996 Tullibee were found in the DNR's net surveys but in 2006 none shown up in their nets. Was that a sign of degrading water quality back then? In February 2011, while fishing for crappies on the north side of the lake a Tullibee was caught in our fish house. Surprised? Yes we were. Was that a sign of Cedar improving in water quality? Maybe.... Or was it just one of few remaining in the lake?

We must continue to protect our lake from excess nutrients such as phosphorus to maintain sufficient oxygen levels in Cedar Lake. Protecting our lake from nutrient enrichment starts at the shore and ends at the farthest edge of the lake's watershed. Here are some things you can do:

- ◇ Leave shoreline and aquatic plants in place to prevent shore erosion;
- ◇ Leave lakeshore wetlands intact to filter pollutants;
- ◇ Properly maintain septic systems; and
- ◇ Fertilize lawns WITHOUT phosphorus to help reduce oxygen loss in the lakes hypolimnions.

With the Clearwater River Watershed District's revised PO6 project about to begin, and with Segner Pond in place, we have been moving in the right direction to get the water filtered before it gets into Cedar Lake. We just may see the return of the Tullibee to Cedar Lake in numbers.

And, if you happen to catch a Tullibee this winter, please send me a photo, location, date and time of catch. It just might just be a good sign of things to come.

Get To Know The 2013-2014 CLCC Board!

Board Member	Start	End	E-Mail	Telephone
Glenn Baird	Sept 2013	Sept 2017	glennabaird@gmail.com	612-599-4639
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Jim Martin	Aug 2010	Sept 2014	orvandjudy1@gmail.com	320-274-5730
Gary Miron	Aug 2010	Sept 2014	miron72@comcast.net	763-425-0904
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Cathy Campbell	Aug 2011	Sept 2015	cathylc@mac.com	952-831-3257
Cathi Gabriel-Westman	Aug 2012	Sept 2016	cqglawoffice@gmail.com	651-253-2675
Diane Salls	Sept 2012	Sept 2016	dsalls40@yahoo.com	952-857-9114
Bobby Ebert	Sept 2012	Sept 2016	Bobby.Ebert@northstarfinancial.com	651-278-2257
Christa Lane-Larsen*	Sept 2013	Sept 2014	gopherines@citescape.com	612-940-1080
Liz Baird**	Sept 2012	Sept 2014	lizbaird22@gmail.com	612-599-4128

*Non Board member, elected Secretary **Non Board member, elected Treasurer

2014 Board of Director Meeting Dates: April 12, July 12, September 27 (includes the Annual Membership Meeting), November 8. Meetings begin at 9am at the Corrina Township Hall.

CLCC board meetings are open to members and include an open forum for new business. The board welcomes and encourages member attendance and participation.

Where can you help? Please consider joining in!

The CLCC is a very active lake association, fostering fellowship among the lake residents while promoting and protecting the wildlife and natural beauty of Cedar Lake. CLCC is a 501-C (3) tax exempt organization and no members, directors or officers receive any compensation. The success of CLCC depends on volunteer efforts so please join in. Make new friends and have fun as well!

Committee	Chair	Contact Information
Water Quality Protect & improve water quality & beneficial vegetation	Kathy Jonsrud	kjonsrud@yahoo.com
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve & protect beneficial wildlife, fish, & the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership and Quality Lake Life Encourage membership & involvement	Bill Arendt	Wfa12345@aol.com
Social Promote fellowship among lake residents & friends of Cedar Lake	Arlan Daniel Cathi G Westman	arlandaniel@yahoo.com cqglawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage & sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Cathy Campbell	cathylc@mac.com
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Carter Diers	carterdiers@yahoo.com
Grants Explore & apply for grants that further the purpose of CLCC	TBD	

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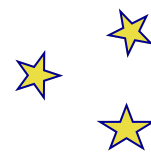
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Cedar Lake Visionary Fund

The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to the CLCC. Your contributions will be directed to the fund of your choice. CLCC is a 501-C(3) tax exempt organization, so your donations are tax deductible. For 2012, we had 54 members donate \$7,800. The current funds are: General, Walleye Stocking and Water Quality. Payments can be made either by check or very conveniently by using Pay Pal. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) has a tab for donating electronically. **THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!**

The newest visionaries since the last publication of the newsletter are:

SILVER: (up to \$99):

Karin Weiss (sustaining)
Carter & Kobie Diers
(sustaining)
John & Kim Wernz
Clair Rood
Ione Utecht
Karl & Mary Leslie
Ken & Kathy Kotzer
Al & Paulette Nerheim

GOLD: (\$100 to \$499)

Dave & Patty Glass
(sustaining)
Bruce & Cathy Campbell
(sustaining)

PLATINUM: (\$500 to \$999)

Mark & Julie Grimme
(sustaining)

LIFETIME: (\$1,000 plus)

Bill & Ruth Westhoff (sustaining)
RJ & Sue Wolf
Liz & Glenn Baird (sustaining)
Arlan & Janet Daniel
Dick & Mary Beth Ebert (sustaining)
Christa Lane-Larsen (sustaining)

When donors reach higher visionary category with multiple donations, they will be recognized in that higher category and "sustaining" will be added if they give each year. Please support this program by donating to the fund of your choice. For further information, contact Bill Arendt at 320-274-2422 or wfa12345@aol.com.

2014 CLCC Walleye Stocking Fund Campaign - \$5,000 Goal

Do you believe this walleye that Jerry O'Keefe is proudly showing off? He caught it "somewhere on Cedar Lake" and he recognizes the stocking efforts that made this possible. Jerry states, "I have been fishing on Cedar for over 20 years, and this is one of my greatest catches." After measuring it (30 inches) Jerry threw it back to be caught again and bring someone else a boatload of fun.

How was this possible? CLCC has a cooperative arrangement with the DNR to stock Cedar Lake with walleye every year. The DNR pays one year and CLCC pays the next. Last year, CLCC raised \$5,000 and purchased about 5,000 fingerlings. This year is the DNR's turn.

CLCC is up again for 2014, so we want to *beat* what we did in 2012. The CLCC Walleye Stocking Fund is currently at about \$500. We need your help to reach our October 2014 goal of \$5,000 or approximately 140 lbs. which is just over 5,000 fingerlings. Our supplier estimates there are approximately 36 fingerlings to a pound. We go for larger fingerlings since their chances of survival are higher. The Fish and Wildlife Committee is challenging you to participate in this fundraiser. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.



Purchase a Pound of Walleye Fingerlings!

Please participate in **Purchase a Pound of Walleyes** to support the CLCC Walleye Stocking Program. Each pound costs \$36. *Sign up to buy a pound or two or three or whatever your lures desire.* Use the form on the cover of this newsletter or donate through the Pay Pal account through the CLCC website. Go to: www.cedarlakeecc.org



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CLCC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Bill Arendt

The membership committee encourages member involvement and is responsible for the newsletter, website, and Cedar Lake Directory. As the current vice-president of CLCC, I am the chair of this committee. Here are some highlights for members: For 2013, dues paying members totaled 192 out of 240 property owners. *This is an all-time record of 80%*. Thanks to all the Cedar Lake residents who have committed to the CLCC membership.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE: Mary Ellen Wells is the editor and publisher of the newsletter, which is published three times each year (April, July & November). We have added 16 advertisers to help offset the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Check out the ads and please try to support these local businesses. We also post lots of information on the CLCC website and use e-mail notices to all members who have supplied their address. This is a popular and timely way to keep the members informed of activities and important news that occur between publications of the newsletter. Mark Trostad is the webmaster and e-mail blaster. If we do not have your current e-mail address, please let us know so that all members can stay informed.

LAKE DIRECTORY: The Lake Directory is updated and published every two years. This lists all homeowners in alphabetical order as well as by their location on the lake. In a survey conducted two years ago, CLCC members told the board that this directory has great value. This directory is only sent to CLCC members who have paid their 2013 dues. If you have paid your 2013 dues and have not received the directory, please contact me. If you would like to receive this directory and have not paid your dues, please send a check (see last page of this newsletter) or pay on-line using Pay-Pal on the CLCC website (www.cedarlakecc.org).

WELCOME NEW CLCC MEMBERS: When new folks arrive on the lake, please welcome and encourage them to join CLCC. Let me or another board member know and we will contact everyone and make sure new members receive an orientation packet. Here are the newest members:

Mike & Ruth Ball	6820 Inman Ave. NW
Steve & Jane DeGrote	975 Iresfeld Ave. NW
Clair Rood	7622 Isaak Ave. NW
John & Kim Wernz	8841 Ingram Ave. NW

Finally, if you are interested in assisting on the newsletter, the web site, or any other activities, please contact me 320-274-2422 or wfa12345@aol.com

CLCC Treasurer's Report Fund Balances at 10/31/13

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$ 27,803.38
Walleye Stocking	548.19
General CLCC	6,765.53
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>2,239.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 37,356.60

Thanks to Liz Baird for taking on the Treasurer's Role. Accurate and timely financial recordings are critical to maintain the trust and confidence of members. An outside audit is performed every two years to ensure that funds and transactions are accurate.

CLCC UPDATE

2013 IN REVIEW

By Mike Hankee and Bill Arendt

It's been a very busy and productive year for the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. Here is a summary of everything that took place, broken down by each committee. Take a moment to review all that has been done to foster fellowship while promoting and protecting Cedar Lake and its wildlife. Would you like to help next year? See page 5 for opportunities, or contact any board member for more details.

Social Committee (Cathi Gabriel/Westman - Chair)

- Annual Picnic & Music on the Lake (August 24)
- 60th Anniversary Presentation at Annual Picnic (Special thanks to Diane Salls, Cathy Campbell & Gary Miron)
- July 4th Parade & Dock Contest (Gifts given out to the four Winners)

Membership Committee (Bill Arendt - Chair)

- Implemented On-Line/ Credit Card Capability for Paying Dues/Visionary Donations
- CLCC Visionaries (45 Donators This Year)
- Website Enhancements (6,000 + Website Hits)
- Newsletter Advertising Subscribers (Sixteen)
- CLCC Member E-mails (E-mails for Over 80% of Our Membership)
- **New record** CLCC Membership at 80% (192 Dues Paying Members out Of 240 Property Owners)
- Member Directory (New updates sent to members this year)

Merchandise Committee (Leslie Kreutter - Chair)

- Several new items added including beach bags, camp chairs, clothing and using the 60th anniversary logo
- Sales of over \$1000

Fish & Wildlife Committee (Paul Schutte - Chair)

- Loon Buoy's & Nesting Platforms (3-4 nesting pairs, one successful)
- DNR Spawning Zone Postings
- DNR Walleye Stocking of Approximately 7,600 Fingerlings
- Fishing Contest (Awards given out to winners at Annual Picnic)
- Native Shoreland Restoration & Rain Garden Training
- Native plant sale and tour of homeowners' shoreland gardens

Water Quality Committee (Kathy Jonsrud - Chair)

- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatments
- One DNR Grant for \$1,500 for AIS Treatment (Thanks to Orv Jonsrud)
- DNR Manned Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring at City Rd 6 Landing
- Wright County Parks AIS Monitoring at Schroeder
- Lake Vegetation Mapping (Required every three years)
- Passage of Swartout and Cedar Lake Improvement Projects by CRWD
- Implemented "Ask Me" Program regarding assistance on watching for EWM.
- DNR Lake Level Gauge Installed at Cty Rd.6 Dam (2.01 reading 3 days in a row= 300ft no wake)

Board of Director Activities (Mike Hankee - Chair)

- New format for Financial Reviews; Completed 2013-2014 Budget
- Developed Job Descriptions & Activity Checklists; Adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy
- Networking (Joined the Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations)
- Recognition of Out-Going Directors: Kathy Jonsrud, Leslie Kreutter, Cheryl Wold
- Election of New Board Members & Officers

CEDAR LAKE MERCHANDISE

Clothes, Glassware, and Gift Items

Thanks to Leslie Kreutter for managing CLCC merchandise sales for the past several years. Cathy Campbell has graciously volunteered to take on this responsibility. Check the website soon for items that will solve, "what to get?" for most on your Christmas list. For example, it's a great time for long sleeved chambray shirts, in all sizes and in blue, tan or navy. Soft, thick towels with the Cedar Lake Loon have been popular items, and Plastic wine glasses, great for that sunset cruise, come gift boxed!



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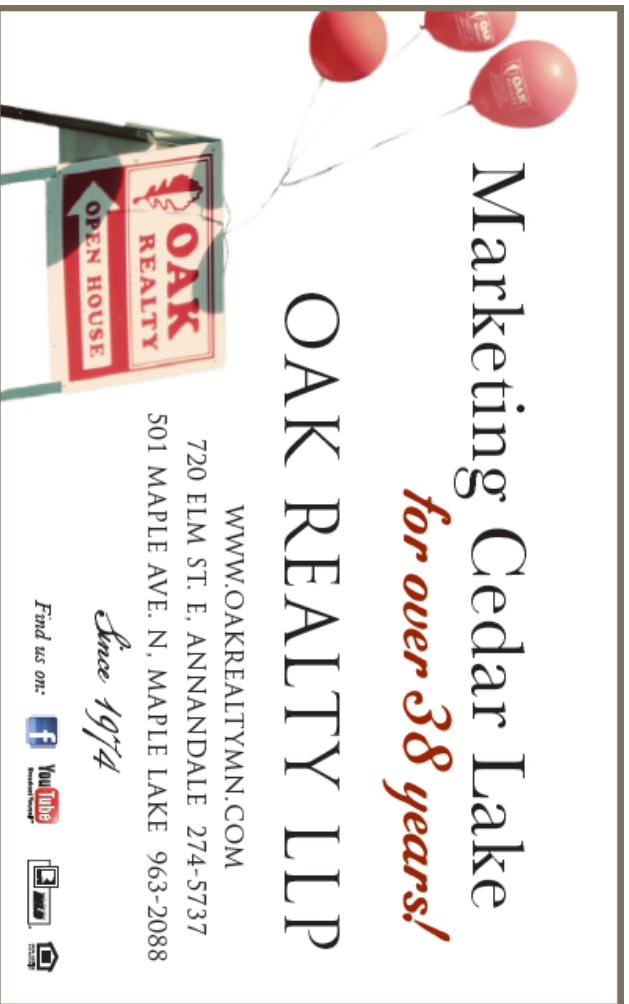
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CLCC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Recognition of Water Quality Committee Members

The Water Quality Committee is a very active CLCC committee. The committee is responsible for: managing aquatic invasive species treatment, monitoring water quality, engaging with government agencies to preserve and improve water quality, and providing lake community education.

The 2013 committee members are listed below. You will recognize many of your lake neighbors giving their time and talents to this important mission. Please take a minute to thank them the next time you see them!

Bill Arendt	Bobby Ebert	Kathy Jonsrud (Chair)	Bob Norman
Liz Baird	Mark Grimme	Orv Jonsrud (AIS Chair)	Ken Savik
Glenn Baird	Julie Grimme	Leslie Kreutter	Mark Trostad
Carter Diers	Mike Hankee	Gary Miron	Bill Westhoff

2013 Vegetation Mapping

Every three years, the CLCC conducts a total vegetation mapping of the lake. This is not only a required activity by the DNR, but an important tool to understand the impact and effectiveness of the AIS treatment. The vegetation mapping is extensive and precise, using GPS technology which is shared with the DNR and the AIS treatment vendor (PLM). Three bids were submitted for the project which was awarded to Wenck and Associates at a bid of \$4,000. The project came in about 10% under budget for a final price of \$3,623.

There were two steps to the project: the first mapping was in late May and the second mapping was in August.

We have received the preliminary report, which indicates that there will be more curly leaf pond weed to treat in 2014. There are new areas in the southeast and west. Additionally, there is a patch of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) of approximately 20 acres in the north east side. The Committee will be working to better understand all the data, but initial observations are that we have a very nice mix of emergent and submerged native vegetation. For example, the area on the north side where we treated the EWM in 2012 appears to be filling in with native vegetation.

This vegetation mapping is extremely valuable to help with future approaches to controlling aquatic invasive species. As a value add, PLM conducted a EWM inspection in late October, so there is a great deal of timely data. The Water Quality Committee will continue to evaluate the results and collaborate with all the stakeholders involved as we plan for the 2014 treatment.

DNR Grants Approved

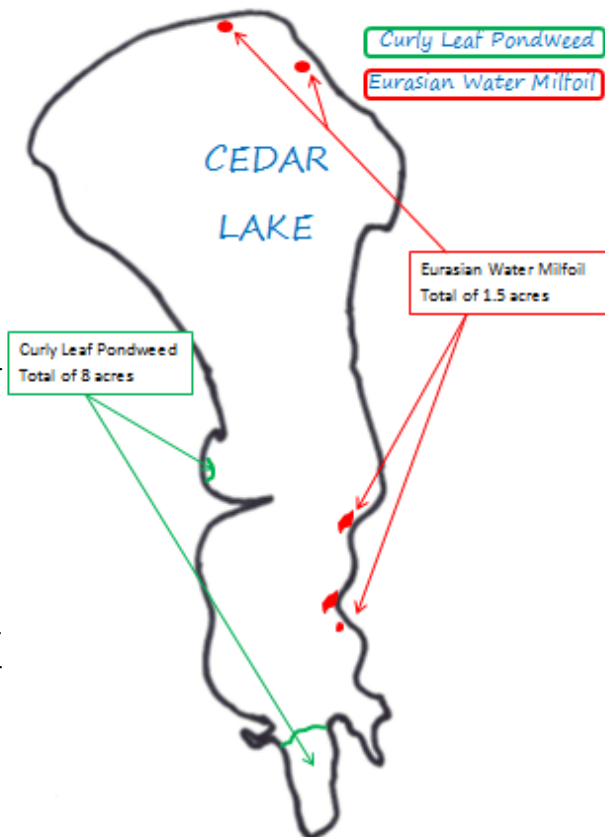
As mentioned in the July newsletter, CLCC received a DNR grant of \$1500 to help treat the lake's Aquatic Invasive Species, which was enough to cover the 2013 Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment costs. We hope the grant program continues and are watching for the 2014 grant notice so we can apply to receive more funds.

2013 Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Summary

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

The 2013 DNR permit was for 8 acres. The cost was \$4,476. Because of the treatment resistance over the past several years on the south side, we worked with our vendor and the DNR to use a newer chemical—Clearcast.

2013 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT as of July 2013



Total AIS treatment cost since 2009 = \$48,708

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Unfortunately, the CLP treatment this year was not effective. Though this is disappointing, in the whole scheme of our long term strategy, this is a minor set-back. Our vendor stands behind our contract and will credit us for 100% of the 2013 CLP treatment costs.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM)

We had limited EWM to treat this year. Our permit was for 1.5 acres and the treatment was done in late July. In 2012 we treated 22 acres.

DNR Inspections on Cedar

As serious lake people know, there is not a magic bullet to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering our lake. Education is the key! We had DNR staff provide inspections on CTY RD 6 on several days this summer. This is in addition to the new inspections at Schroder Park which were sponsored by CLCC and Schroeder Park.

PO6 Project Enhancements—Approved

On September 11th, 2013 the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers held a public hearing regarding enhancements to its existing PO6 project. The initial 2006 project was intended to help reduce phosphorus and carp population in Cedar Lake (see www.crw.org for more details about PO6). After the public hearing, the CRWD Board of Managers voted to approve the proposed enhancements.

The public hearing was well attended. The project engineer gave a presentation and answered questions for about an hour. It was mostly educational in nature and many from the lake community asked questions about the project's purpose, effectiveness, and ongoing maintenance requirements.

The finances were discussed. With an estimated total cost of \$554,000, the Legacy Fund grant that the CRWD received for \$277,900 helped make the project feasible. More public discussion was allowed and there was one letter read that strongly opposed the project. The rest of the comments were favorable.

The two projects will temporarily "slow down" a portion of the runoff during rain events and reduce the amount of phosphorus coming into Cedar. The projects are located just south of Cedar (near Hwy 55) and east of Swartout Lake. The details of the design of the project continue to evolve.

CRWD sent assessments to affected homeowners for the PO6 enhancements. The amount for a lake shore owner on Cedar is a one-time payment of \$500, or a four-year payment option can be selected. The maintenance costs for these projects are expected to be low and both projects are expected to have a long life. Construction may begin as early as this winter.

The addition of these two projects to PO6 represents over two years of CLCC work in collaboration with the CRWD. Countless meetings have been attended and many questions asked. We are indeed fortunate to be part of the Clearwater River Watershed District as they are recognized as a premier watershed and have received more grants than any other watershed in the state. Our hope is that the generations to come will look back and reflect that we were wise and proactive and did our very best to protect and preserve our beautiful lake.

Below are the latest Cedar Lake monitoring results

