



Pickerenel Crane Lake P&R District Spring, 2016

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CHUCK SLEETER

I hope everyone is doing great and ready to enjoy another spring and summer on the lakes.

It has been brought to our attention that we need to address the aquatic plant harvesting issue on Crane Lake. For the folks who are unaware of the situation, let me give you an update. For the last two summers the harvester has not been used on Crane Lake and therefore no weeds were harvested. This seems to be preferable with some folks on Crane Lake but not acceptable to others. In order to move the harvester we need to schedule Crane Lake volunteers to help and we need to schedule the borrowing of the Tombstone Pickerel Sno Club's tractor. Unfortunately, for the past two years we have not been able to coordinate the availability of volunteers at the same time as the availability of the tractor. I need to be very clear here and make sure everyone understands that the harvester crew is very willing to move the harvester to Crane Lake. Yes, it is a lot of work to pull it out of Pickerel and transport it to Crane but this is not an issue if we have enough volunteers and the tractor. The reason weeds have not been harvested on Crane for the past two years is because we have been unable to move the harvester to Crane not because we didn't want to harvest the weeds.

I believe it is time for all of us to sit down and discuss the future of harvesting on Crane Lake. I also feel that any property owners on Crane who have an opinion on the subject of harvesting on their lake need to take this opportunity to express themselves. I and the Commissioners are asking anyone who is concerned with the Crane Lake harvesting or lack of, to please attend the spring Lake District meeting on May 28, 2016 at 9:30 am. The agenda shows discussion on the topic along with Crane Lake property owners voting on whether or not to harvest on Crane Lake. Voting will be done by paper ballot to ensure privacy since this issue is sometimes controversial and some might be concerned with alienating their neighbors.

At the 2015 fall meeting there were some concerns in reference to the existing Town Of Nashville Boating Ordinance. The ordinance which is approximately 60 years old will be discussed at the meeting. Town Chairman Jamie Anderson will be there to hear comments. We are not able to include the Ordinance in this newsletter as requested due to a lack of space. Copies will be available at the meeting.

Finally, the Board of Commissioners and all the folks in the Lake District would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with our District projects. Without you we could not operate. I am not able to list the 40+ volunteers individually, again, due to a shortage of space, but there will be complete list of volunteers at the spring meeting. Please make it a point to attend the May 28, 2016 Pickerenel Crane Lake District Spring Meeting at 9:30 am at the Nashville Community Center located at 1038 CTH "Q" in Pickerel.

Have a Great Summer!

Chuck Sleeter

NORTHSIDE PICKEREL LAKE BOAT LANDING CLEANUP AND REPAIRS

On September 26, 2015 Jerry Heitpas ("Hot Dog") and several volunteers all worked very hard to clean up the landing. We had been getting some complaints about the area and also noticed some dangerous dead tree limbs that needed removal. The volunteers removed three heaping truckloads of brush, tree limbs, stumps and trash. On October 12, 2015 with the assistance of the Town of Nashville road crew we removed several dead trees and hauled in several loads of gravel. The gravel was leveled and most of the pot holes were filled.

Thanks again to Jerry, his volunteers, and the Nashville crew for their help.

THANK YOU

SOKAOGAN CHIPPEWA TRIBE

The Pickerel Crane Lake District would like to thank the Sokaogan Chippewa Tribal Community and the Tribal Council for once again awarding our district \$3,000.00. We appreciate this award and will use it for protecting and rehabilitating our lakes. We would also like to thank Fisheries Biologist Mike Preul for his continued assistance and for managing a great Walleye hatchery in Mole Lake. Thanks also to Commissioner Rod Sternhagen for accepting the award on our district's behalf.

2015 HARVESTING REPORT

A total of 59 truckloads of aquatic plants were removed from Pickerel Lake this past summer. These loads include the following types of weeds and percentages: Water Celery 90%; Northern Milfoil 2%; Pond Weed 2%; Coon Tail 2%; Elodee 1%; All Other plants 3%.

2015 harvesting was like many past years (unpredictable.) This year plant growth was very slow until late summer when the Water Celery took off and the harvester went out almost every day. Thanks to Jim Huss and all the volunteers for their efforts. The harvester was pulled out of Pickerel on September 14, 2015 and winterized along with the weed trucks. Later that month Steve Bailey, Phil Hollmann and Chuck Sleeter began the repairs to the harvester which included one of the paddle wheels. Hopefully we will complete the repairs this spring.

2015 WALLEYE STOCKING IN PICKEREL AND CRANE LAKE

The following totals of Walleye fingerlings were stocked by Greg Matzke, Fisheries Biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with the aid of Fisheries Biologist Mike Preul from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. On delivery we found these Walleyes were 8" in length and larger and looked very healthy. Thanks again to Greg Matzke and Mike Preul for the great support for our lakes.

9/30/15 stocked 4,368 Walleyes in Crane Lake

10/1/15 and 10/2/15 stocked 11,908 Walleyes in Pickerel Lake

2015-2016 AERATION REPORT

September 23, 2015 we repaired leaks in the hoses and repaired pumps. Total cost was \$400.00.

January 3, 2016 Pickerel Lake ice was stacked for our safety fencing.

March 12, 2016 safety ribbon was removed from stacks and waiting to remove stacks later.

A big thanks to the 19 volunteers that assisted Jerry Heitpas, our aeration boss, on 1/3/16 and the 11 volunteers that helped on 3/12/16.

THANK YOU

PICKEREL TOMBSTONE SNO CLUB

The Pickerel Crane Lake District Board of Commissioners and members would like to thank the Sno Club Board of Directors and their members for allowing us to use their tractor to put our weed harvester in our lakes. We would also like to thank Steve Bailey and Phil Hollmann for their efforts in making the tractor available for our use.

Without the use of this tractor we would not be able to have a harvester program for the District.

2015 End of Year Report

Expenditures	2015 Budget	Dec. Totals	Over/Under
Administrative	200.00	157.14	42.86
Aeration	2,500.00	1,649.68	850.32
Boat Landings	1,000.00	762.24	237.76
Capital Purchases	3,450.00	3,086.56	363.44
Dues	100.00	50.00	50.00
Insurance	3,500.00	2,419.00	1,081.00
Lake Monitoring	500.00	56.26	443.74
Meetings/Mileage/Phone	1,000.00	1,077.78	(77.78)
Misc./Contingency Fund	5,000.00	202.46	4,797.54
Postage	500.00	509.53	(9.53)
Printing/Ads	150.00	127.50	22.50
Office Rent	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Walleye Restoration Project	6,900.00	0.00	6,900.00
Web Page / Newsletter	500.00	213.50	286.50
Weed Harvesting	5,000.00	4,238.19	761.81
	\$33,300.00	\$17,549.84	\$15,750.16
Revenues	2015	Dec. Total	Over/Under
Boat Landing Donations	200.00	294.00	(94.00)
Credits	0.00	67.85	(67.85)
Donation	0.00	3,100.00	(3,100.00)
Interest	800.00	923.39	(123.39)
Tax Levy	27,800.00	27,800.00	0.00
Variable Rate/Contingency Fund	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
	\$33,300.00	\$32,185.24	\$1,114.76

Volunteer Request

There is an opening on the Board of Commissioners in the role of Secretary. Responsibilities include taking meeting minutes, compile the newsletter twice a year, post public notice for fall meeting, and file Weed Harvesting report annually. Please volunteer at one of the Lake District meetings or call Chuck Sleeter at 715-219-0835.

*Amended 10/17/2015 Pickerel/Crane Lakes P&R commissioners' Meeting

Pickerel / Crane Lake P & R District Treasurer's Report 1/01/16 - 3/31/16

Opening Balance		Closing Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	45,070.97	CD's Capital Purchases	45,155.21
CD Septic Inspections	13,464.90	CD Septic Inspections	13,488.34
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	37,331.79	CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	37,396.76
Savings	36,014.49	Savings	36,050.32
Checking	5,956.19	Checking	7,389.91
Variable Rate/Contingency Fund	26,832.19	Variable Rate/Savings	44,439.54
	Prior Year Balance \$164,670.53		1st Quarter Balance \$183,920.08
Revenues		Respectfully Submitted,	
Donation	3,000.00	<i>Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer</i>	
Interest	258.57		
Tax Levy	18,038.41		
	1st Quarter Revenues \$21,296.98		

Expenditures	
Administrative	70.52
Aeration	451.91
Dues	25.00
Rent	1,500.00
	1st Quarter Expenditures 2,047.43

District Web Page

Be sure to check out the Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Web Page at pickerelcranelakedistrict.org for archived newsletters and meeting minutes.

Pickerel/Crane P/R District

PO Box 18

Pickerel, WI 54465

2016 Pickerel/Crane P/R District Spring Meeting
May 28, 2016 / 9:30 AM.

Town of Nashville / Comm. Center & Town Office Building
1038 Co. Hwy. "Q" Pickerel, WI 54465
Phone 715-219-0835

AGENDA:

- (1) Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance
- (2) Welcome New Members to Meeting
- (3) Reading of the Fall, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- (4) Reading of the Oct. 17, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
- (5) Treasurer's Report / Changes to Budget Line Items
- (6) Old Business:
 - (a) Aeration Report/ Information/Discussion
 - (b) Aquatic Plant Harvesting Report, 2015/Plans for 2016
 - (c) 2015 Walleye Fingerling Stocking in Pickerel / Crane Lakes
 - (d) Greg Matzke's Fisheries Activities for Pickerel/Crane 2016 and 2017
 - (e) Brad Kupfer Crane/Pickerel Lakes Walleye Stocking Overview for 2016
 - (f) Seasonal Dock Removal and Installation
 - (g) Pickerel Lake Northside Landing 2015 Repairs
 - (h) Volunteers
- (7) New Business
 - (a) Sokaogon Chippewa Lake Protection Award
 - (b) Discuss Harvesting on Crane Lake
 - (c) Paper Ballot Vote on Future Harvesting on Crane Lake
 - (d) Nashville Boating Ordinance Discussion
 - (e) Appoint Nominating Committee
 - (f) John Preuss Pontoon Boat Class
- (8) Public Comment
- (9) Adjourn

Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

Chuck Sleeter, Chairman	715-219-0835
Rod Sternhagen, Vice Chairman	920-540-4507
Dan Vosters	920-419-0317
Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer	715-484-2520
Lauren Freston, Secretary	715-701-0066
Jamie Anderson, Town of Nashville Representative	
	715-478-1038
David Solin, Langlade Co. Rep.	715-627-4221

In order for us to keep our mailing list current, please notify us if you move. It would also be helpful if you would let us know the name and address of the new owners in the event your property is sold, so we can include them in the mailings. Thank you.