



PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT

Protection and Rehabilitation District

Newsletter



From the Chairman's Desk...

We hope everyone had a great winter. Remember last year and how mild the winter was? Well things certainly have changed this year. Let's all keep our fingers crossed and hope that the prolonged snow pack and thick ice will not cause a severe winter kill of the lakes' fisheries. We also hope that the district's aeration system will help us dodge the fish kill bullet again this year. Thanks to Phil Hollmann and his crew, the system has stayed up and running all winter. We would also like to thank Debra and Art Smith for allowing our Lake District to place the aeration system on their shoreline. Without their approval and support, we would not have been able to have the system in this ideal location. This being said, please keep in mind that we may still see large amounts of dead fish along the shoreline after the ice breaks up due to the long winter. While on the subject of fish, I contacted WDNR fisheries biologist Mr. Greg Matzke, who provided me with the 2013 schedule of WDNR activities for Crane Lake. First, the WDNR fisheries folks will be on Crane Lake four weeks after the ice out. They will be placing nets a couple hundred yards apart along the entire shoreline. These nets are designed to catch bullheads. The idea is to remove as many bullheads as possible. Mr. Matzke is convinced that the large

amount of bullheads that are present in the lake are preying on the stocked fingerling walleye and that their numbers need to be reduced. The nets will stay in the lake for seven to ten days or until the catch drops. The netted bullheads will be taken to shore, and we will try to give them to folks for their consumption. After the removal program is completed, the WDNR plans to stock Crane Lake with 57,400, 1.8 to 2.0 inch walleye fingerlings. This is in addition to the much larger walleye fingerlings that the Lake District will be stocking. (Please see Mr. Brad Kupfer's stocking report in this newsletter.) After all the walleye fingerlings are stocked, the WDNR will return to Crane Lake in the fall and do a walleye survey. We all hope that this survey will show some of the larger walleye we stocked last year.

In other news, we received our completed Comprehensive Pickerel/ Crane Lakes Management Plan. A written version along with a copy on C/D will be available to everyone at the Nashville Community Room located just down the hall from the Community Center. Please feel free to check it out. The plan was truly a team based project and could not have been completed without the input of our planning committee, the

WDNR, our consultants, and you, the lake stakeholder's. At the spring meeting that will be held on May 25, 2013 at 9:30 am, we will discuss the implementation of the plan management goals, those that have been completed along with those that still need to be addressed. Equally important, we need to consider the comments received from the L/D member surveys. I'm sure you will find them very interesting.

Lastly, Mr. John Preuss the Lumberjack Aquatic Invasive Coordinator, will be our guest speaker and he will talk to us about the clean water/clean boat issue and our involvement. (Please see his article in this newsletter.)

I look forward to seeing you at the spring meeting located at the new Nashville Community Center & Town Office Building located at 1038 County Rd. "Q".

Hope you have a safe and happy summer.

Chuck Sleeter,
Chairman



Harvester Drivers Needed!

It's that time of year again! We are all looking forward to those warm days when the kids are swimming and slow cruising around the lake. If you enjoy these activities without scraping excessive weeds out of your prop or toes, it's time to volunteer for the Harvester! Training will be provided. All you need to do is call Keith Verhagen at 715-350-9514 (Pickerel people) or Rod Sternhagen 920-540-4507 (Crane Lake people). Women are more than welcome as well. If we get enough volunteers, it will make the workload easy.

*2012 P/C Lake P&R District
Walleye Stocking Summary*

We successfully planted over 1,150 1½-year-old walleyes ranging from 8-11" into Crane Lake the third week of October. Half of those were released at a private boat landing on the southeast end of the lake, and the remaining fish were released at the public boat launch. Thanks to John and Barb Tetzlaff, Mark Tetzlaff, Chuck Sleeter, and Kathy Kupfer for assisting at the launch, taking pictures and video of this historic event. Additional thanks to Gene Ebbens for allowing us to use his private launch site.

The second launch occurred approximately three weeks later when we planted an additional 1,600 one-year-old walleyes ranging from 6-8 inches in length. A special thank you goes out to Phil Hollmann who supervised the second stocking where we again released the fingerlings in two separate locations on the lake.

In total, we successfully planted over 2,750 Lake Michigan Strain of walleyes into Crane Lake at a cost of \$7,000. As part of our Walleye Restoration Timeline, we will again be planting our allocation of walleyes late next fall.

We could not have accomplished this without the support of the Lake District members. Thanks for all of your support in making this initiative happen.

Brad Kupfer

Aeration System Request

Phil Hollman is asking to step down as our Lake aeration lead man. We are asking for someone to step up and take that position. Phil said he would assist the new person any way possible. Please consider filling that position as Phil has done a great job, but would appreciate it if someone takes over for him.

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Crane Lake Doc News

Last fall a new Porta/Dock was purchased for the Crane Lake boat landing off of Doemel Lane. It will be installed first thing this spring - if it ever stops being winter. The dock should help folks launch and load their boats more easily and safely.

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Pickerel Crane CBCW Newsletter Article

Wisconsin has more than 610,000 registered boaters moving among the more than 15,081 lakes in the state. Unfortunately, with the movement of boaters comes the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species. Langlade and Forest Counties combined have 1,667 lakes and 542 streams and rivers. Of these, only 80 have an aquatic invasive species and only 12 of them contain Eurasian water milfoil. There are still a lot of lakes left to protect in Forest and Langlade Counties and the state that are free of aquatic invasive species (AIS). You may be wondering, "What can I do to help protect area lakes and the lake I live on?" One step people can take is to educate boaters and anglers on the proper ways to prevent the spread of AIS through the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program.

CBCW is a boater education program comprised of citizens and staff educating boaters and anglers at boat landings about aquatic invasive species and how to prevent the spread of these threats. Boaters learn what prevention actions to take as the CBCW watercraft inspector performs boat and trailer checks, distributes informational handouts, collects and reports suspect samples, and gathers survey information.

Pickerel Crane Lake is referred to as a "super spreader" lake. It contains hybrid Eurasian water milfoil and can be a source of AIS for other lakes. Because it is a highly utilized lake, there is an increased chance of a new invasive coming in or an existing invasive escaping.

I will be attending the Pickerel Crane Lake District Spring meeting on May 25th at 9:30 am to discuss the CBCW program and answer any questions anyone may have. My hope is to help the Lake District begin a CBCW program on Pickerel Crane Lake. The beauty about the program is you can be involved as little or as much as you want. Another benefit is you will help protect our water resources from aquatic invasive species for future generations.

John Preuss is the Tri County AIS Coordinator and can be reached at (715) 369-9886 or by email at johnpreuss@frontier.com.

**Notice of Pickere/
Crane Lake P&R
District Fall Meeting**

May 25, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.
Nashville Town Hall
1038 County Road Q, Pickere/

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Greet New Members
4. Reading of Fall Meeting Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Old Business:
 - (a) Aeration Report
 - (b) Aquatic Plant Harvesting for 2013
 - (c) Crane Lake New Dock
 - (d) Fish Stocking 2013
 - (e) Lake Management Plan Overview
 - (f) Town of Nashville Considering Additional Roads for ATV
 - (g) Consider "No Power Loading" Signs at Docks
 - (h) Discuss Filling in Power Loading Holes at the Boat Landings
7. New Business:
 - (a) Bullhead Removal on Crane Lake
 - (b) Crane Lake Walleye Survey
 - (c) Appoint Nominating Committee
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn
(Two or more members of the Nashville Town Board may be in attendance.)

Treasurer's Report / January 1, 2013 - March 31, 2013

Opening Balance		Disbursements	
CD's Capital Purchases	\$55,429.63	Aeration	\$475.34
CD Septic Inspections	13,217.51	Dues	40.00
CD Inv. Aquatic Plant Control	36,637.35	Rent	1,500.00
Savings	16,092.33	Subtotal	(\$2,015.34)
Checking	3,719.65		
Variable Rate	12,519.73	Closing Balance	
Subtotal	\$137,616.20	CD's Capital Purchases	\$55,545.99
		CD Septic Inspections	13,243.52
Receipts		CD Inv. Aqu. Plant Control	36,713.87
Interest	270.88	Savings	33,496.74
Tax Levy	18,248.95	Checking	2,583.87
Subtotal	\$18,519.83	Variable Rate	12,536.70
		Total	\$154,120.69

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer**

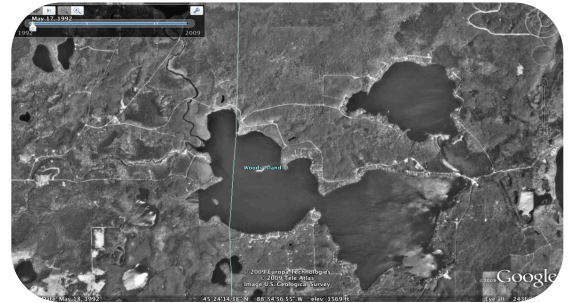
Pickere/
Crane Lake P&R District
Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

Opening Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	\$54,853.97
CD Septic Inspections	13,081.40
Savings	7,719.26
Checking	822.02
Variable Rate	48,745.00
Subtotal	\$125,221.65
Receipts	
Interest	1,259.63
Donations	5,000.00
Boat Landing Donations	301.88
Aeration	104.75
Tax Levy	27,800.00
Reimburse/Credit	267.38
Subtotal	\$34,733.64
Disbursements	
Aeration	914.98
Boat Landings	720.78
Capital Purchases	2,750.00
Dues	90.00
Harvester	3,870.58
Insurance	2,300.00
LMP	17.38
Meeting/Mileage/Telephone	229.33
Postage	685.30
Web Page	142.95
Printing	540.86
Rent	3,000.00
Adm. Supp.	77.33
Walleye Restoration	6,999.60
Subtotal	(\$22,339.09)
Closing Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	55,429.63
CD Septic Inspections	13,217.51
CD Inv. Aquatic Plant Control	36,637.35
Savings	16,092.33
Checking	3,719.65
Variable Rate	12,519.73
Total	\$137,616.20

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In order for us to keep our mailing list current, please notify us of your new address 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 our mailings. Thank you.

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