

PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT

Protection and Rehabilitation District

Newsletter



From the Chairman's Desk...

We hope everyone had a great winter. Mother Nature sure surprised us with a mild season. Our Lake District members and commissioners have kept busy by either holding or attending several meetings in the past months, and I'd like to provide you an update on several ongoing topics.

Back in November our Fish Stocking Committee of one, Brad Kupfer, arranged a meeting between the WDNR Fisheries Biologist, Greg Matzke and several of our members. Brad and Kathy Kupfer, Peg and Phil Hollmann and I met with Greg to discuss the 'positives and negatives' of raising, transporting, and inspecting walleye fingerlings. Greg provided us with a lot of information so that we could make an informed decision. After considering the cost and work commitment involved, we agreed that the District would be better off purchasing the walleye fingerlings from a licensed fish farm. We also agreed that Crane Lake would be the best lake to stock. Mr. Matzke provided us with fish surveys from both Pickerel and Crane Lakes that dated back to the 1950s, and thankfully he is willing to work with us on our stocking project. We wish to thank both Brad and Greg for all their work. More details of the meeting will be provided at the Spring L/D meeting, and Brad has some great ideas to share with you.

In December Phil Hollmann, Keith Verhagen, and I were invited to at-

tend the first Eurasian Water-Milfoil (EWM)/Weevil project meeting hosted by the WDNR. We discovered that we were being considered by the WDNR for a grant that would help fund a pilot project to purchase weevils that would supposedly eliminate EWM by boring into the stems and eventually killing the plant. We were interested in this unusual concept but had reservations concerning the ultimate cost and validity of the project. However, we were later notified that the WDNR had selected only lakes with EWM not lakes with a hybrid EWM, like ours, so we didn't make the cut. We will explain more at our Spring L/D meeting.

In March we held our first commissioner meeting at the newly completed Town of Nashville Community Center and Office Building that is located at 1038 County Hwy. Q north of the intersection of Co. Hwy. Q and Co. Hwy. DD. The Lake District has moved into their private office space across from the conference room which is more convenient and efficient. We wish to thank Peg Hollmann for all of her hard work, and believe me, it was a dirty job moving all those records and organizing the old files.

Finally, in March I received a draft copy of the Pickerel/Crane Lakes Management Plan from our consultants, Onterra, LLC. We and the WDNR have been asked to re-

view the document for content and accuracy. This plan is required in order to obtain any future state grants. I have reviewed the document and found one of the most interesting sections to be the breakdown of the stakeholder survey response charts and comments. We will share these comments at the Spring L/D meeting on May 26th at 9:30 a.m.

I know how important our lakes are to each of you, so I welcome all our members to the Spring L/D meeting. Please remember that the location has changed. **We will now be holding our Lake District meeting at the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 County Hwy. Q.** As Town Chair, as well as Lake District Chair, I look forward to having our members and taxpayers see the new facility and find what it has to offer the community. We are very proud of the work our building committee, volunteers, and staff did to make this facility become a reality and proud that these individuals brought this project in under budget and were able to fund the cost without raising the town tax levy.

I look forward to seeing you on May 26th.

Chuck Sleeter



No Wake Zone for All Motorized Boats

Remember that all motorboats operating within 100 feet of the shoreline, a dock, a raft, or a swimmer must operate within a no wake speed zone. This limit rises to 200 ft. to the shoreline for Jet Skis. It can be hard to judge what this distance is, so consider that an average dock is roughly thirty feet, so for jet skis this means that slow speeds must be maintained for the length of six to seven dock lengths.

Lake District Welcomes New Treasurer

We would like to welcome Kathy Kupfer who was elected at the fall meeting to replace Peg Hollmann as the Lake District Treasurer. After teaching middle school for 35 years, Kathy has decided to take a "rest" by volunteering to help out the Lake District. Kathy says that she and her husband Brad, "have fulfilled a life-long dream by purchasing a home on Crane Lake in the fall of 2008, and is excited to be a part of the Pickerel Crane Lake P&R District." She would also like to thank Peg Hollmann for her help during the transition stage. The Lake District would like to thank both Peg, for her past service, and to Kathy for her willingness to take on this responsibility.

Campfire Common Sense

Part of the allure of warm summer evenings is the fun of sitting around a campfire roasting marshmallows or having an old fashioned cookout. Since we have had such a mild winter, it brings to mind that if dry conditions continue this summer, the risk of fire danger will increase. Of course it is always wise to practice common sense around any fire, but it is particularly important during dry conditions. While campfires used for warming or cooking purposes do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during emergency burning restrictions, there are still some do's and do not's about operating a safe campfire.

1. Three types of accepted fuel for a campfire:
 - a. Tinder – dry pine needles, shredded bark, wood shavings
 - b. Kindling – dead twigs, small dry branches no thicker than a pencil or pen
 - c. Fuel – wood larger than kindling and about the size of your arm
 - d. **Never burn plastic, foam, rubber, wire, aluminum, shingles, foam, furniture, rubber, or oil based products!**
2. Placement of your fire:
 - a. Make sure your area is flat and away from trees or overhanging branches.
 - b. Clean up twigs, leaves, and other debris up to 10 feet around the fire pit.
 - c. Create a fire pit using rocks to keep the fire and ash contained.
3. Putting out your campfire:
 - a. Allow it to burn down to ash or small coals.
 - b. Pour water on the embers.
 - c. Stir the wet ashes with a stick and pour more water on it.
 - d. Be careful that rising smoke, ash, and steam don't get in your eyes.
4. Check for daily burn restrictions
 - a. Updated daily after 11:00 a.m. at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.asp>
 - b. Subscribe to receive email fire danger news https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDNR/subscriber/new?pop=t&topic_id=WIDNR_428

Burning anything other than the wood necessary to make a campfire in a fire ring requires a burning permit. Burning garbage or removing debris is not considered a campfire; consequently, a permit is required. By burning anything other than wood in your campfire ring, you may end up being given a citation by a DNR agent. Enjoy your campfires safely!

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

May 26, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.
Town Of Nashville Community Center
1038 County Hwy. Q
Pickerel, WI 54465

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Welcome New and Old Members to the new Community Center
 4. Reading of Fall Meeting Minutes
 5. Reading of March 10, 2012 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
 6. Old Business:
 - (a) Aeration Report / Information / Discussion
 - (b) Lake District's Docks
 - (c) Aquatic Plant Harvesting Plans for 2012
 - (d) Port-A-Potty
 - (e) Nov. 7, 2011 Crane Lake Walleye Stocking Meeting Overview
 - (f) Walleye Fingerling Stocking in Crane Lake in 2012 Proposal
 - (g) December 7, 2011 EWM Weevil Project overview
 - (h) 2012 WDNR Fish Stocking in Pickerel & Crane Lakes
 - (i) Completed Lake Management Plan overview
 - (j) Bass Resolution update
 7. New Business
 - (a) Appoint Nominating Committee
 8. Public Comment
 9. Adjourn
- (Two or more members of the Nashville Town Board may be in attendance.)

**Report of Expenses
January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011**

Expenses	Budgeted	Actual YTD
Printing	\$400	421
Postage	1,000	586
Administration Supplies	200	75
Meetings/Mileage/Telephone	500	243
Office Rent	780	1,150
Dues	120	90
Insurance	2,500	2,275
Lake Monitoring	250	-0-
Boat Landings	1,000	753
Aeration	2,000	4,060
Weed Harvesting	5,000	2,957
Invasive Aquatic Plants	36,500	-0-
Lake Management Plan	35,000	20,788
Miscellaneous	500	78
Capital Purchases	9,250	9,250*
Total	\$95,000	\$42,726

*\$9,250 transferred from Variable Rate account to CD

**Pickerel / Crane Lake P&R District
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2011 - March 31, 2011**

Opening Balance

CD's-Septic Inspections	\$12,889
CD's-Capital Purchases	44,881
Savings-Checking-Var. Rate	56,468
Total	114,238

Receipts

Interest	1,612
Donation	10,000
Tax Levy	27,800
Boat Landing Donations	277
Timber Sales	4,764
Credit-Final Telephone-Harvester	7
Total	33,476

Closing Balance

CD's-Septic Insurance	13,081
CD's-Capital Purchases	54,854
Savings-Checking-Var. Rate	57,287
Total	\$125,222

Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Hollmann
Treasurer

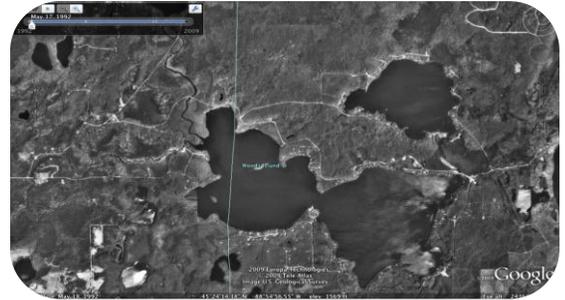
Weed Harvesting Flag Requirements

Remember that only docks displaying the correct sized green flag will have their weeds removed. All docks requesting clean-up must use a standard sized flag so that the harvester volunteer does not have to figure out if the faded green painted board or a green string tied around a pole is coincidental or a request for pier service. **The green triangular flag must be made of flexible material (so that it can wave) and posted on a post that is roughly 12" long and 12" to the point.**

Please note that the location for the Lake District Meeting has been changed to the new Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 County Highway Q in Pickerel.

Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

Chuck Sleeter – Chair	(715) 478-1038 or (715) 484-4501	/ email: nashchair@frontier.com
Rod Sternhagen – Vice Chair	(920) 766-7985 or (920) 540-4507	
Dan Vosters	(715) 484-3142 or (920) 766-9202	
Kathy Kupfer – Treasurer	(262)255-0174	
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Duane Marshall – Town of Nashville Rep.	(715) 484-8198	
Jim Stormer – Forest County Liaison	(715) 484-2022	
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Pickerel/Crane Lake

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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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