

Bass Lake Newsletter

Spring 2020

Hi Folks,

I thought I better get moving on a Spring newsletter for Association Members. I hope this writing finds everyone coping with this lockdown period all right, and that everyone is staying healthy.

Ice Out

The ice on Bass Lake went out completely on Tuesday, April 7th this year. Docks, lifts, boats, and pontoons began going in almost immediately on the following weekend. I along with the rest of the Board members are anxious to put the winter months behind us and get on with Spring and Summer activities.

March 28th Board Meeting highlights

The Board chose to conduct its most recent Board meeting via teleconference in order to respect “social distancing” guidelines. The following items and decisions were covered during this meeting.

- We are fortunate to report that Bass Lake has received just over \$3,400 in grant monies from the DNR and Wright County Soil and Water this year. Getting our applications in early for these grants proved to be the reason for our success. Both grants are contingent upon us getting an early Spring Delineation Survey completed prior to any type of treatment activity. These grants will more than cover the survey costs as well as a portion of this Spring’s treatment.
- Last year’s late Spring Delineation Survey revealed that there are approximately 5 littoral acres that have a persistent infestation of Curly-Leaf Pondweed. We are planning to treat areas of infestation along the west shoreline of the large bay, as well as an acre or two in the small bay. Look for signature waiver letters to be sent out within the next few days. If anyone chooses not to have treatment applied in the water adjacent to

your property, kindly let me know by way of email as soon as possible.
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Note: A copy of last year's late Spring Delineation has been posted on the Bass Lake Assn Web site. It clearly shows the areas of highest Curly-leaf concentration.

- The Board re-affirmed our plans to augment the Wright County watercraft inspections at our boat landing this year as part of our AIS prevention initiatives. A total of \$5,000.00 has been earmarked for this purpose and will provide us with an extra 250 hours of at-the-landing inspections this year. These hours will be split evenly between weekdays and weekends.

Note: Start date for this activity is up in the air as the State has not deemed AIS inspections to be an "essential business activity" yet. I expect this to change once the shelter-in-place lockdown restrictions begin to lift.

- The Board also discussed moving forward with a volunteer inspection program to help increase the number of days and hours, however, the DNR has not determined how soon (or if) the in-person training program will be available, and we have not received a date for on-line training as yet. We hope to have more information available in the next few weeks. Those interested in volunteering should contact John Fitzgerald for more information during the next few weeks.
- The Board authorized Steve McComas of Blue Water Science to conduct an underwater dive survey of aquatic plant life near our boat landing shortly after Labor Day last fall to see if Bass Lake had been infected with Starry Stonewort. We are pleased to report that his survey came up negative. A copy of his report has been posted on the Bass Lake Assn website. The Board agreed to continue this activity again this fall as part of our early detection initiatives.
- The Association Business Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30AM and will be

held at the Clearwater Township Hall on Highway 24.

Important Note: Obviously, an extension of state-wide Shelter-In-Place restrictions could change the date or cancel this year's meeting. Masks and maintaining a six-foot person to person distance are likely requirements for all if the meeting is held as planned.

- Three Board Member's terms are expiring once again this year. Persons interested in joining the Bass Lake Board are encouraged to contact me or anyone of the existing Board members. New or existing Board member positions will be affirmed at the Association's June Business Meeting.
- References have been made to information posted on the new Bass Lake Assn Website. As a reminder, the website address is www.basslakewrightcountymn.com. I encourage everyone to review all information of interest.
- Once again, I would like to remind everyone that nuisance trapping of beavers or muskrats can be arranged through Jesse Heberling. Residents are encouraged to contact him directly to arrange for any trapping requirements. Jesse's contact information appears on the Bass Lake Assn website. The Bass Lake Board will process and pay for invoices related to trapping to remove nuisance animals.

That's about it for now. Best wishes for a safe and healthy summer. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations for the Board.

Sincerely,

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