**Bass Lake Association**

**Fall Newsletter**

**October 14, 2021**

One last newsletter as the leaves change and many of us close up the cabins for the season. 2021 proved to be a very warm and dry summer at the lake, but that did nothing to diminish the amount of fun and relaxation on Bass Lake.

**Board Meeting**

The final board meeting of the year was on October 2nd. During that meeting the following agenda items were discussed:

**Treasury Report**

As of October 13, 2021, our bank account had a balance of $13,425. We have 78 dues paying members which is an increase of 17 from last year. Thank you for your continued support of the association. Dues statements will be sent out in early February 2022 and association dues will remain at $50 per property for next year.

**Dive Survey** – A dive survey took place on Tuesday, October 12. Thankfully, the divers found no evidence of Starry Stonewart, Zebra Mussels or Eurasion watermilfoil. This is an annual process involving a scuba diver surveying the area around the boat launch for evidence of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). This dive survey is one key element in early detection of any AIS infestation.

**Boat Launch** – As stated in an early communication, the DNR came out on September 1 to work on the boat launch. They backfilled and reduced the steep angle of the launch in the water and extended it approximately 6’. This is a significant improvement from earlier this summer.

**Vice President** – Tom Pitra was selected as Vice President of the association. Tom has held this position in the past and has graciously accepted it once again. Thank you, Tom.

**Loon nesting area** – After many years of service, the nesting platform will get remodeled this winter. Martha and Greg Reger have agreed to update the platform so look for the new and improved model in the spring. Similarly, the buoys designating the “Keep Out” area surrounding the platform will be replaced. This will help keep visitors clear of the designated nesting area.

**Floating bogs in the spring** – It is not clear how the low water levels could impact the likelihood of floating bogs breaking loose once the ice is out. If you happen to have a floating bog drift on to your shoreline and you want it removed, please let a board member know. There are several residents who are looking to reduce shoreline erosion and may be interested in transplanting the bog on their shoreline.

**Volunteer opportunities** – There are a couple of projects that would greatly benefit from your participation:

**AIS boat launch inspection** – Inspections of incoming boats and educating boat owners about the dangers of AIS at the boat launch, continues to be our most effective tool against an AIS infestation. Through the DNR, we hired an inspector to staff the launch for one weekday and one weekend day throughout the summer. Additionally, were able to staff the boat launch a few days this summer with volunteers to conduct AIS inspections. The DNR was delayed granting approval for volunteers and conducting training, so we got a late start. Thank you to those who volunteered their time. We expect to have approval to begin volunteer inspections earlier next spring so if you are interested in volunteering for an hour or two during a weekend next summer, please feel free to reach out to me (fitzjohng@aol.com or 262-613-4733).

**Bass Lake History project** – As mentioned in the previous newsletter, there is interest in capturing the rich history of life on Bass Lake. If you would like to contribute stories, pictures, documents, etc. to this project - OR - if you are interested in being actively involved in gathering and compiling the information as part of a committee, please let me know.

That about wraps up another summer on Bass Lake. If you have any questions or suggestions for the board, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us. Best wishes for your holiday season and upcoming winter. We look forward to seeing everyone next spring.

All the best,

John Fitzgerald

President

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