

MCLA Draft minutes 7-24-14

Lake Hero's:

- Dick Jens, Scott Otterson and Phil Knauf for conducting the plant surveys with DNR and AIS monitoring day.
- Tom Ward: Wisconsin Invader Crusader Award for his efforts in programming and controlling invasive species in Manitowoc County.
- Dan Dufek: habitat development on Harpts Lake.

Treasurers Report Jerry Corfman: Current balance is \$77 in Check book with \$75 of renewals this evening. Currently 28 single members and 2 organizations. Toni Pontar was going to help with a mailing.

The final phase II grant request has been submitted for a re-imbursement of \$32,983.77.

The current grant is ready for a claim of \$11,000 to \$15,000.

AIS Report Tom Ward: A high turnover of initial student interns created a delay of inspection to late June. Three inspectors were hired for the County: Phil Steinberg, Technical College Student, Brittany Gallas Lincoln High school graduate, and MCLA past President Dave Pozorski. We are finding that about 15 to 20% of the boaters are new owners or returning to boating and are not aware of the AIS laws. Inspectors have identified Boaters from Lake Winnebago landing at Long Lake within the 5 day drying period.

Boat Cleaning Stations are installed on Cedar Lake. With Adam Backus County Parks Director leaving to a position with Calumet County there will be a delay with installation of the remaining 6 signs.

Lake Reports:

Carstens: boat landing was chemically treated in June to reduce the risk of EWM and Curly leaf spreading to other lakes. Water clarity was recently 5.75 ft. The County will installing new toilets. Fishing has been steady this past month.

Cedar Lake: The lake was about 6 inches high since spring, with the dry weather it has dropped to the normal level. Water clarity was 13.5 ft. Lots of Bass and Bluegills being caught. Notice to Lake residents to work with the inspector needs to be sent out by Tuesday each week.

Silver Lake: The Silver Lake Convent and the Manitowoc County have settled on a 20 year lease for the park. The Convent also sent a letter to County Highway encouraging maintenance of the dike and flooding problems. Gary Kennedy Highway Commissioner was going to include money in the 2015 budget to conduct a hydrology study of the channel and box culvert.

Water clarity has improved and the fishing piers and boat landing access were chemically treated to allow the public open water for fishing.

Harpts Lake: Dan Dufek and Paul Tuschel were going to map EWM beds in August. The Sportsman club is also requesting the Town of Gibson to look at removing two culverts draining into the Lake under North Lake Road and divert the water to the east to reduce phosphorus discharge to the lake.

Dames Rocket has been spreading over the years in the Lake area with much larger patches.

Lake Michigan: The cool summer and spring has reduced this years nuisance levels of cladophora algae. Lake level is up 18 to 20 inches reducing the shore area.

Wilke Lake: The weed cutter has been down with repairs, with only one harvest in 3 weeks. The Association is looking at replacing their 3 rd harvester. Fishing has been real good in past 3 weeks.

Hartlaub lake: appears to have less EWM this year but more coon tail with responds to poor water clarity and quality. The big 4 inch rain event shut down the fishing this year.

English Lake: recently recruited an additional volunteer boat inspector to help this year. Fishing has been good.

MCLA Fall Banquet: October 17; The guest speaker will be Charlie Marks who was hired by the Green Lake Association to work with farmers to reduce nonpoint pollution. He will be sharing stories on controlling watershed runoff. The Association has a 12 billion dollar tax base.

Youth Outdoor Mentoring program called CAMO was discussed, mentors to help get youth involved in fishing and outdoor sports are being sought. A meeting will be held on August 16th at the Plymouth Town Hall.

Manitowoc Fish & Game also has a \$1,000 in scholarships for students entering the conservation field.

Next MCLA meeting Sept. 25th.