



LAKES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Agenda Set for Lakes October Membership Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2000

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The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short social where snacks and refreshments will be available. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the following program agenda:

- ▶ Call to Order - Dave Pozorski
- ▶ Presentation of Water Quality Awards
- ▶ Guest Presentations
 - * Toxins in Fish and What Do Local Fish Advisories Mean.
 - * Silver Lake Project Proposal
 - * Update on Shoreland Zoning Proposal

Business Meeting:

- ▶ Committee Reports
 1. Secretary's Report
 2. Treasurer's Report
 3. Membership Report

- ▶ Area Lake Association Reports
- ▶ By-Law Changes
- ▶ Any other business
- ▶ Adjourn



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE!!!!

Proposed By-law Changes

The following changes to the by-laws have been proposed by the Board of Directors for the October 30, membership meeting:

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 – DUES: Dues shall be \$1 per member for an Organization or a minimum of \$25 (replacing \$25 for an Organization); \$15 for adult (16 years and older); and \$5 for an individual already enrolled in an organization, to be paid annually on a calendar basis.

Article IV- MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 – ANNUAL MEETINGS: The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in the vicinity of the Manitowoc County Lakes Association in *October* (changed from June).

Article VIII. – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 2 – FISCAL YEAR: The records and accounts of the Association shall be maintained on a fiscal year beginning on *October 1* and ending on *September 30* (changed from on a calendar year basis).



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER 30TH MEETING

Speaker on Fish Consumption Advisories

The membership meeting of Manitowoc County Lakes Association will feature a speaker on fish advisories to area lakes and streams. The Manitowoc and Calumet County Boards recently adopted resolutions regarding the clean-up of toxic sediments in the South Branch of the Manitowoc River, known as the Hayton Remediation Project. Levels of PCB's in fish from certain reaches of the stream were so high that the fish had to be disposed of in a toxic landfill.

The DNR posted, "Do Not Eat" signs in the Hayton Area for the 2nd time in State History. Most fish advisories include a limit to the amount of fish that can be consumed.

Manitowoc County has fish advisories on Bullhead Lake, Pigeon Lake, Branch, Manitowoc and the East and West Twin Rivers as well as Lake Michigan. The Manitowoc County Health Dept. recently posted signs in areas frequented by fisherman.

The speaker will be addressing the seriousness of these health warnings and how contamination levels are reached.

Presentation of a Special Project Proposal for Silver Lake

After 20 years of study, an Engineering firm has completed a design to allow the restoration of Silver Lake near Manitowoc. The lake has been given a special designation by DNR and EPA as Impaired Waters, due to its extremely high pollution levels.

The outcome of this proposal will be presented that evening along with an appeal for donations from groups and foundations to help raise funds for the nearly half-million dollar project.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONSERVATION WARDEN

by Jon Scharbarth

Greetings Association Members.

Just a quick word of introduction for those of you who do not know me yet. My name is Jon Scharbarth and I am the new Conservation Warden in Manitowoc County. My office is located out of my home in Reedsville and my primary area of responsibility is the western half of the county. There is still a warden in Mishicot who covers the eastern half of the county but that does not mean you cannot contact me for concerns in the east or vice versa. We are here to assist you in keeping our lakes safe and protecting these valuable parts of Manitowoc County's natural resources.

With that out of the way, I hope you all enjoyed a safe and rewarding boating and fishing season. Thus far, we have been accident free and boaters are being very responsible on area lakes. I have spent a lot of time on the water and some of you may have noticed me out on the water video taping shorelines. This was done to help us establish a baseline of what types of development have already occurred so we have something to compare future development with. We hope to do this on an annual basis so that critical near-shore habitat can be protected.

Also, for your information, there is a new water regulations specialist stationed in the Mishicot office. His name is Mike Hanaway and he will be responsible for permits in Manitowoc County (as well as several others). Feel free to give Mike a call if you have any questions. He can be reached at 920-755-4942.

I hope to meet each of you in the future and look forward to helping you keep our lakes safe and healthy. In the meantime I would like to hear from you with any question or concerns you might have. My phone # is 920-754-4956. I have voice mail so if I am not in please leave a message. If you are calling to report a violation remember to get as many details as possible. Boat #'s, license plates, descriptions, time, location, date and what occurred are all good pieces of information. You can also call the Sheriff's Department and they can reach me via radio, or call the confidential hotline at 1-800-847-9367. ☼



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AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL LAKES ASSOCIATION MEETING

PIGEON LAKE ASSOCIATION PRESENTED THEIR ANNUAL AWARD TO TONI PONTAR

- ▶ She is currently serving as Vice-President of the Association.
- ▶ Toni is in charge of the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up around the lake.
- ▶ She has worked to control purple loosestrife on both Pigeon and Little Pigeon Lakes.
- ▶ Toni has been a delegate to the WI Assoc. of Lakes State Convention.
- ▶ She participates in activities to support Camp Sinawa.
- ▶ She is a regular contributor to this newsletter, reporting on Pigeon Lake activities.
- ▶ Toni participated in the town of Liberty Land Use Planning committee, representing the Lake area and its natural resource concerns.

ENGLISH LAKE ASSOCIATION PRESENTED THEIR AWARD TO CAROL ENTRINGER

- ▶ Carol was instrumental in initiating a lake study plan for English Lake.
- ▶ Through her leadership, a retention pond to intercept sediment to the lake has been implemented.
- ▶ She has personally contacted local farmers to install barnyard treatment practices in this watershed, as well as, new lake property owners about their responsibilities

- ▶ Carol has been an advocate of natural shoreland restoration by serving on the Citizen Advisory Committee to revise Shoreland Zoning and attending a Shoreland Scaping workshop this past spring.
- ▶ Carol has spent endless hours of her time as an officer of the English Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District and demonstrated her leadership by assisting in organizing the County Lakes Association. ☼



LAKE REPORTS ~

Hartlaub Lake ~ Gene Weyer

The lake property owners attempted a carp removal program with DNR approval. The process involved setting and regularly checking nets. They are looking for a way to attract the smart carp after catching only 4 carp in the fish traps.

A volunteer water quality monitoring program, using secchi disc readings, is helping track the impact of runoff. Readings have varied from 15 feet of clarity in good weather to only 2 feet after a rain event. They have identified the need for sediment ponds to help control that runoff.

English Lake ~ Carol Entringer

Our annual meeting was held on July 27, 2000. Pete Tarnowski, Manitowoc Zoning Administrator, discussed the new Lakeshore Zoning Proposal and how it will affect English Lake. Some of the issues are 75-foot set back enforcement, non-conforming lots and structures and new rules regarding buffer zones, shorelines and lighting. Zoning rules will be reviewed during the winter months, with your input determining the outcome, so contact the department with your views.

Newly planted shoreland vegetation was eaten by wild geese, but natural vegetation should take over. The

good news is that readings taken from the pond are proof that the pond is working and that our lake is profiting from the creation of the pond. Another area on the lake could be impacted would be the south side if the existing tile line could be blocked. Also, received a request to check the e-coli levels of the lake.

Pigeon Lake ~ Toni Pontar

New officers elected at the fall meeting were:

President - Peggy Lenz
 Vice-President - Bill Pautz
 Secretary - Jerry Dick
 Directors - Julian Jetzer
 Mary Jo Kocureck
 Anne Neeb

Continuing officers:

Treasurer - Lynda Pautz
 Directors - Dick Walter
 Dave Feile
 Marianne Deja

Projects and activities undertaken by the association to be continued are:

Adopt-A-Highway Project
 Christmas at Sinawa Booth
 Chili Dump Social
 Purple Loosestrife Control
 Water clarity testing on Little Pigeon Lake

Cedar Lake ~

Their last meeting was attended by 125 people. The lake water clarity has been generally good, with some variance after weather events. The lake usage plan is regulated by scheduled hours and seems to work well. A good safety record was reported.

In the future, Cedar Lake would like to send more members to the WAL Convention to benefit from the informational programs.

Carstens's Lake ~

Fishing report for Carstens Lake is that, at this time, the dominant predator is the northern pike. This spring, good number of small blue gill and crappie were seen.

Water clarity is better with more cloudy days. The weeds are on the decline. Water quality varies; quite cloudy (6" at most) to clean.

Citizens to Protect the West Twin ~ Winnie Spring

There are some big splashes in the West Twin River these days. Fishermen are hauling in salmon and trout, 27 pounds and over, according to some informants. Recent rains have not raised the water level noticeably and the "shelf" of shoreland protruding after last year's drought is bursting with vegetation. This 10-15 foot fringe supports an amazing variety of plants. Succumbing to fall, the purple asters are replacing an unexpected crop of purple loose strife. The river bottom (stones) looks uninviting; all coated with a dark "goo" or "settlings".

It was a tranquil summer on the shallower, slower West Twin, power boats being replaced by people-powered small craft and larger shore birds enjoying life.

Horseshore Lake ~ Robert Christian

Tom Ward made presentation on Shoreline Zoning. Our lake association has endorsed the proposed county ordinance. Our main concern is that this ordinance will not become law.

Bullhead Lake ~

Lake water quality is very good at 5.5 feet to 17.5 feet. The fishing results for the summer showed some nice size blue gills. Fisherman have showed good cooperation with complying with the local boating regulations regarding a slow, no-wake speed. Currently, we are working on planting more perch.



NOTICE OF REFERENDUMS

Manitowoc County has two referendums subject to voting on November 7, 2000. The following is a summary for your information regarding the vote:

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Should Manitowoc County create the office of County Executive to be first elected commencing with the 2002 spring election?"

EXPLANATION

A **"yes" vote means** that you are in favor of establishing an elected County Executive for Manitowoc County. The County Executive would be elected by a vote of the people to be the Chief Executive Officer of the County. A County Executive would:

- Coordinate and direct all administrative and management functions of County government not otherwise vested by law in other elected officers;
- Appoint and supervise the heads of all County departments except those elected by the people and except where the statutes provide that the appointment shall be made by other elected officers;
- Appoint the members of boards and commissions;
- Communicate with the County Board on the condition of the County and recommend matters for consideration;
- Submit the annual budget to the County Board and exercise veto power over any increases or decreases in the budget; and
- Approve or veto resolutions or ordinances.

A County Executive's veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the County Board.

A **"no" vote means** you do not favor having an elected County Executive. Instead, the County Board would designate a County employee or elected official to be an Administrative Coordinator responsible for coordinating all administrative and management functions of County government not otherwise vested by law in boards or commissions, or in other elected officers. Alternatively, the County Board could create a position for a County Administrator to be the chief administrative officer of the County. The duties and powers of the County Administrator would include coordinating and directing all administrative and management functions of county government not otherwise vested by law in boards or commissions, or in other elected officers; appointing and supervising the heads of all departments of the County; appointing the members of all boards and commissions; and submitting an annual budget to the County Board.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Under state law, the operating levy rate for the county of Manitowoc, for the tax to be imposed for the year 2001, is limited to \$5.058714 per \$1,000 of equalized value. Shall the county of Manitowoc be allowed to exceeds this rate limit for one year by \$0.306095 per \$1,000 of equalized value that results in an operating levy rate of \$5.364809 per \$1,000 of equalized value?"

EXPLANATION

A **"yes" vote means** that the County Board may, for a period of only one year, increase the property tax rate levy by less than 31¢ per \$1,000 of equalized value. A person owning a \$100,000 home would pay no more than \$30.61 in additional property taxes.

The increase will allow the County to generate up to \$1,073,151 in additional tax revenue in order to maintain the present level of services provided by Manitowoc County. These funds will pay for part of the \$1,695,349 required to cover the County's share of services presently provided by the Manitowoc Health Care Center.

A **"no" vote means** that the County Board cannot increase the property tax levy any higher than the maximum set by state law. Manitowoc County will not collect enough tax dollars to maintain the present level of services during the 2001 budget year. The County will need to either reduce the services that it provides or to spend money from reserve accounts (money set aside for such things as claims, depreciation, insurance, and maintenance) to maintain the present level of services.



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