

**LOON LAKE – WESCOTT
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Fall 2014 Meeting Minutes**



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Remember our Courtesy Code at Loon Lake

1. Encourage personal watercraft to stay out 300 feet from shore.
2. Observe state laws to stay 100 feet from docks and boats.
3. End personal fireworks by 10:30 P.M.
 - a. **THE LAW – Fireworks in Wisconsin:** Fireworks that stay put and just smoke or fizzle are OK. This includes sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, snakes, smoke bombs, caps, noisemakers or confetti poppers with less than a quarter grain of explosive mixture.
 - b. **Fireworks that require permits:** Anything that explodes or leaves the ground – from Roman candles, firecrackers, and bottle rockets, to streaming, booming fireworks displays. Permits must be issued by municipalities to groups. Fireworks vendors cannot issue them, and individuals cannot receive them.
4. Use phosphorous-free fertilizer on lawns.
5. **Observe Ordinance 54:** NO WAKE BEFORE 9:00 AM AND AFTER 5:00 PM.

Subject: Biannual Meeting of Loon Lake Management District
Date: Saturday, August 30, 2014
Time: 9:00 a.m.,
Place: Camp Tekawitha

Entire Board present.

Chairman Lloyd Knope called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Lloyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2014 meeting. David Schonke so moved, seconded by Dave Nusbaum. Motion carried.

Larry Philbrick gave the financial report. Expenses since the May meeting totaled \$219.31 including Wisconsin Lake membership of \$148.50 and meeting expenses of \$73.80. Our checking account balance is \$2,485.12 and the savings account balance is \$105,581.10. We also have money left in a grant totaling \$20,274.50.

Larry presented the 2015 budget. The budget contains two estimates for weed treatment. If we treat next spring using 2,4-D only the cost is estimated at \$27,000.00 bringing our total budget to \$32,520.00. If a decision is made to go with the Aquathol K treatment the cost is estimated at \$55,000.00 bringing the total budget to \$87,520.00. A final determination on which treatment plan we use will occur in early spring. Property assessment will remain at \$200. Cliff Siebers moved that the budget be approved. Dennis Sager seconded. Motion carried.

Lloyd gave the weed reporting indicating that the native weeds were explosive this year. On a positive note having weed coverage holds off the threat of the dangerous blue-green algae that some other lakes are dealing with. There is no clear reason for the overwhelming amount of weeds, suggesting it may be as simple as a natural cycle.

John Skogerboe recently completed an evaluation of the Eurasian Milfoil present in the lake. His recommendation is to work on a three year maintenance cycle, consisting of 1 year of heavy treatment, followed by two years of small spot treatments. Since a heavy treatment application was applied in the spring of 2013, based on the recommendation explained above we are planning on treating only small problem areas next spring. In the spring of 2016, the larger treatment would be planned. Another evaluation will be completed this fall to determine the problem areas that will need treatment in the spring.

Lloyd and Larry continued with lake monitoring this summer. Water clarity stayed around 5 feet all summer. No sign of Zebra mussels are not present in the lake.

Dave Nusbaum gave an update on the Clean Boat/Clean Waters program. Participation in this program continues to be important if we need to apply for another grant in the future. Dave reported that volunteer hours have been declining over the years with 183 volunteer hours reported in 2008, 159 hours in 2009, 149 hours in 2010, 158 hours in 2011, 13 hours in 2012 and 52 hours in 2013. He reported no participation in the program this year, indicating the late start to organizing the sign-up may be part of the cause.

The program will be continued next year, with a request of 2 hours of time from each property owner sometime during the summer months. Dave will have a sign-up calendar at the Spring meeting. You will also be able to sign-up via e-mail or through the web site. The forms that are to be completed when you volunteer can be downloaded from the web site. Dave also plans to work on placing a permanent box at the landing so forms can be completed and dropped off at the end of your volunteer shift.

Lloyd mentioned that there was a violation of the no wake ordinance on August 2nd when a boat was operating recklessly out on the lake around 6:00 p.m. A property owner witnessing this had contacted Lloyd asking what should be done to report this incident. Lloyd indicated that any boating violation you witness can be reported to the sheriff's department to investigate. To assist with the investigation it is best to get the boat numbers before reporting the incident. Taking pictures can also be helpful, if you can do that without putting anyone in harm's way. Lloyd also reminded the group that it is important that you remind any visitors or renters of the courtesy code, including the no wake ordinance.

Mike Schuler gave a quick update on town business. He mentioned the town is doing very well. He also provided an update on the Curt Black Road construction project, which includes a bike lane. The project will be completed this fall.

Mike was asked again if the light at the boat landing could be turned, moved or placed on a motion sensor so that it is not on all night long. Mike indicated he would have someone take a look to see what could be done. He feels it is important that the dock area remains lit at night for safety of those using the landing after dark.

Mike reminded everyone of the restriction on cutting oak trees from April 1st to October 1st. It is important for the health of the oak tree population to follow this restriction. Any violating the restriction is subject to a fine. Mike also reminded everyone of the importance of maintaining a 15 foot wide and 15 foot high access from the road to your residence for emergency vehicle access. Some of the private roads around Loon Lake are currently not accessible to emergency vehicles due to overgrowth of the wooded area around the dirt roads.

David Schonke made a motion to adjourn. Dave Nusbaum seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claire Lueck, Secretary