

Loon Lake Wescott Management District

Annual Spring Meeting, Camp Tekakwitha, 9:00am, Saturday May 25, 2019

Board Members Present: Chairman Lloyd Knope, Treasurer Mary Claire Lueck, Secretary P. John Abendroth, Damian Drewek, Richard Koeller

Absent: Brian Moesch

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

Lloyd requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Fall meeting held on Saturday September 1, 2018. Nussbaum motioned and Behrend seconded. Approved.

Secretary Abendroth informed everyone that the directory on the web site has been updated and he encouraged everyone to check it out for possible corrections and completeness. Cards with website login information are available up in front by John after the meeting. He asked that new email information be given to him so that we can avoid any unnecessary snail mail expenses.

Brenda Nordine, State of Wisconsin Water Resource Manager, was introduced. She gave the gathering a very interesting and informative presentation on invasive species, aquatic plants (weeds), fish and wild life. She informed us that aquatic plants are used by many of these as a food source. The use of herbicides and their affect on the lake since 2003 was discussed. According to Brenda, there have been seven whole lake treatments and seven partial lake weed treatments. She explained that some of these herbicides, if not closely monitored, can also damage native vegetation. She informed us that the weeds reach for the sun most in early spring and in late fall. Because of the aquatic plants benefits to fish and wildlife, we should all adhere to "if they (weeds) are not bothering us, then leave them (weeds) alone"! It IS legal to remove a 30' path of weeds out from your property, but informing us that a natural shoreline is preferred. She told us that there are grants out there for natural shoreline restoration. Due to the condition of the lake there will be NO weed treatment in 2019. Whole lake treatment will PROBABLY be done in 2020. Studies of the lake are ongoing this year. No zebra mussels have been found in Loon Lake, however there are very high calcium levels in Loon Lake. She also informed us that there are grants available for "island regeneration".

Dave Nussbaum gave us an update on "Clean Boats - Clean Water". Monitoring was up last year from previous years with a total of 67 hours logged. This was the best year since 2015. He again circulated the calendar for sign up for monitoring for this summer. He told us that forms would again be available at "T-Mart", and asked that all completed forms be returned there after your monitoring time so that he can collect them. The state is requesting that we ask fewer questions and be more informative. New laws require that all water be drained from all watercraft even if there are live fish in the reservoir. He asked that we remind everyone of the boat washing station at Shawano County Park.

Lloyd reported that last year he measured the water depth at the end of his dock at 30". This year he measured 44"! Likewise, last years water temperature was 78 degrees with this year being 55 degrees. Oxygen levels are good to 15'. He suggested that there should be a more permanent way to measure water depth. There were a few suggestions from the floor but nothing concrete has been decided. He informed us that the Loons did nest but have abandoned that nest, but there is a possibility that they could nest again. Osprey, eagles, sand hill cranes, and blue herons have been seen with many of them

nesting on or adjacent to the lake. The “goose oilers” have been busy oiling three nests. If you see a goose nest, please inform Lloyd, “they need more practice”!

Angove asked if it is possible that a beaver dam in the creek could be responsible for the high water levels on Loon Lake. It was noted that the beaver are a problem in the creek and that the trapper will be returning.

Lloyd informed everyone that Brian Moesch is the new Town of Wescott Chairperson replacing the late Mike Schuler however Brian was not present at today’s meeting.

Lloyd entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angove so moved and Nussbaum seconded.
Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53am

Respectfully submitted

P. John Abendroth, Secretary