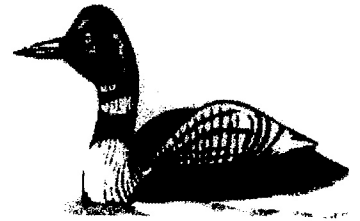


LOON LAKE – WESCOTT MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Fall 2020 NEWSLETTER



It's hard to believe that it is August and we are starting to think about the end of summer! Hopefully you all had a chance to take some time to enjoy the lake. We have had many beautiful sunny days and lots of wildlife to enjoy (2 baby loons and 1 baby eagle). Boaters have been enjoying the lake and there has been fishing boats lining the shorelines in the evenings.

As we get closer to the Labor Day holiday, the board has been discussing how to handle the upcoming annual meeting considering the current situation with Covid 19. The district is bound by state law to have an annual meeting before Sept 8th, but with the recommendations from the CDC to avoid large gatherings, the board has made the decision to hold a very short meeting outside in the Camp Tekakwitha parking lot.

The board is requesting that we limit the meeting to one agenda item, a vote to extend the current budget and postpone commissioner elections until the next annual meeting. This would allow the current board members to remain in office, fund the weed treatment next spring, if required, and continue with reoccurring district expenses like insurance and postage, until it is safe to hold full annual meeting. The assessment would also remain at \$200 for 2021.

Keeping health and safety in mind, to further reduce the length of the meeting the board is asking that any questions about the agenda or other lake issues be asked via e-mail prior to the meeting. The format of the meeting will consist of Lloyd opening the meeting, have a district member raise the motion to extend the budget and postpone elections, vote and adjourn the meeting. If you have a question on the motion, please e-mail it to the board (loonlakeboard@gmail.com) by September 1st. The board will respond back, via e-mail to all district members, with responses to all questions prior to the meeting.

We also wanted to update you on the following initiatives we have continued to work on this year despite the Covid 19 pandemic:

- Land Purchase – The board is happy to report that the land purchase on the west end of the lake is finalized. We are now working closely with the DNR to apply for a grant to cover a portion of the purchase cost. A special thanks goes out to Dick Koeller who worked for several months to finalize this purchase!
- Lake Conditions – Where are all the weeds? In early June we treated 16.9 acres in two locations on the lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil. To everyone's surprise we have seen little growth in both the Eurasian milfoil and native weeds this year – great for boaters!! Unfortunately, the lack of weeds seems to be causing an early bloom of algae on the lake. The water levels have stayed in the normal range for the majority of the summer and the

water clarity is around 5 feet, which is good for this time of the year. In summary, the lake appears to be in very good condition.

- Boater Activity – There seems to be more boater activity on the lake this year, possibly related to the Covid 19 restrictions. We are pleased to say that boaters have observed the no wake ordinance on the lake – thanks to all! Please continue to encourage your family and friends to continue safe boat practices for the remainder of the summer.
- Fireworks – We continue to see an unusual amount of firework activity around lake. The board would like to remind everyone of the Loon Lake Courtesy Code that restricts fireworks to the week of July 4th. In addition, permits are required in the state of Wisconsin for any fireworks that explode or leave the ground such as Roman Candles and Firecrackers. If firework activity continues you are asked to call the Sheriff at 715-526-3111 to report it.

As we work through these unusual times, the board remains committed to taking actions to preserve and improve our lake. As the board tries to balance Covid 19 restrictions with compliance with state regulations, we ask that you align to changes in meeting agendas and formats so the district can continue to take actions to improve our lake while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

The Loon Lake Board