

LAKE METONGA eNEWS



Winter 2018



Photo courtesy Andy Wienser

Wanted: Boat Launch Inspectors

How would you or someone you know like to earn extra income this summer, and help Lake Metonga and other Wisconsin waters stay healthy in the process?

We need to fill several boat inspection positions for the north and south beach boat launches this summer. The hours are flexible, it's an easy job, and very little training is required.

For more information, please contact Gary Mignon
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Association Update

Gary Mueller

Hi All,

Wouldn't you know it, just as snowmobiling and XC skiing conditions improved we headed South. We were able to get in a couple of runs but not enough. Fishing was just OK in our area. Four walleyes in the "slot" for each keeper. Good perch fishing early, but it slowed after the first of the year. Nice fish down there but tough to get them to bite.

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The association recently received a \$4,000 donation from our Mole Lake neighbors. Thank you Sokaogon Chippewa Community for your support!

Last week, we were notified that the DNR has funded our 2018 Lake Management Plan. The Department awarded 222 grants totaling nearly \$2.9 million in assistance. Awarded projects will help improve water quality, reduce runoff, create aquatic habitat and reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species. This Lake Metonga Association plan is a necessary component in order to receive future DNR support. The plan does require some lake association involvement as well, so stay tuned on how you can participate.

We also received our Clean Boats Clean Water grant for 2018. Gary Mignon will handle the program again this year. Gary is looking for a few dedicated workers looking to earn a few bucks while helping educate our lake guests on invasive species. Hours are somewhat flexible depending on launch usage.

Mark Truymans has noticed an increase in eagle activity at the "Eagle Tree" in his yard. There are a few pictures of an eagle pair on the back cover of this newsletter. Click on this link to check out the Web cam on our web site:

[Truymans – View of the Eagle Tree](#)

You might get lucky and see an eagle preparing the nest for spring.

See you in Spring!

Gary

**NOTICE: Lake Metonga Association
Annual Meeting**

**Saturday June 30, 2018
Crandon High School Auditorium**

**8:00 AM — Doors Open
9:00 AM — Meeting**

Association Social Events for 2018

Deb Gauerke



The Lake Metonga Association is getting ready for some warmer weather and summer! With the summer comes a few fun ways to be involved with your lake association and meet others that enjoy the lake as much as you do.

The 4th of July will be celebrated on Saturday – Sunday, June 30 – July 1 this year in Crandon. On Sunday, the LMA annual boat parade will begin at 1 pm with Beachside as the starting and ending point. Now is the perfect time to start thinking of that award-winning design for your boat! Immediately following the parade, everyone is encouraged to attend the picnic at Beachside (about 2pm), to play a few games, partake of the good eats and drinks, and enjoy the great people from all around the lake.

Then comes the awesome "Kentuck Day Festival" on Saturday, July 28, 2018. This is a day of dressing up, enjoying great food, craft booths, a flea market along with a car and motorcycle show. What a great day! The LMA has a booth that needs some help. This is another great way to help while getting to meet your neighbors from around the lake, with just an hour or two of your time. This is one of the few LMA fund raisers, so hope you'll consider participating.

September 15 brings us the last outdoor fund raiser of the year: "Art in the Square". The LMA will again host a booth. This event is from 10am-3pm and any help that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Our October 6 WEEDS'n"WALLEYES banquet is in the planning stages and lots of help is needed for this big event. Please contact Gary & Chris to get involved.

Visit our website for more information on these events.

See you all on the lake!

Aerial Images of Lake Metonga

Andy Wienser, Guest Contributor

In the old days, if you wanted to get an aerial picture of the area, you grabbed your camera and climbed the fire tower at Sugar Bush Hill or rented a plane.

In July of 2005, that changed when my Lake Lucerne website, knottlane.com, launched its first unmanned aerial vehicle — a 35mm camera (using a timer to take one picture every minute), was attached to approximately 200 helium balloons. It's control, height, labor, and economic issues grounded the system after just two flights, but it set the stage for today's drone, the DJI Mavic Pro.

This drone provides live high definition video transmission (1080p / 720p) with a range of 4.3 miles. The drone has up to a 27 minute flight time and has a top speed of over 40 mph.

It has a very sophisticated collision avoidance system that uses 5 cameras, dual-band satellite positioning (GPS and GLONASS), 2 ultrasonic range finders, redundant sensors and a group of 24 powerful, specialized on-board computing cores. And just in case if things go bad, it has a handy "Return to Home" function.



View of Lake Metonga ice fishing, late January 2018.



My first "drone" was simply a 35mm camera strapped to helium balloons in order to take this image over Lake Lucerne



My new remote control drone.



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Lake Metonga Membership

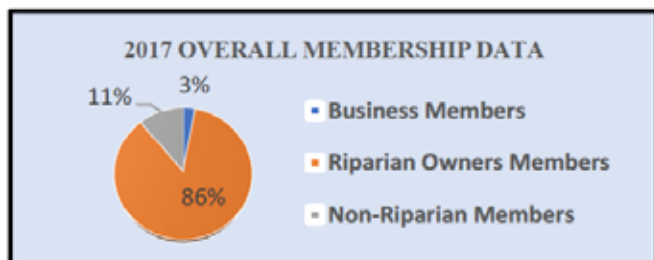
Julie Janquart, LMA Secretary

Lake Metonga Association funding is generated through a variety of means including fundraising events, donations, grants, clothing sales, charitable contributions and membership fees.

Revenue raised by membership fees varies each year dependent upon the number of interested individuals and businesses. Currently our membership fee is \$25.00 and includes the individual signing up and a second person, typically a spouse or significant other, sibling, parent, friend or co-owner. Individuals and businesses are free to join the association regardless of residence and/or cottage location. Over the past three years from 2015 to 2017 we have averaged 99 memberships which effectively generates a revenue of \$2,475 per year for LMA.

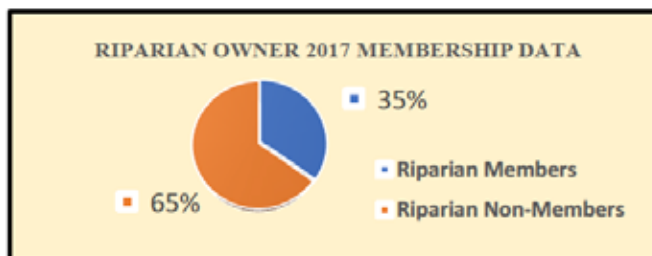
With the responsibility of maintaining membership records, I have carefully reviewed membership data from 2017. As indicated on Chart 1 below, membership participation comes primarily from water front property (riparian) owners (86%), with businesses (3%) and other non-waterfront individuals (11%).

Chart 1



Although lake front property owners clearly outnumber other types of members, only 35% of all lake front property owners surrounding Metonga were members of this organization as shown in Chart 2.

Chart 2



It should be noted however, that we have numerous lake front property owners and local businesses that are not members, but who are extremely generous with donations and attendance at many of the fundraising activities including the WEEDS“n”WALLEYES Banquet, our most significant fund raiser event. Without a significant number of people’s involvement in one form or another, we cannot maintain our efforts to keep Lake Metonga a thriving body of water.

With the goal of sustainability in mind, the LMA board will continue to pursue many avenues for raising funds for this organization and to seek direct involvement from as many folks as is possible.

We strive to continually improve funding efforts by making changes and improvements each year in how we approach our fundraising activity, but realize that we need to increase our membership count and be more purposeful in educating individuals regarding the membership process.

Therefore, we will be pursuing a Lake Metonga Association Membership Drive this year which will enable us to accomplish both goals.

Please consider helping us with this venture and watch for further information on our website and future newsletters. If you are interested in getting involved with this membership drive, please call or email:

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LMA Apparel on Sale at Upcoming Association Events

Association apparel will be available at the 2018 Annual Meeting on Saturday June 30, the 4th of July Picnic on the following day, as well as Kentuck Days on July 28 and Art in the Square on September 15.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Judi Van Zuiden at (815)742-8766.

You can also order custom LMA apparel from the source! Stop in to Barbie Marvin's Creative Screenprinting and Embroidery shop at 119 N. Lake Ave in Crandon where you can order the LMA artwork on a wide variety of apparel items available at the store by special order.



Koozie Coolers
\$5 or 3 for \$10



Eagle Cam Update

Mark Truymen

A pair of eagles have been frequenting the Eagle Tree nest early this year. Since the weather has warmed some, the nest is seeing considerably more activity. But, there's still no way of knowing if they'll be nesting this year. Let's hope so! Only time will tell.



(Left) Tasty shore lunch. Not from Schaefer's; maybe pilfered from an ice fisherman's catch?

(Right) Saving a few leftovers for a snack later on.



Photos from Lake Metonga website eagle cam, courtesy Andy Wienser, www.knotlane.com



Sunset over the lake at about 5:30 pm. The days are starting to get longer — a sign that spring will be on its way soon.

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