

LAKE METONGA eNEWS



Summer 2018



Summer Fun...



*From left to right, top to bottom:
Grandpa Jay with Edison on
his first pontoon ride*

*At the north beach enjoying a
warm day enjoying the beach*

*Captain Franky enjoying the
pontoon*

Quinn's first tube ride

Ellie teaches herself to knee board

Photos courtesy Deb Gauerke

Association Update

Gary Mueller

What a Summer to enjoy our beautiful Lake!

Sun, Heat, Water, Boats, Boards and Tubes all have combined to produce the great memories our families can all embrace. This summer was a dandy!

Fishing seemed a little slow until mid-August when the perch bite finally warmed up. We experienced some algae bloom which seemed to be exacerbated by the complete lack of wind to move it ashore. We are fortunate for the size of our lake because you can always find a clear area to swim even during some of the "Dog days of Summer".

Charlie's restaurant and bar were a welcome change, which couldn't have come during a better summer. Whether enjoying a drink in the Tiki bar, dining in, or on the patio, or hanging out at our picnic or fireworks, Charlie's is now a part of your Metonga experience. Thanks Charlie and Sarah.

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Now that summer is winding down and before the leaves start falling, I which you would consider how you might help your Lake Association during the "off seasons".

First and foremost is our annual "FUN RAISER" on October 13th at Mole Lake. We had a great response to our WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Early Bird sign up and by now you should have received your invite to this year's event. If you need an invite please call or email as early as possible. We are limited to 320 guests. If you are new to the Lake and haven't ever attended WnW, this is a fun-filled night featuring good food, free beer, wine and soda. The raffle and auction prizes are all first class featuring over sixty gift baskets, an Apple watch, a fishing kayak, a Mosquito Squad gift certificate, a Mediterranean dinner for four, a three hour Charlie's Tiki Bar party for ten, and much, much more! For the most part, you or someone you know will be part of the entertainment. This is a sell-out event which starts promptly at 5 PM and is over at 9 PM. Your evening also includes Mole Lake Casino coupons as part of your evening out. We hope you plan to be there on Saturday, October 13.

Through the years, the Lake Metonga Association (LMA), has worked closely with the Wisconsin DNR on several lake projects. In the future, in order to receive grant funding from the state, the Association *must* have a current "Lake Management Plan".

To this end, the Association is sponsoring a lake planning grant to study Lake Metonga which will specifically focus on updating our Lake Management Plan.

The study is quite comprehensive, including: water quality, watershed, shoreland and woody habitat; fisheries and habitat; aquatic plant surveys; etc. Most of the work is handled by our contractor, Onterra LLC. The Lake Association is responsible for managing the grant, holding a planning meeting, preparing and compiling a stakeholder survey, and being part of a project wrap-up meeting.

In order to meet our commitment to the grant, we need some volunteer support:

- We need 6 people to donate 8 hours of their time (2 hours for the stake holder survey and 6 hours for plan development)
- The completed project will include a wrap-up meeting with 30 people for 1-1/2 hours
- The project requires a grant project administrator able spend about 40 hours during the course of the year.

We need to have our administrator and 6 members of the committee in place by mid-November for the first meeting in December. If you can be part of this important project, please call Mark Truymen at 920-676-6546.

Mark Truymen and Julie Janquart have been quietly contacting all of our lake property owners who are not yet LMA members. You can help by encouraging your neighbors to be part of the LMA community.

If you haven't yet, check out the updated LMA web site. The drone pics of the lake that Andy Wiesner provided are awesome (see Spring 2018 Newsletter for this year's ice out event as seen from a bird's eye perspective). The web cams at Charlie's, North Launch Site and Eagle Tree are all up and running for your viewing pleasure.

Thanks to all of you for making the Les and Donna Schramm Kitchen dedication a great night out for a truly deserving family. How did Cissie Goeman know that "SCHRAMM TORTES" were Les' favorite dessert? Vern Dvorak met his goal of \$270 for the DAV before silencing his guitar. This fun night might be something to consider for next year. The "dish to pass" thing is great! The Lions Club cooked up awesome tenderloin "sliders". Vern offered to return next year with an amp for his guitar!!

Stay safe! And we'll look forward to seeing many of you at the banquet next month.

Gary

Membership Report

Julie Janquart and Mark Truymen

At our Spring 2018 board meeting, we noticed that our paid membership numbers were down. We decided we needed to change that and put together a new membership brochure (below), which we introduced at the annual meeting in July.

The brochure is being placed in some local businesses, the LMA booth at Kentuck Days and Art in the Square, and most effectively, hand delivered to prospective members.

We announced at the annual meeting that only 35% of riparian owners are paid members. Contacting some past members, we found that many thought they were current members, but since we had not been sending renewal notices, it was very easily overlooked. Beginning next year, we'll send everyone a simple renewal note that we hope will help.

We're happy to report that our personal contacts have been successful. As of September 1st, we have increased our membership to approximately 45%, and we hope to report another sizable increase at the 2019 annual meeting.

If you're uncertain if your dues are up-to-date, you can contact us through our website and we'll confirm.

Finally, if you have a new neighbor, please ask them about joining or give us their information and we'll contact them.

A membership form is available on our website.

Clean Boats Clean Water

"Have you been contacted by a watercraft inspector this season?"

This is one of the questions on the DNR Clean Boats Clean Water survey that is asked when boats are being launched.

Hopefully, many of you have been contacted by Lake Metonga's watercraft inspectors – Emma, Carter, or Julie. As of the end of August, they have put in 247 hours at the North Landing and 228 hours at the South Landing this summer.

The Clean Boats Clean Water watercraft inspection program is an opportunity to take a front-line defense against the spread of aquatic invasive species. 1192 boat (as of 8/28/18) have been inspected and been informed of the Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels, and rusty crayfish issues that Lake Metonga has.

To prevent the spread of invasive species, remember to:

- INSPECT boats, trailers, and equipment
- REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals
- DRAIN all water from boat, vehicle, and equipment
- NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbody

The inspectors would like to thank everyone for their cooperation at the landings. They know that many of you answered their questions multiple times and were patient and willing to repeat the process. Also, the inspectors want to let the lake owners know that the majority of boaters care about the quality of our lakes and keeping them free of invasive species.

Mission:
To preserve, maintain and enhance the water quality, fish habitat and ecological integrity of Lake Metonga in Forest County, Wisconsin for the benefit of the general public.
To improve the safety of boaters and other recreational uses of Lake Metonga.
To monitor the chemical, biological, sociological status of Lake Metonga and implement management strategies to

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Don't worry, you can still read our newsletter and see lots of other lake info at our website: www.lakemetongawi.org

Revenue Sources
2017 Total Revenue: \$111,304.73

Fundraising	40%
Dues/Grants	38%
Donations	7%
Management	6%
Membership	4%
Other	3%
Boat Landings	1%

Program Expenditures
2017 Total Expenditures: \$62,063.87

Water Quality	55%
Fundraising Expenses	23%
Clean Boats-Clean Waters	11%
Boat Landings	3%
Community Communications	2%
Management	2%

Primary expenditures include:

- Treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and other invasive species
- Organize and operate the Clean Boats-Clean Waters Program for Lake Metonga which provides staff at both the north and south boat landings during summer months to inspect boats and educate boaters about the spread of EWM and other invasives in Wisconsin waters
- Provide information to the community and interested parties through our newsletters, booths at area events, etc.
- Volunteers perform regular water quality studies which can be viewed on our website. Beginning in 2018, we will be undertaking a comprehensive lake management study incorporating: mapping of aquatic plants, fish & marine animal populations, water quality, shoreline conditions and habitat, watershed impacts, etc.

Primary revenues come from:

- Wisconsin DNR grants for lake management studies, Clean Boats-Clean Waters and lake treatment programs
- Donations from members, friends of the lake and area businesses surrounding the municipalities and tribal communities
- Our primary fundraising event is the WEEDS'N'WALLETS Banquet in October—a fun evening with raffles, auctions and entertainment
- We also sponsor booths at the Kentuck Day Festival in July and at the Art in the Square event in September
- And we derive revenue from the sale of our line of apparel and our annual 4th of July Picnic

Come Join the Fun!
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What happened? It went by so fast!

Summer is all but gone now. September is here. The boats are leaving the lake, soon to be followed by all the docks. Fall colors are just beginning to show. Autumn is all but here already... *Sunset over Nader Launch*

Upcoming Events:

WEEDS "n" WALLEYES Banquet

Saturday, October 13
Mole Lake Casino Convention Center
Doors open at 5 pm
Banquet tickets available at all LMA events listed above or call Gary and Chris Mueller at 715.478.2049

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