



Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association

F A L L 2 0 0 7 N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Greetings from the resplendent autumnal shore of the Chippewa Flowage. The weather of the past several weeks has been almost perfect — warm days of blue skies and sunshine interspersed with enough cloudy ones to deliver over 8 inches of rain since September 15. I've got to schedule some "boat time."

It has been a busy year for your CFAPOA. First, let me thank all of you who returned your survey. The volunteers have done a wonderful job of compiling your responses and the data you provided is already being used to work on your behalf on a number of issues.

Hopefully, the rains of the last month signal the end of our 2 1/2 year drought. If so, that may alleviate some of the concern about water levels. Either way, we are not leaving that to chance. (See Water Level article on page 4.)

The Fishery Management Plan has drawn lots of comment. Had we known about a couple of things earlier, there would have been at least 2 more questions on the survey. Please read the Fisheries Committee report on page 2. Terry and John have put a lot of time in to studying the Plan proposal and meeting with Mr. Neuswanger and Mr. Pratt to get some answers and explanations.

As always, if you ever have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of the other Board members. Because, after all, this is your CFAPOA.

And, since this is the last newsletter of 2007, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the confidence and trust you have placed in me. I also want to wish all of you a joyous and peace-filled Holiday Season.



CFAPOA
25th Anniversary
1983 — 2008

BIG THINGS COMING! by Marl Reeder

Twenty-five years is a long time, but if you say quarter century, it seems even longer but that's how long the CFAPOA has been in existence. So now, it's time to celebrate and acknowledge the 25 year feat. An Anniversary Committee has purposed numerous ideas to have the property owners participate in and enjoy. We would indeed welcome your assistance and ideas, too. Call any Board or committee member if you'd like to assist in any way. We need your help! (Committee members are: Donna Gilbertson, Patti Jeffords, Marl Reeder, Nancy Ruhlow, and Carmen Sipes.)

This celebration will be held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting/Picnic on August 3rd at Deer Run Resort. More details to follow.

CFAPOA BYLAW PREAMBLE

The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association, Inc. (a non-profit corporation) was formed to generally promote, encourage and foster the interests of all tax paying property owners. The major objectives of the Association are:

- to keep the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all peoples
- to protect the environment
- to maintain the natural beauty of the Chippewa Flowage area
- to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas
- to pursue any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine reservoir

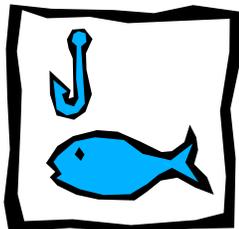
PLEASE LOOK INSIDE FOR THESE SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISHERIES by John Kaiser & Terry Kinderman

The Fishery Management Plan for the Chippewa Flowage was unveiled by Dave Neuswanger, DNR Fisheries Team Leader, at our annual meeting & picnic August 5th at Deer Run Resort.



We are very fortunate to have a comprehensive Long Range Fisheries Plan --- the vast majority of Wisconsin's lakes do not. The Chippewa Flowage is a designated "Legacy Lake," is the largest semi-wilderness body of water in the state, and it is nationally known. Because of the "Big Chip's" status and importance, DNR fisheries put a great deal of time and thought into developing this Plan. It is, in essence, a blueprint for reaching the goals set forth in the public visioning sessions that established the walleye as the most desired fish, the crappie as the second most desired fish, and the musky as the third most desired fish in the flowage. This is a very comprehensive plan --- all aspects of the plan work together to reach the established goals.

We urge all our members to read the Plan thoroughly. The full plan can be obtained at <http://dnr.wigov.org/gmu/upchip/> In our recent survey, 93% of responding members picked fishing as one of their favorite activities on the flowage. This Plan will affect you, as well as future generations. We urge you to highlight any portion(s) of the Plan that you have questions about or may not understand. You can direct your questions or need for clarifications to the CFAPOA website at www.cfapoa.org Select the toolbar "CFAPOA update," and then click on "contact us."

After the Plan was introduced at our annual meeting and picnic, we met with Dave Neuswanger and Frank Pratt, Senior Fisheries Biologist, for over three and one half hours at the Hayward DNR offices. ... continued on pages 10 & 11.

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett

I would like to thank all of the members who volunteered to participate in the "Adopt A Shoreline" program that was introduced at this year's annual meeting and picnic. Their names appear on page 5.

INVASIVE SPECIES (continued)



Briefly, Adopt A Shoreline divides our lake's shoreline into 50 sections. Volunteers adopt a section to help control Purple Loosestrife, an invasive species that has established a foothold on our shorelines, islands, and bogs. In many areas, native plants can reestablish themselves when the loosestrife population is weakened. The volunteers'

labor and time investment are priceless. Purple Loosestrife can be controlled by individuals working together. Many sections remain unadopted. If you would like to help, please contact me at (715) 462-4814 or rclagett@centurytel.net.

I am aware that the lake's weed problem due to another invasive species, Eurasian Water-Milfoil, is a concern to many people. This invasive is extremely difficult to control, and it is presently beyond the scope of volunteer efforts.

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Ruhlow

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to CFAPOA:

- Gary & Sheri ArmstrongRiver Rd
- Arleigh & Barbara BergRiver Rd
- Bob & Lisa Bodett Johnson Rd
- Ray & Debbie ButlerHickory Lane
- Jeff ButtchenUnknown
- Stephen & Rebekah Dupont . Hay Creek Rd
- Bob DwyerPine Knoll Rd
- Paul Gleason & Gaye Tylka Conger Rd
- Dan & Shirley Harris Skylark Lane
- William & Nancy Henning Deerfoot Rd
- Robert & Debra Lee Woodland Dr
- Nancy MaslenConger Rd
- Ted & Paulette MathewsRiver Rd
- Stephen & Karen Menke ... Pats Landing Rd
- Jerry & Kathy MeyerPine Knoll Rd
- John & Ann MylinPine Knoll Rd
- Floyd & Charlotte Nelson Steavens Rd
- Bill & Judy O'ConnellRiver Rd
- Erik Peterson Sandy Point Rd
- Paol & Colleen PoblockiRiver Rd
- John & Mary Lou RashkeDeerfoot Rd
- Gary RungeNorth Woods Trail
- Claude & Patricia Sime Deerfoot Rd
- Ivan & Susan StreifHay Creek Rd
- Randy Tuggle Shamrock Trail



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHORELINE PROTECTION

by Donna Gilbertson



Introducing the Star Home Project: Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation has partnered with the Sawyer County Lakes Forum (SCLF) to recognize shoreline property owners who exemplify good stewardship. Upon request, Conservation Star Home Ambassadors will make visits to meet with shoreline homeowners to assess their existing conservation measures for protecting water quality and habitats. Ambassadors will review a checklist of key conservation practices to determine whether the home meets the conservation standards established for the project. Ambassadors will address individual conservation questions and concerns of homeowners by providing educational materials or recommending a visit from the Land and Water Conservation staff.

Shoreline homeowners who have maintained a natural setting or restored their shoreline to a natural habitat and also practice other conservation measures are setting a good example of good stewardship. These Conservation Star Homes will be recognized with a sign that may be displayed on the property and mentioned in articles submitted to CFAPOA newsletters or other publications.

If you are interested in participating in the Conservation Star Home Project call Jan Eck, Conservation Secretary, at the Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation office (715-634-6463 or lwsec@sawycountygov.org) or CFAPOA Ambassador Donna Gilbertson (715-945-2817 or lakelady@indianheadtel.net)

SOCIAL by Nancy Ruhlow, Donna Gilbertson, & Marl Reeder



About 150 people attended the August meeting/picnic this year. We had a beautiful day but Denny and Ruth Aaron were prepared for any weather, even rain, as they have added on to their shelter. It is about double in size. They provided us with chairs and tables and were well organized for our large group.

SOCIAL (continued)

A big thank you goes out to them, their staff, and friends for all the work in hosting this event. (Please see the thank you list on page 5.)

Various member families donated 15 pounds of food to the Hayward Community Food Shelf plus money and lots of needed items for the Northwoods Humane Society like paper towels, cat litter, dog food, bleach, etc. All of these contributions are very much appreciated by both organizations. From them, Thank you!

Our next social event will be the Holiday Party in December. Be sure to complete and return the reservation form on page 13 as soon as possible if you can attend. The party will again be limited to the first 100 to sign-up. Hope to see you there! Please note we are doing a voluntary gift exchange this year. Bring a gift valued between \$5-10 and receive a gift of equal value. White elephants or regifts are acceptable. Please bring your gift wrapped so it'll be a surprise.

WATER QUALITY by Chris Jeffords



The move to ban phosphorous containing fertilizers has moved to the public comment stage. The CFAPOA board endorsed the Sawyer County Lakes Resolution to support this ban to prevent phosphorous use unless soil samples indicate the need. As this effort develops more information can

be found at the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Website: www.wisconsinlakes.org

WEBSITE by Chris Jeffords

Both Bill Meiser and Tim Gavigan are to be congratulated on the design and continual updating of this new redesign of our website. If you have not seen it yet, updates happen frequently on fishing charts, water levels and news releases. Results from our survey indicated you like it and the results of the "counters" on the pages indicate it is being widely used. We would like it continually improved, so check it out and give us your comments. www.cfapoa.org



WATER LEVEL by Doug Kurtzweil

It has come to my attention that there have been some misconceptions, misinterpretations, and possibly misrepresentations circulating regarding what your CFAPOA has or has not been doing on the water level situation. For the record:

Since late spring 2005 northwestern Wisconsin has been enduring one of the longest, warmest, and driest periods ever. Hotter and drier than the Dust Bowl days of the 1930's. When we got 6 weeks of rain in 3 days the first week of August 2006, an error in judgment was made, assuming the drought had broken. As a result, by Labor Day 2006, water level had rapidly gone from 1312' to 1309.5', leaving many of our boats stuck in the mud, mine included.

A brainstorming session, instigated by Past CFAPOA Chair Cheryl Treland, led to 2 public meetings attended by personnel from Xcel Energy. (October '06 and December '06) I am of the opinion that by the end of the December session, the Xcel folks left with a heightened awareness of our presence as they assured us of greatly improved communication at the very least. And, I think they have lived up to that.

But, we realized, this is not enough. They operate under a regimen of 1313' to 1310' in the May to November period. Both numbers are too extreme. Erosion of shorelines and islands at 1313'; hard to float a boat at 1310'.

The CFAPOA Board could not meet for a couple of months in early 2007 due to the lack of a quorum (snow birds, winter vacations). By early April, though, 6 principal interest groups, stakeholders, partners had been identified: the governmental signatories of the Joint Agency Management Plan (WDNR, LCO, and the US Forest Service), the 2 local representative organizations (Resort Association and CFAPOA) and, of course, Xcel Energy. Around this time, we became aware that electronic communications of a combative and confrontational tone, from an unsanctioned, independent element had found their cyber-way to Xcel. Thus, at the May 3, 2007 meeting, your CFAPOA Board formally disassociated from this element. The Board believes a conversational, cooperative, collegial tone to discussions will be much more productive. The Board also named me to represent you, the CFAPOA, in these discussion. I reluctantly, accepted.

I contacted the other 5 "partners" and was asked to wait until the Fishery Management Plan was presented. One of the other partner's spokesperson suggested a survey of our members. We have done this, too.

The stakeholders have identified their official representatives for these discussions. Why not open it up to everyone? While quite undemocratic, I understand the reasoning. If any individual stakeholder can sit at the table (property owner or resort owner) then, to be fair, any individual stockholder can sit at the table. And to avoid being discriminatory, any individual tribal member. I think that could be a free-for-all that would possibly be neither productive nor functional.

By the time you read this, the first gathering of the stakeholder representatives has happened. If anything major happens fast, I'll have somebody get it on the website. This may take several gatherings but, I'm confident, that even if we can't get what we want, we will get some of what we need. And, I will call that — a start.

25th ANNIVERSARY LOGO CONTEST by Marl Reeder

All you creative Flowage members get ready to design and display your artistic talents with in a Logo Contest complete with prize money. CFAPOA is sponsoring the contest for 3 age divisions and will use the winning logos for the 25th anniversary in various ways. The 3 categories are: Children (to age 13), Teens (ages 13-18), and Adults. 1st and 2nd place cash prizes will be awarded. Winners will be judged by the Anniversary Committee and become the property of the CFAPOA.

Children's designs should be 4 1/4" by 5 1/2" wide or tall. All other designs are to be 3 1/4" X 3" wide or tall. Submit designs on plain white paper or cardboard with black print (ink, pen or paint). When designing your



logo, please reflect the 25th anniversary with a northwoods theme, include the CFAPOA initials, and the years 1983-2008. You may send more than one entry. Please include your name, age, address, and phone number on the back of your entry. The deadline is January 10, 2008. Send your entry to: Tom Bentz, 364 Otter Creek Dr, Venice, FL 34292.

Start sending logos now! Remember the deadline date is January 10th. This should be a great fall or winter project.

THANK YOU Thanks to the following members for their generous contributions and donations to CFAPOA. *We hope we didn't forget anyone, but if we did, please let us know.*

Annual Meeting/Picnic

~ Desserts ~

Ron Bergman	Jean Hardy	Laverne Moe
Barb Clagett	Dorothy Herder	Nancy McElroy
Jackie Eckerly	Delores Hixson	Joan Schieffer
Karl Euler	Dee Hoteko	Elly Seidel
Linda Fish	Patti Jeffords	Carmen Sipes
Donna Gilbertson	Marlen Kaiser	Karen Terry
Deloris Gilmer	Bonnie Kerwin	Darrel Weihert
Eileen Griese	Suzanne Lang	Sherri Woroby
Anita Halbleib	Mary Mannigel	
Mary Haas	Vicki Mauer	

~ Gift Certificates for Grillers ~

Johnson's Resort

~ Set-up & Take down ~

Dick & Jan Donner	Chris & Patti Jeffords
John & Marlen Kaiser	Al & Nancy McElroy
Martha Karl	Stacy Strouf
Terry Kinderman	

General Fund

Ed & Carol Dutton	Al & Pauline Mau
Jeff & Carrie Farley	Rick & Vicki Mauer
Jim & Sue Fox	Bill Pokorny, Jr

Spring Fling '08 Raffle

Dimitri & Phyllis Hoteko

2007 Purple Loosestrife Patrol

Denny Aaron	Larry Kirby
Ron & Jan Bergman	Tom & Laura Marquardt
David Bissonette	Al & Nancy McElroy
Dennis & Barb Clagett	Rick & Linda Olson
Tony DeJoode	Hank & Patty Petit
Jerry & Kathy Eppers	Jack & Marl Reeder
Karl & Kathleen Euler	Don & Sue Reinardy
Alan Fish	Nancy Ruhlow
Whitey & Donna Gilbertson	Barb Schweig
Larry Gilmer	George & Carmen Sipes
Chris & Patti Jeffords	Dick Terry
John & Marlen Kaiser	Tyler Treland
Terry Kinderman	Terry & Debra Wall



CFAPOA COOKBOOK



Hi, Dianne Wilke here. I am the newly appointed chair for the 25th Anniversary Cookbook. My cohorts on the committee are Barb Schweig and Debra Williams. Together, we will bring you a well designed and complete cookbook filled with great recipes. There is a Recipe Collection Sheet and instructions with this newsletter (page 8) or you may type your recipes online (which we would prefer, if possible) at: www.morriscookbooks.com and go to the **typensave online** section (right above "COOKS CORNER"). To be able to type your recipe online, you will need to type **your name** (as it will be displayed in the book), the group login - **cfapoa**, and the password - **52p9s**. The deadline for submitting recipes is **February 10th**. We hope to get many exciting recipes. The cookbook will be available for purchase at the August picnic. The purchase price has not been calculated yet, but will probably be under \$10 each. If you would like to order in advance, please do so online or on your Recipe Collection Sheet. The money will not be due until we get the books. If you need the book mailed, there will be a charge, per book, for shipping.

So, remember us when you put on that pot of whatever during the upcoming cold weather and especially when you pull out your family favorite recipe for the holidays.

Now, here is the "cover our butt" part of the information: By contributing a recipe to the CFAPOA, you give the CFAPOA Cookbook Committee full rights to publish the recipe. In addition, it is the discretion of the Committee to accept or reject any submissions.

Mail your Recipe Collection Sheets to: D.J. Wilke - Cookbook Committee, 7230N Sandy Point Rd., Couderay, WI 54828.

VIOLATIONS In the responses to our recent survey, a number of our members expressed concern about violations on or near the water. If you see something that you know or suspect is against the law or dangerous, please contact a local DNR warden. Call **1-800-TIP-WDNR**. This number is also posted at the DNR boat landings. They can't be everywhere. Our eyes and calls can assist them in making the Chippewa Flowage a safer place for all.



2007 CFAPOA SURVEY RESULTS

Below are the results from the 227 surveys returned to us. Approximately half were from the East side and half from the West side with 11 more surveys returned by those not owning directly on the Chippewa Flowage. There was no significant difference in responses between these groups so all numbers have been combined for you. In most cases, we've given you the percentages of the responses based on the total number of surveys returned. Since not all respondents answered all questions, some combined percentages will not equal 100%. The CFAPOA Board is currently working on how to use these results and all the many helpful comments to serve you better. Please watch future newsletters for developments.

Section 1: To help your Board communicate more effectively, please tell us about your low water experience, your property, and you.

- 1a. Which of the following most accurately describes your experience with the low water last summer?
17% Minor inconvenience 31% Moderate challenge 41% Major problem 6% Ruined the season
- 1b. Did you or your visitors incur any direct costs as a result of the low water last year? 30% YES 64% NO
 Approximate cost per property: 59 properties indicated direct costs ranging from \$40-\$20,000; total = \$64,611; average on East side = \$1691; West side = \$583; Off Flowage = \$75; total average = \$1158
- 1c. On what part of the Chippewa Flowage are you located? 106 East side 110 West side 11 Off shore
- 1d. What is the number of individuals in each age group that frequently use your property?
27% 18 and under 12% 19-30 21% 31-45 29% 46-65 11% over 65
- 1e. How often are you here?
27% Full-time year-round resident 30% Part-time weekend resident (any or all seasons)
15% Full-time summer only resident 24% Part-time summer only resident
- 1f. What are the top 3 reasons you/your family chose to own property here?
87% Semi-wilderness environment 11% Proximity to home/work <1% Quality of life
77% Fishing 2% Business owner <1% Serenity
41% Recreational opportunities <1% Grew up here <1% Size/look of lake
23% Water quality <1% Enjoy/love area <1% Weather
20% Family/Friends <1% Low real estate taxes <1% Wildlife
13% Cost of home/property <1% Natural beauty
- 1g. Which activities do you and/or your guest enjoy here? (Please check all that apply.)
93% Fishing 7% Hunting 1% Local bars
52% Swimming 4% Nature/wildlife <1% Berry picking
46% Pontooning 4% Sailing <1% Camping
44% Birding 4% Walking/hiking <1% Exploring islands
32% Power boating 3% Resting/relaxing <1% Fireworks
29% Snowmobiling 2% ATVing <1% Ice fishing
28% Canoeing/Kayaking 2% Biking <1% Photography
26% Water-skiing, etc 2% Snowshoeing <1% Scuba Diving
19% Cross-country skiing 1% Casino
8% PWC/Jet Skiing 1% Golf

Section 2: Please tell us about your fishing activities.

- 2a. How often do you fish? 31% Very often 42% Often 15% Seldom 3% Never
- 2b. Would you support a change in the LMB regulations that might include a regular May opener and/or reduction or elimination of size limits? 80% Yes 15% No
- 2c. Over the last 5 years, how would you describe the number of people fishing on the Chippewa Flowage?
33% Increased 16% Decreased 23% No change 18% Don't know

2007 CFAPOA SURVEY RESULTS, continued

2d. Over the last 5 years, how would you describe the number of fish you have caught?
21% Increased 31% Decreased 34% No change 8% Don't know

Section 3: Please tell us about your property.

3a. Do you test your drinking/cooking water annually? 16% Yes 75% No

3b. Do you have your septic pumped at least every 3 years? 82% Yes 9% No

3c. Have you tested your home for radon? 10% Yes 83% No

3d. Have you done anything to slow and/or reduce the runoff water from your property to the lake?
51% Yes 34% No

3e. Do you fertilize your lawn? 22% Yes 71% No
 If Yes, does the fertilizer contain phosphorous? 3% Yes 20% No
 If Yes, do you fertilize based on soil test results? 1% Yes 15% No

3f. Do you use herbicides (weed killers) pesticides on your lawn? 13% Yes 79% No

3g. Do you use insecticides (insect killers) pesticides on your lawn? 7% Yes 84% No

3h. Do you currently have a buffer strip? 64% Yes 22% No
 If No, would you consider creating a vegetation buffer strip along your shoreline? 13% Yes 8% No

Section 4: Please tell us your concerns.

4a. What are your top 3 concerns about the Chippewa Flowage?		
<u>65%</u> Water levels fluctuating	<u>7%</u> Pollution from watershed	<u><1%</u> Campgrounds
<u>36%</u> Excessive algae/weeds	<u>6%</u> Decline in wildlife	<u><1%</u> Fishing violations
<u>29%</u> Development around the lake	<u>6%</u> Size of boats	<u><1%</u> Float planes
<u>19%</u> Shoreline erosion	<u>5%</u> Wetland preservation	<u><1%</u> Illegal slow/no wake buoy
<u>18%</u> Number of PWC/jet skis	<u>4%</u> Number of skiers	<u><1%</u> Mud bog obstructions
<u>14%</u> Decline in fishing	<u>3%</u> Boat landings	<u><1%</u> Musky size limit too high
<u>12%</u> Obeying boating laws	<u>3%</u> Noise	<u><1%</u> Native Amer. land development
<u>10%</u> Water clarity	<u>2%</u> Number of boats	<u><1%</u> Native American spearing
<u>10%</u> Failing septic systems	<u>2%</u> Sediment/shallow areas	<u><1%</u> Preserve beauty
<u>10%</u> Poor fishing	<u>1%</u> Invasive species	<u><1%</u> RV parks
<u>8%</u> Speed of boats	<u>1%</u> Light pollution	<u><1%</u> Too many zoning ordinances

4c. Should Sawyer County shoreline zoning ordinances be enforced impartially on the Flowage?
53% Yes 22% No

Section 5: Please tell us your feelings about CFAPOA.

5a. Do the quarterly newsletters keep you informed about happenings here? 94% Yes <1% No

5b. Do you find the website helpful? 57% Yes 10% No

5c. Do you think CFAPOA is doing a good job of educating you on lake issues? 92% Yes 2%No

5d. Do you think we should host a social event in the fall also? 27% Yes 48% No
 If Yes, would you attend? 26% Yes 1% No

Thanks for your input.

CFAPOA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**August 5, 2007 - Deer Run Resort*****(These minutes are unapproved. They will be acted upon on August 3, 2008.)***

Chair Doug Kurtzweil called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. with approximately 150 members present. After the introduction of all Board of Director members, Doug conducted the business part of our gathering.

Minutes: Doug announced that copies of 2006 minutes were available at the registration table. Dick Donner moved and Jerry Brodsky seconded the approval of the August 13, 2006, CFAPOA Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was distributed and discussed. Treasurer Patti Jeffords explained that the excess from the treasury had been moved into a certificate of deposit for the time being. John Kaiser moved and Jerry Brodsky seconded the approval of the 2006-07 Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Secretary Barb Schweig reported we currently have 403 properties in our membership.

Elections: Vice Chair Marl Reeder announced that all three (3) Directors whose terms just ended have agreed to run for another three (3) year term. She then opened the floor to other nominations for the Director positions. Hearing none, Jerry Brodsky moved and Jackie Eckerly seconded that nomination be closed. By unanimous voice vote, Chris Jeffords, John Kaiser, and Nancy Ruhlow were elected to each serve another term of office. Marl then stated that Barb Schweig has agreed to serve another year as secretary. Hearing no other nominations, Jerry Brodsky moved and Jackie Eckerly seconded that nominations be closed. Barb was unanimously elected to serve another one year term as secretary.

Retirement: Doug asked Dick Kahler to come forward and thanked him for his many fine years of service to CFAPOA. Dick is the longest serving Board member in the history of our organization and was instrumental in keeping the organization together. After 14 years, he has decided to retire from the Board. He promised to stay active, just not in a leadership role.

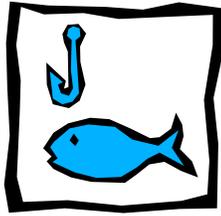
Items from the membership and Directors:

- Marl asked that members consider purchasing a copy of Life on the Edge. This book gives helpful information to owners of lakeside properties. It may be purchased at any CFAPOA event or through any Board member. The book, financed through fund raising efforts, is only \$1 to members.
- Doug explained that longtime CFAPOA member and Town of Hunter Treasurer Mary Boer is having major serious medical problems and costs at this time. Donation jars are available on the dessert tables for anyone wishing to help. There will be a benefit given on Mary's behalf at Couderay Riverside Golf Course next weekend. Information about that event is also available on the dessert tables. Jackie Eckerly asked that anyone interested in donating a raffle item for that event to see or call her for more information.
- Dick Donner asked that CFAPOA pursue building fish cribs again.
- Director Dennis Clagett briefly explained the Purple Loosetrife Patrol. He said the Chippewa Flowage has been divided into 36 sections and some sections are still available for adoption. Members were asked to sign up for a section following the meeting and to see Barb Clagett or him if they had questions.
- John Dettloff cautioned everyone about the current fire danger and encouraged vigilance by everyone. He reported that fires on two islands had been found in non-designated fire areas recently. Fortunately, both were extinguished before becoming more dangerous situations.
- George Sipes commented that while patrolling for purple loosetrife he and his wife, Carmen, were dismayed at the amount of litter visible along the shore. He encouraged members to not only dispose of their litter properly but to also help keep the Flowage clean by picking up any litter they found.
- Marl again encouraged members to join the Purple Loosetrife Patrol.

Thank yous: Doug thanked Dennis and Ruth Aaron for providing their wonderful facility and hospitality for our meeting, Dennis Clagett for the audio system, Jack Schlipper and George Greismer for their cooking efforts and talents, all the members who helped with set-up/take down and who provided desserts.

Adjournment: Jerry Brodsky moved and Jackie Eckerly seconded the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Schweig, Secretary

FISHERIES (continued) by John Kaiser & Terry Kinderman

They went to great lengths to answer all of our questions and we were able to gain a great deal of insight into their strategies to implement the Plan. We have had subsequent contacts with both Dave and Frank that have resulted in over six more hours of consultation since our original meeting. Our purpose is to be available to you, our members, to help educate you and help you understand the Plan. We urge you to contact either of us with your questions or concerns. If we do not have the information available, we will make every effort to obtain it and convey it to you. You may contact us at our home phones or write to our addresses. We will also address questions sent to the website. We have fielded many questions about portions of the Plan or key issues. Most that have brought questions have not read the entire Plan. The strategies in the Plan are interwoven with many aspects and fit together like a quilt work. You must read the entire plan to understand it. Dave has assured us that he will keep us informed and seek our input as the Plan progresses from one segment to the next.

The implementation of a Comprehensive Water Management Plan is the most essential part of the Plan. Without one, we could potentially have a huge fish loss due to a late winter freeze-out. A minimum winter drawdown of 2' to 4' and maximum winter drawdown of 6' to 8' is being recommended in the Plan. A winter drawdown exposing walleye spawning habit to the atmosphere is beneficial to walleye spawning. The Plan also calls for a full pool within one week of ice-out to enhance walleye spawning. The critical part of a Water Management Plan will be to ensure that a large volume of water will not be discharged in the late winter period in March and early April when there may be low oxygen content in the remaining water and the fishery is already stressed. An agreement is essential for the Fisheries Management Plan to move forward.

There has been criticism from a minority that we have not pursued a Water Management Agreement with Xcel Energy. We, like many other parties that will be involved, were waiting for the Fisheries Management Plan to be released by the DNR. Now that it has been released, an ad hoc committee has been formed. The committee will consist of representatives from the DNR's Fisheries, Land Management and, potentially, Wildlife, the LCO Tribe, the U.S. Forest Service, the Chippewa Flowage Resort Association, and the CFAPOA. A representative from each group will meet with Xcel Energy to discuss water level issues. Our chairman, Doug Kurtzweil, will chair these meetings, with the first held on Tuesday, October 9th.

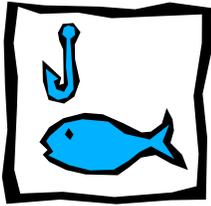
The Fisheries Management Plan for the Chippewa Flowage is a **proposal**. Implementation of it will take place over several years and will be dependent on many factors. Many think that the entire Plan will take effect in the next year -- it will not. It is necessary for the DNR to establish data on all fish species to move forward on the Plan. Currently there is only survey data on walleyes and musky. There is no survey data on crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, northern pike, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We are very fortunate that the DNR has received funding for fish surveys on an annual basis for the next two years, and it looks promising that this funding will be renewed for future years. Most state lakes are on a six-year rotation for fish surveys. Data from DNR fishery surveys will determine what actions will be implemented from the Plan. It is suspected that fish species such as largemouth bass, northern pike, major predators of walleye and musky fingerlings, may be over populated and are severely reducing the annual survival of these species. Future surveys of these species will confirm or deny this once data from fish shocking and fyke netting surveys are collected. The DNR will then initiate procedures to reduce these populations if it is warranted to achieve the goals of the Plan.

It is important that our membership realizes that this Plan is a **proposal** for the management of the Chippewa Flowage fishery. Goals have been set for the various fish species based on the visioning sessions that established the priority by species. Many of the proposals in the Plan will require changes in fishing regulations, which require multiple approvals. Many of these changes, if approved, will take several years before implementation. To implement a proposal in the plan that requires a regulation change the following process needs to take place:

- #1 — The proposal must be supported by scientific data obtained from DNR fish surveys.
- #2 — It is then sent to the DNR Fisheries Management Board of Fisheries Supervisors for their approval. If they do not feel there is sufficient data to support the proposal, they will turn it down until convincing data is obtained.

FISHERIES (continued) by Kaiser & Kinderman

#3 — If the proposal is approved by the Board of Fisheries Supervisors, it is then forwarded to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress to be included on the agenda for the state wide DNR Spring Fish and Wildlife Game Rules Hearings & Annual Conservation Congress County Meetings that are held in each Wisconsin County in April. The agenda is voted on item by item by the general public. These hearings are the opportunity for the public to speak out on and vote on the proposals that are on the agenda. There is an opportunity to speak on any proposal before it is voted on. This is the last opportunity for public input on proposals. If the proposal is voted on favorably, it is reviewed by the Conservation Congress Executive Council. Their recommendations on the proposal are then sent to the Natural Resources Board for their consideration. If the Natural Resources Board approves the proposal, it is then sent for state legislative review and becomes law.



The only proposal that has moved forward is the recommendation to increase the musky size limit to 50" on the Chippewa Flowage. It will likely appear on the 2008 DNR Spring Fish & Wildlife Rules Hearings & Annual Conservation Congress County Meeting. DNR Fisheries is urging support for this change by our membership. It is an important step in achieving the goals set forth in the Fisheries Plan for musky to have 3-5% of their population to be 50" or larger. Currently the size limit is 45", that leaves musky 45" or larger vulnerable to harvest. They feel the goal may not be obtainable without this change.

In the next newsletter, we will continue to discuss the Plan's objectives, including a one-rod rule state wide for musky fishing (the same as Minnesota), proposals, removing the restriction for motor trolling on the Flowage, and the possibility of eventually opening the Flowage to ice fishing for game and panfish. In the meantime, please contact us with any questions, concerns, or clarification regarding the Plan.

Chippewa Flowage Storage Reservoir Forecast from Xcel

Elevation as of September 28, 2007: 1310.50 ft.

Season: Fall 2007 (October 1 – November 30)

Typical Full Elevation: 1312.5 to 1313.0 ft.
(dependent on Fall precipitation)

Comments

- The Upper Chippewa River watershed has experienced some rainfall events over the last several weeks. However, tributary inflows to the Chippewa Reservoir have not increased due to the extremely dry conditions that have persisted over the watershed area during the summer season.
- The summer drawdown level reached this summer was 2.94 ft. (1310.06 ft. elevation). This is approximately 0.5 ft. deeper than the average summer drawdown level over the past 15 years. The drawdown was greater than average due to the lack of significant rainfall during the summer season, as well as five consecutive years of below normal precipitation in the watershed area.
- A drawdown of the Moose Lake Reservoir will begin on October 14, which will provide approximately 7,400 cubic-feet of water to the Chippewa Reservoir. This should increase the Chippewa Reservoir elevation by approximately 0.5 feet. The drawdown of Moose Lake will be completed in November.
- Discharge from the dam will be maintained at or slightly above the minimum flow requirement (250 cfs) until the reservoir refills. If the reservoir refills this Fall, the discharge flow will be increased to match the inflow into the reservoir.
- Fall rains and any resulting river inflow to the reservoir are impossible to predict in advance. As such, the rate of refill or target elevations are also difficult, if not impossible, to predict with a high degree of accuracy.

DEADLINE REMINDER

November 28th — Holiday Party Reservation

January 10th — Logo Contest Entry

February 10th — Cookbook Recipe Submission



NEW CFAPOA BOARD MEMBER

The CFAPOA Board is pleased to announce that Barb Czarnecki has been appointed to fulfill the last year of Dick Kahler's term. In addition to her other Board duties, she'll be assisting with the newsletter and other public information activities. Welcome Barb!

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sincere condolences to member Betsy Larson on the death of her husband, Jothan. They divided their time between Deer Run Resort and Eau Claire. Betsy will continue to spend time on the Flowage.

NEWSLETTER TYPE CHANGE

In the recent survey responses, a few members told us they were having difficulty reading the font used in the newsletters, so it's been changed to make it easier to read. Please let us know if you have other suggestions for the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 383 paid property memberships for 2007-08. New and returning members are always welcome. Due to limited space in this newsletter, no application form has been included. But, it can still be found online at www.cfapoa.org Just click on "JOIN." Anyone who lives within 2 miles of the Chippewa Flowage is eligible to join.

**TOWN OF HUNTER
2007-08 DUMP HOURS**

[<http://home.centurytel.net/huntertownship>]

Winter hours

September 29th until May 3rd

Saturdays only—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Summer hours starting May 3rd

Mondays & Wednesdays—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturdays—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Garbage Stickers can be purchased
At Hillman's Grocery Store located on Cty Hwy B

(Please cut on dashed lines and post for future reference.)

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FROM MEMBER MARY BOER "Thank you to all the wonderful people who showed they cared with their generous gift. It feels so good to have so many friends. God has surely surrounded us with some great people. God Bless You All."

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH We're always interested in your opinions and comments. Contact us anytime at CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555 OR cfapoa@hotmail.com OR www.cfapoa.org. And, please remember to let us know of any change in your addresses, phone numbers or email address.

MEMORIALS CFAPOA respectfully accepts donations in the name of members and friends of the Chippewa Flowage. To make a donation, just send your check and the person's name to us. The family will be notified of your donation. Current donations will be used for CFAPOA conservation projects, unless specified differently by you.



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CWRLT by Chris Jeffords

Activities in the land trust are continuing to help the Chippewa Flowage. Since the mission statement for the Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust is very similar to that of the CFAPOA only more "regional" in scope, (See website at: www.cwrlt.org) a new subcommittee has been formed to research opportunities for shoreline preservation and protection. Members from both organizations and the DNR will be meeting to assess top priority location. If you have any potential sites or ideas, please contact any board member of either the CWRLT or CFAPOA.



SCLF by Chris Jeffords

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Sawyer County Lakes Forum was held Sept. 22 at the Comfort Suites Inn Hayward. After the election of board members (all expired term members agreed to run again and were reelected), business agenda items were covered. Accomplishments in the past year, updates on the Wilderness Class 4 Lakes committee, Strategic Plan status, website activities, and

SCLF (continued)

2008 dues were covered. It was also agreed to endorse and attend a new organizational effort to bring move voice to lake issues in the northwest part of Wisconsin. The Northwest Wisconsin Consortium of County Lakes Forums will soon be meeting in order to formalize regional efforts in lake protection. The SCLF will be very active in this organization and further news is forthcoming.

A presentation by guest speaker Dale Olson, Sawyer County Conservationist included an update and training plans on the Conservation Star Project. Training for this program is taking place in early October.

The new DNR Lake Coordinator for Sawyer County, James Kreitlow then gave a presentation on how he can help SCLF and qualified lake organizations obtain the many grants available from the state. If your organization is not a qualified lake organization the SCLF recently amended the bylaws to become "qualified" and can help any non-qualified lake associations obtain some of these funds.

Further details of this meeting will be posted on the website at: www.sawycounty lakesforum.org.



**15th ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION
DECEMBER 8, 2007 ~ DC's ON CC RESTAURANT
5:00 p.m. cocktails ~ 6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres ~ 7:00 p.m. dinner**

Name _____ Entrée _____
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Entrée choices: 16 oz. Prime Rib, 16 oz. Rib Eye, Deep Fried Jumbo Shrimp, Broiled Jumbo Shrimp

All dinners are \$25 each (price includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, potato, entrée, tax, and gratuity). There will be a cash bar. This will be a NON-SMOKING party. Limited to the first 100 people.

Please return this sheet and your check BY NOVEMBER 28th to CFAPOA at PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555. Checks should be made payable to the CFAPOA.

Please see the Social Committee report on page 3 for details about the optional gift exchange.

Non-perishable donations for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society will again be accepted at this event. In advance, thank you.

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Please mark your calendar

- 11/4/07 CFAPOA Board Meeting—7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
12/6/07 CFAPOA Board Meeting—7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 12/8/07** **CFAPOA Annual Holiday Party at DC's on CC**
Donations accepted for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society
- 6/7/08** **CFAPOA Spring Fling at Treeland's Resort**
Donations accepted for the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods Humane Society
- 8/3/08** **CFAPOA Annual Meeting/Picnic & 25th Anniversary Party**
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