



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

S U M M E R 2 0 1 1 N E W S L E T T E R

FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

Summer greetings from the shores of your Chippewa Flowage. Just like spring this year, summer sure took its sweet time getting here. A few nice days, then several frosty mornings in a row...in late May! I didn't even start to plant the garden until the first of June — a record for me. But now, highs from 60 to 90+ and rain when we need it are adding up to another wonderful summer season at the greatest place on earth!

I hope you are all getting to spend time out on the water. Whether fishing, picking plants, counting birds, sight-seeing, 'touring', or whatever, it's the unspoiled environs of the Flowage that have drawn, and continue to hold, so many of us here. The mission of your CFAPOA is to ensure future generations the opportunity to experience the same. And while sometimes it might seem at a glacial pace, we are making progress.

After 6 years of collaborative effort, we have been granted at least temporary relief from some of the regulations believed to be contributing to the demise of our once fabulous, self-sustaining walleye fishery. We can all help enhance the success of the walleye restoration efforts by harvesting as many largemouth bass as we can.

Perhaps an even greater authority than the DNR (yes, I know of ONE) has played a role in the amazing relative lack of Eurasian Water Milfoil this year—so far anyway. Now if we could get that level of 'intervention' with the loosestrife and island erosion....There's a lot of other things happening too, as noted on the following pages.

The Annual Meeting/Picnic will be held on August 7 this year. Check out the notice inside. I hope to see you all there.

On the lake, or on the land ... relax ... be polite ... be thankful ... for we are all truly fortunate to be here, at this time, in this beautiful place.

28TH CFAPOA ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Sunday, August 7th
Deer Run Resort
11:00 a.m.
Important business
on the agenda.



CFAPOA MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

As a result of our recent change to 501(c)3 status, membership in CFAPOA is changing. Please read the information contained in this newsletter on membership carefully. (pages 4-5)

An application form is requested for each membership so we can update our records. (insert)

Please send your dues to us in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience or pay them at the picnic.

**2011—2012 CFAPOA dues
are due August 1st**



COMMITTEE REPORTS

INVASIVE SPECIES by Dennis Clagett



Greetings from the Galerucella beetle rearing station. It is finally summer, but the reluctant spring was good for combating our #1 invasive species, the dreaded Eurasian water milfoil (EWM). As you may have read in previous newsletters, our lake association has obtained a grant from the DNR to help us with our Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, headed up by Jim Montag. In preparation for implementing a portion of the grant, Kristy Maki and I recently did a pre-herbicide application survey of Hay Creek, Moss Creek, Treeland's Marina, and the Moss Creek Flats. Very little EWM was found, but there is good early growth of some native plants like coontail, white water lily, yellow pond lily, pondweed, and bladderwort. My theory on what happened to the early growth of EWM is that the winter drawdown was one foot more than in past years. This winter, the lake was down five feet from late fall through most of March. Ice thickness, on average, was about twenty inches. This, along with a cool spring and dark water filling the lake, gave the EWM a triple whammy! No doubt it will return later this summer, but the native plants will have a headstart.

As part of the grant from the DNR, I was required to document the time spent in 2010 by the Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers controlling enemy #2, purple loosestrife. The time can be used to offset the CFAPOA's 25% of the cost to do the EWM herbicide treatment test. An astounding **500** hours were spent by our Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers! Good work, all of you! We all should be very proud of these folks. This is a big commitment of time, and it is a labor of love for preserving the quality of the Flowage.

If you check the volunteer list below, there is a new member named "orphan." We need new volunteers to adopt these neglected sections. On average, most volunteers made two or three trips and spend about 6 to 8 total hours working their area(s). There are volunteers who have labored many more hours than this, and they could use some help in their sections that have nasty infestations.

See you on the water. When you start seeing purple flowers, please spread the word!

*Shoreline adoptions available.
Contact Dennis Clagett if interested.*

Adopt-A-Shoreline Volunteers

<u>Member</u>	<u>Section(s)</u>
Orphan (<i>available for adoption</i>)	M
Orphan (<i>available for adoption</i>)	P
Orphan (<i>available for adoption</i>)	Y
Orphan (<i>available for adoption</i>)	12
Orphan (<i>available for adoption</i>)	13
Sue Baron	T
Ron & Jan Bergman	1
Dennis & Barb Clagett	M,P,Y,7,13,X
Tony DeJoode	T
Jim & Marion Dier	S
Karl & Kathleen Euler	U
Alan & Lynda Fish	17
Whitey & Donna Gilbertson	2,18
Larry Gilmer	10,14A,14B
Gary & Mary Lou Hosler	E1,E2
Chris & Patti Jeffords	4
Jerry & Nancy Johnson	6,9
John & Marlen Kaiser	11
Ashley Dettloff	H
Terry Kinderman	O
Larry & Sharon Kirby	10,14A,14B
Roger & Kathy Kisch	W
Rick Marks	T
Tom & Laura Marquardt	12
Al & Nancy McElroy	J,O
Terry & Kay Moe	A
Jim & Jane Montag	R
Rick & Linda Olson	I,Z
Jack & Marl Reeder	5
Don & Sue Reinardy	E1,E2
Steve Richardson	W
Nancy Ruhlrow	15,16
Paul & Kay Ryan	A
Barb Schweig	15,16
George & Carmen Sipes	3
Jack Sweeney	8
Dick & Karen Terry	Q
Terry & Debra Wall	D
Darrel & Jean Weihert	E1,E2

MEMBERSHIP by Carolyn Fritsch

CFAPOA annual membership dues are owed on August 1st for the 2011-12 fiscal year and a new form for all members to complete is on the insert sheet. We are now a 501(c)3 organization, as you know, and the Board is introducing new membership levels as reported in your last newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

Please complete the membership form in its entirety and forward it with your 2011-12 dues in the envelope enclosed or bring them to the Annual Member Picnic on August 7th (see picnic information elsewhere in this newsletter). If you have already paid your 2011-12 dues, please consider the new membership levels. Remember, your dues may now be tax deductible.

WELCOME to the following new members:

Mark & Joni Zich – Sandy Point Road

WELCOME!

Social by Donna Gilbertson

Committee members: Jackie Eckerly, Patti Jeffords & Carolyn Fritsch

The CFAPOA hosted the 2011 Spring Fling on June, 4. Sixty-one members and guests enjoyed a bountiful buffet of fruit, appetizers, pizza and desserts prepared by Cheryl and the Treelands' staff. Pres. Doug Kurtzweil's welcoming remarks began the late afternoon festivities. While members reconnected with old friends and made new ones, drawings were conducted for door prizes, raffle items and a 50/50 prize of \$107.50. Contributors for the prizes include: Darwin Berry, Hand carved plaque; Len & Jackie Eckerly, T-shirt; Dick Kahler, Cabela's mug; Marlen Kaiser, Strawberry rhubarb pie; Mike & Suzanne Lang, Cardinal lawn ornament; Sue Reinardy, Note cards of her photography; Barb Salomon / Con-

nie Peterson, Bottle of wine; Marl Reeder, Bear candle holders; Leroy & Joan Schieffer, Light and Lava bowl fountain; Carmen Sipes, Quilted table runner; Keith Steffenson, Bird book; Mike & Dianna Whetstone, Bottle of wine; Pat's Landing Resort, 2 T-shirts; Treeland's Resort, Certificates for fish fry. Members also made donations to the Hayward Community Food Shelf and the Northwoods' Humane Society. Thank you all for your generosity to our community. Thanks, also, to all who attended this event.

Our next social event will be the 28th Annual Meeting and Membership Picnic. It's a great time to meet new members and reconnect with continuing ones. The picnic will be held at Deer Run Resort, 9107 N River Road (off County Highway B), August 7, 2011. In addition to our guest speaker important association business will take place before the picnic begins. The picnic is free to all CFAPOA members and their families. Please remember to bring your own folding chair. Dessert and raffle donations are appreciated. Donations for the Northwoods Humane Society and/or the Hayward Community Food Shelf will be accepted.

See you there.

Below is the day's schedule:

- 10:15 Registration Begins
- 11:00 Call to Order & Welcome
- 11:05 Association Business & Election
- 12:00 Picnic

Note: The day and time for this event is set by the availability of the facility. We regret that this makes it difficult for some members to attend



2011 CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE LOON COUNT (July 16, 2011)



If you would like more information or want to volunteer, contact Nancy or Jerry Johnson at ncyjoh@aol.com or call 608-486-2880.

FISHING & BOATING VIOLATIONS

Please remember, if you see something that you know or suspect is against the law or dangerous, please contact a local DNR warden. Our eyes and calls can assist them in making the Chippewa Flowage a safer and better place for all. All calls are kept confidential.

1-800-TIP-WDNR



BIG CHIP FISH FEST (BCFF)

by John Kaiser, Co-Chair

The 2nd annual Big Chip Fish Fest is just two days away at this writing. Anticipation and enthusiasm is rampant as the big event approaches.

I want to thank you, our CFAPOA members, in advance for again responding to our mission to stock thousands of extended growth walleye (egw) into the Big Chip this Fall. Your orders for raffle tickets and our new tax-deductible "Stock A School of Walleyes" Program has checks rolling in steadily and looks to exceed last year's sales.

We have committed to purchase 15,000 egw. At last year's price, it will take \$22,500 to cover the cost. We won't know the unit price until this fall, but hope it will not rise.

This year the CFAPOA has committed \$4,000. Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin meets on Monday and every indication is that they will match our donation of \$4,000. The Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association (LCFRA) has donated \$1,000 and individual resorts have already contributed \$2,350 to the BCFF.

Co-chairman, Rick Marks, and I, my wife, Marlen, and Rick's sister, Gayle Flemming, manned a table this year at the Treland's Walleye Challenge. We had "I Stocked A Walleye" buttons made just for the event. Harold and Cheryl Treland offered a challenge to the contestants to collectively buy \$1,000 or more of the buttons and Treland's Resort would match it. On Sunday afternoon, at the awards event, we were more than excited to announce that we had raised \$2,020. A hearty Thank You went out over the P.A system to all the walleye fisherman. Harold Treland presented us with a \$1,000 check and \$3,020 was deposited into the BCFF account as a result of this effort.

The pre-sale of BCFF Raffle Bundles, which contain \$100 worth of raffle tickets for \$50 has been wildly popular and sales are expected to reach between \$8,000 and \$10,000. We are dedicated to putting every dollar raised into planting egw (extended growth walleye) this fall.

Only a small amount of funds will be retained for essential start-up costs for 2012.

Our THANKS! for your continued support. The results will be announced in the fall newsletter.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE CFAPOA

In this newsletter, you will be reading about some changes to our membership and a new form.

Besides the usual individual/property level, we have added 3 more levels of membership to recognize the contributions of our members to further the CFAPOA objectives of preserving and protecting our great resource. These levels are explained on the new membership form with the amounts listed for each level. Dues and donations continue to be a potential tax exemption as a 501(C)3 organization, the same as last year. The level of Contributor, beyond the individual/property level (\$25.00), will receive a thank you and recognition in the newsletter. In addition, the Steward and Lifetime Conservationist levels will receive a gift to be announced at the annual meeting. Gifts will be listed in the fall newsletter as well.

There are also three different funds that members may designate for their donation beyond the first \$25.00. These funds are described elsewhere in this newsletter under the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for Asset Management. Please read this carefully to clarify structure and use of each fund.

These changes to membership levels and donation designations have been in committee and been debated during this past year. Your Board has unanimously agreed to these changes. The CFAPOA Board is committed to providing direction for both current and future needs to protect and preserve this Legacy Lake.

CFAPOA 2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Terry Moe	715-462-3033
Jim Montag	715-266-2990
Kris Treland-Neuman	715-945-2148

CFAPOA AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT FUNDS

In the fall of 2010, when the Chippewa Flowage Islands Project was determined to be complete, the CFAPOA Board appointed a six member ad hoc committee to propose a plan to best manage our total assets. The six members of this committee are: Chris Jeffords, Patti Jeffords, John Kaiser, Rick Marks, Terry Moe, and Kris Treland-Neuman

The purpose of the committee was to provide funding for the Chippewa Flowage conservation and preservation projects. The committee met multiple times and had open discussions with full attendance at each meeting. Our last meeting was January, 2011, and the following decision was made and unanimously agreed upon: Two funds will be established from current assets. Future donations and monies may be designated to either fund.

The CFAPOA Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the committee. They are described as follows:

I. Conservation Project Fund — will provide management, project approval, and a CFAPOA Board oversight process for current, ongoing, and future conservation projects on the Chippewa Flowage. This fund will begin with approximately \$66,000.00. These monies begin from the CFAPOA CDs and CWRLT Island Project fund.

II. Conservation Trust Fund – will provide management, project approval, and a Board oversight process for future conservation projects on the Chippewa Flowage. It will begin a principal of \$20,000.00 and future donations designated to this fund will continue to grow this fund. It will have a target goal before funds can be accessed for projects.

Our committee suggests the following organizational process for setting up these funds with ongoing funding through donations and fund raisers. **If these funds are successful as recommended by the financial committee and approved by a 2/3 full Board vote prior to August 1, 2012, a By Law change will be proposed to the membership at the annual meeting in Aug. 2012.**

The first fund, the **Conservation Project Fund**, will begin with assets from past unused or undesignated fundraisers, donations, or transfers. These funds can be used for any viable projects that the Board deems appropriate and can theoretically be used at anytime and balance can be reduced to zero. The fund assets will be managed by a 3 person finance committee consisting of Vice-President, Treasurer, and a current Board Member. All projects must have a 2/3 majority full Board vote. Conservation projects to be funded will require a project worksheet explaining the project and presented to all Board Members at least one month prior to approval.

The **Conservation Trust Fund** is similar to an endowment fund established to grow to a set goal to be used for conservation/preservation projects. These projects require a 2/3 majority full Board vote and only the interest accrued (after the target goal has been reached) will be used. Our idea is to begin with a balance of \$20,000.00 with a target goal of \$200,000.00. This fund will also be managed by a 3 person finance committee consisting of VP, Treasurer, and Board Member with a 2/3 full board vote of approval. This fund will invest only in Certificates of Deposit, Money Markets, FDIC guaranteed funds or any other insured funds.

It is suggested that both funds will be listed on the new membership form so people can donate to the fund they choose. This plan is designed to establish the two funds for our membership with one fund providing for current projects and the other fund marked as a long term goal for the future of the Chippewa Flowage conservation and preservation projects.

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

*New members who join between May & August, 2011 will receive membership benefits through July, 2012.
Encourage your neighbors & friends to join CFAPOA now.*

UPDATE ON THE CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS, BANK CONSERVATION & EROSION CONTROL

by Cindi Stiles, LCO Archeologist

Xcel Energy Corporation hydroelectric division has once again shown its support for the joint project between the LCO Tribal Historic Preservation Office and the LCO Tribal Conservation Department. Xcel has donated \$20,000 for archaeological and conservation work for the calendar year 2011. This is the fourth year that Xcel Energy has donated money to the project and LCO has matched dollar for dollar in additional staff time, volunteer assistance from BIA, tribal members and enthusiastic local public!

This year the Tribal Conservation Department is going to try again to hold the two one-day workshops in bank erosion control that we tried to do last year. Once again the water is too high right now but we will be keeping an eye out for lower water levels so that we can plan the workshops. This time we are planning fall dates as soon as we can determine if the weather will cooperate! Brett McConnell and Dan Tyrolt will demonstrate their highly successful technique for reducing undercut and bank slump by using log revetments and plantings. For more information on the workshops or to get on the contact list, call Cindi Stiles at 715-369-3248 after July 1 or email at cydstil@newnorth.net.

Last year the archaeological project excavated a portion of a prehistoric site in the lower flowage. We had volunteers assist us and although we were rained out for a few days, we were successful in completing our task. The sites to the Woodland culture period and dates to about 900 years ago!

The archaeological project will continue to survey along the shoreline of the flowage and will be happy to explain what we do and what it means to anyone who is interested. Contact Jerry Smith at 715-634-8934 or Cindi Stiles at the contact info listed above if you have questions or want to volunteer.

Stay tuned!

PROPOSED CFAPOA BYLAW CHANGES

The following is the Board recommended bylaw proposal to be voted on at the annual meeting August 7th.

Current: ARTICLE I — SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP.

A member is defined as any one owning property or residing, for at least 30 days or more, within two miles of the high water mark of the Chippewa Flowage and has the current years' membership dues paid in full.

Proposed: ARTICLE I — SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP.

(Board unanimously recommends)

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP. A member is defined as any one owning property or residing, for at least 30 days or more, within two miles of the high water mark of the Chippewa Flowage and has the current years' membership dues paid in full. Members are classified into 1 of 4 levels (Individual, Contributor, Steward, and Lifetime Conservationist) depending on the donation level set by the board.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

July 17

Annual Paddle & Pedal
for the American
Cancer Society
(on the Chippewa
Flowage)

July 29-31

Lumberjack World
Championships

August 6

Moose Lake Festival

August 13

Ojibwa Canoe Races

August 18-21

Sawyer County Fair

September 7-10

Chippewa Flowage
Musky Hunt

September 13-16

Chequamegon
Fat Tire Festival

September 24

27th Annual Hayward
Fall Festival

October 1-2

Crappie Quest

*Please see www.haywardareachamber.com
for more information &
more events.*

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CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE STORAGE RESERVOIR FORECAST

Elevation as of June 16, 2011: 1312.16 ft.

Season of the Year¹: Summer 2011

Typical Summer Target Low Elevation²: 1310.5 ft. (2.5 ft. drawdown)

2011 Projected Summer Low Elevation: 1310.0 ft. (3.0 ft. drawdown)



Comments

- ▶ The above-normal precipitation received last summer and fall has allowed inflows to increase to more normal levels. The reservoir refilled this spring from snowmelt and rainfall runoff. Inflows have dropped significantly over the last two weeks with the dry weather, indicating that inflows are still being negatively impacted by previous drought conditions.
- ▶ Based on the current reservoir level, inflow rates, and the anticipated needs for water downstream, Xcel Energy intends to draw down the reservoir to elevation 1310.0 ft. (3 ft. drawdown) this summer. The precipitation last summer and fall was well above normal; however, the effects of an 8-year drought will likely continue to negatively impact inflows to the reservoir through the remainder of the summer.
- ▶ If above average precipitation occurs during the summer months, the reservoir target elevation may be adjusted slightly upward depending on whether inflows into the reservoir increase. Should drought conditions return this summer, reservoir levels may be reduced due to lack of significant inflow. An effort will be made to utilize the water conservatively to minimize public concerns with low water levels.
- ▶ Current projections are to maintain the reservoir elevation above 1311.5 ft. through the end of June, as long as inflows remain at or above the required minimum discharge flow of 250 cfs. If electrical generation needs increase in June due to hot weather, unanticipated power plant outages, or if the current drought situation intensifies, additional water could be removed from the reservoir during June to increase generation at hydro plants downstream.
- ▶ The required minimum discharge (250 cfs) from the dam will be maintained at all times with increases in outflow at times during the summer season for downstream river flow augmentation.
- ▶ Xcel Energy will notify the public in the event that reservoir levels are anticipated to decrease below the 1310.0 ft. elevation.

¹ Definitions of Seasons of the Year for Operating the Chippewa Storage Reservoir:

Winter: December 1 – March 30

Spring: April 1 – June 1

Summer: June 2 – September 30

Fall: October 1 – November 30

² The minimum required elevation of the Chippewa Reservoir is 1297.0 ft. msl

NOTE: For information on current reservoir level and discharge from the Chippewa Reservoir dam, please go to the Wisconsin DNR's website at the following address and click on the link to water levels: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/chippewaflow/index.html>

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FORWARD SERVICE REQUESTED

CFAPOA is committed to keeping the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all peoples; to protecting the environment; to providing a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas and to pursuing any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine reservoir.



Please mark your calendar

8/4/11 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall

8/7/11 **28th Annual CFAPOA Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort**

9/1/11 CFAPOA Board Meeting — 7 pm at Town of Hunter Hall