



CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Established 1983

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INSIGHTS FROM THE CHAIR BY DOUG KURTZWEIL

Gorgeously green greetings from the summertime shores of our Chippewa Flowage! Ahh—yes—the good old fashioned summertime! And it is shaping up to be an ‘old fashioned’ summer in a lot of ways. Ice out and near full water level by early May, followed by enough up/down in the temps to confuse the crappies and many of their fishermen, then sunshine and rain, and more sunshine, and more rain, and now the outdoors are buzzing with activity!

My potatoes look great, the tomatoes and cabbage look good, but the peppers and squash are hard to even look at. The lawn grows too fast. I’ve only seen 2 fawns (singles) and even the bears seem to have twins this year rather than ‘trips’ and ‘quads.’ It was a tough winter. I love dragonflies! I have enjoyed several ‘all I can’ experiences with crappies, bluegills and my bass. An iced water bath or two followed by the “Shore Lunch-Original Recipe” treatment has the potential to convert me into a very avid bass fisherman. Delicious! Off Deepwoods.

Overall our Chippewa Flowage came through the winter quite well. The spring fishing surveys came up with optimistic results on walleyes but the fall ‘young-of-year’ (YOY) count is the one that can much more accurately predict the future fishery. More details are inside. It appears we are getting some level of motor trolling next year—but who knows? There is nothing else in Wisconsin quite like Madison, thankfully. Wear lighter colored clothing with long pants legs and long sleeves.

The CC bridge project is underway, obviously. Let’s all be patient with the workers and with each other. I am confident everybody wants it completed ASAP. If someone makes sure there is cement in the concrete this time maybe it will last 50+ years like it’s supposed to. Rubbing alcohol and calamine lotion.

This year’s Annual Meeting and Picnic is Sunday, August 3rd. Ruth and Denny continue to be the most excellent hosts with a venue that almost seems like they designed it just for us. The Meeting is scheduled to start at 11 AM. We expect to have a pretty short agenda this year and as of now (6-24) uncontested elections. I expect the food line to be moving along nicely by noon. I’m going to get there a little early. It makes everything easier for the volunteers and—the folks at Deer Run serve a very tasty Bloody Mary. ThermaCELL.

I look forward to seeing you at the Picnic, on the water, or at a watering hole. You, the members, are the most important part of this group. You provide the inspiration, the motivation, the energy, and the spirit, all of the things that empower your CFAPOA to be the vigorous and effective organization that it is. On behalf of your Board of Directors, I salute you and say “Thank You!” Please come picnic and party for an hour or 2 on the 3rd. I have had a head net for 20 years and never felt a need to use it...until....

Social Update

By Jackie Eckerly - Social Committee Chair

Well another year, another Spring Fling and plenty of mosquitos, good thing we were inside.

We all had fun being with friends and neighbors that we don't get to see too often. Cheryl Treland did another great job with all the food that was served at Treland's Resort. Those of you that had attended, if you went away hungry it was your own fault due to all the pizzas, desserts and fresh fruit that was served.

Thanks Cheryl for another great year. Things were so busy that I had forgotten to get the name of the person that won the 3rd place for the 50/25/25 drawing 1st place of \$100 was won by Jan Donner, 2nd place of \$49. by Jackie Eckerly whose number was drawn again for the 3rd place. This was given back for another drawing and another person won it. I want to say that I'm sorry for not getting her name.

Thank you to Darwin/Verla Berry, Len/Jackie Eckerly, Jeff/Nancy Gros, Alan/Deloris Hixson, Ron/Shari Leibly, Nancy Ruhlow/Barbara Schweig, Carmen Sipes and Mark/Joni Zich for the beautiful gifts that they donated. A good time was had by all.

Now it's time to start thinking about desserts for the Annual Picnic to be held on August 3th, 2014 at Deer Run Resort. I will be looking for help in serving food and for the set up and clean up of tables and chairs.

Hopeful to see you there.

Again a Big Thank You to Cheryl.

Annual Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort on Sunday, August 3rd.

10:30	Registration
11:00	Brief meeting including election
12:00	FREE picnic to all members

Dessert donations welcome.
Limited chairs, bring your own if possible.

Donations accepted for the Northwoods Humane Society
& Hayward Community Food Shelf.



NorthWest Wisconsin Lakes Conference/Invasive Species

By Dennis Clagett - Invasive Species Chair

I recently attended the 16th annual N.W. Wisconsin Lakes Conference held this year at the Drummond High School. The all day program is a great opportunity for lake representatives, local government officials, the WDNR and others interested in protecting our water resources to take in a number of educational presentations, visit informative exhibits, and network with fellow lake enthusiasts.

One of sessions I attended was "Controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil" (EWM) presented by Michelle Nault. Michelle is research scientist working for the WDNR. In her presentation we looked at the results of Wisconsin's 10 year EWM research program evaluating the effect of the chemical herbicide 2-4-D on controlling EWM and its detrimental effect on native plants. Lots of charts, graphs, and data I'll boil down to this.

The chemical herbicide 2-4-D kind of works, but to really be effective kills too many native plants. The more often it is used the less effective it has become on EWM. EWM has a brother plant called Northern Milfoil which is a native plant to the Chip and is not considered invasive. Lately these two species have taken to cross breeding producing a hybrid plant that is very resistant to the effects of 2-4-D! This may explain the poor results controlling EWM in Round Lake.

It is too early to determine if the extra draw-down last winter has had any effects on the EWM, but from what I and others have observed so far things look good. Native plants especially what is referred to as "cabbage" (Large Leaf Pond Weed) is up and growing well.

Next week Kristy Maki and I plan to spend time checking Hay and Moss Creak then go to the West side.

I have been checking the Purple loosestrife, some plants, but not bad so far. Our beetles have survived the winter. I found 5 colonies, but haven't checked all sites yet. Let's all welcome Sharon & Wayne Koenig to the Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers. They have adopted section # 12 on the West side. On a sadder note long time volunteers Jack & Marl Reeder (section 5), and George and Carmen Sipes (section 3) have to retire their sections. They have been some of the first to adopt a section and have been on board since 2006. Thank You!

Don't hesitate to call me (715 462 4814) or email (rclagett@centurytell.net) with your observations or want to bring me samples to check.

See you on the lake.

FISHING & BOATING VIOLATIONS 1-800-TIP-WDNR

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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Carolyn Fritsch - Membership Committee Chair

ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE JULY 31ST - NEW GIFT SELECTIONS!

2014-15 CFAPOA Annual Membership Dues are due August 1st for all members. Annual dues remain just \$25 and may be tax deductible depending on your personal tax status.

New and updated gift selections appear on the back of the enclosed membership form for members donating \$100 or more.

Please consider a donation (above \$25 annual dues) to one or more of the funds, established in 2011 following the designation of the CFAPOA as a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Three funds were implemented to provide funding for our conservation and preservation projects; namely, (1) General Fund, (2) Conservation Project Fund and (3) Conservation Trust Fund. This is further explained on the enclosed 2014-2015 Membership Registration form.

To continue receiving your quarterly newsletters, send your check and completed membership form in the envelope provided today!

CONSERVATION FUNDS

By Chris Jeffords

First established in 2011, the Conservation Fund Program was permanently implemented to provide accounts for donations received since becoming a 501(c)3 tax entity. Monies donated to the various membership level designations (Steward, Contributor, Lifetime) beyond the membership dues of \$25 can be dedicated to one or both of 2 Conservation Funds each with different objectives.

The Conservation Project Fund is designed to fund near term projects. Accumulated donations in this account will continue to be used for board approved conservation projects.

The Conservation Trust Fund is designed similar to an endowment fund, that is, funds accumulated in this account cannot be used for any purpose until the bylaw approved target is achieved. This long term goal of \$200,000 obviously will not be met in the near term. But when achieved at some future date, these funds (or preferably the interest only) can insure resources will be available to help support the continued protection of our Flowage.

CFAPOA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015

(1) Enter your name(s) and address to appear in the Membership Directory.

Name(s) _____	
Street/Box _____	Street/Box _____
Mailing Address	Flowage Address
City _____	City _____
State/ZIP _____	State/ZIP _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
E-mail _____ (for CFAPOA use only)	

Note: **Annual dues are \$25 due on August 1st**; membership runs from 8/1/14 to 7/31//15. Members contributing **more than \$25** may designate how their additional contribution will be used. Each paid membership receives one vote and one quarterly newsletter. Shared property owners requesting an additional newsletter shall pay an additional membership fee. The CFAPOA is a 501(c)3 organization and dues may be tax deductible.

(2) **Membership Level** Please select (X) your level below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	Individual/Property - annual dues; receive a thank you
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$26-\$124	Contributor – receive a thank you and newsletter recognition
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125-\$999	Steward - receive a thank you, newsletter recognition and a gift - <u>see # 7 below</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1000 and up	Lifetime Conservationist receive a thank you, newsletter recognition, a gift from the organization, and lifetime membership in the CFAPOA

(3) **Additional Contribution (above \$25)** – Indicate below where to apply your donation if you select Contributor, Steward, or Lifetime Conservationist above.

\$ _____	General Fund (annual operating costs)
\$ _____	Conservation Project Fund (current projects)
\$ _____	Conservation Trust Fund (long term endowment for future projects)

(4) \$ _____ **Total Enclosed** (\$25 dues + additional contribution, if applicable)

(5) Are you a _____ Returning Member or _____ New Member?

(6) Are you interested in Volunteering _____ Yes _____ No

(7) Your **Total Enclosed** must be \$125 or more in order to receive a gift on the reverse.

(8) Indicate where to apply your donations; #3 above.

(9) Have you completed each section? Send check to: CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843

STEWARD MEMBER GIFT SELECTION

There are two levels of Steward Membership

All gift items will have the CFAPOA logo.

Members donating **\$125 to \$499 (includes \$25 annual dues)**
may select one of the **following four gifts (check one)**:

_____ **(1) Men's Poly-Tech Polo Shirt**

Men's Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL

Color: ___ Maroon ___ Navy ___ Charcoal ___ Dark Green ___ Black

OR

_____ **(2) Women's V-Neck Polo**

Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

Color: ___ True Blue ___ True Red ___ Pink ___ Forest Green ___ Black

OR

_____ **(3) I-Pad or (4) Laptop Sleeve**

Color: ___ Black ___ Blue Denim ___ Black Plaid ___ Brown Plaid

Members donating **\$500 to \$999** may select from the gifts above or below
(check one of six items)

_____ **(5) Soft Shell Vest**

Men's Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL

Color: ___ Navy ___ Red ___ Black

Women's Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

Color: ___ Navy ___ Red ___ Black

OR

_____ **(6) Unisex Messenger Polyester Tech Bag in Black**

LIFETIME CONSERVATIONIST GIFT SELECTION

Members **donating \$1,000** or more may select one of the following gifts **(check one)**:

_____ **(1) Three Season Jacket**

Men's Size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL

Color: ___ Black ___ Charcoal/Burnt Orange

___ Imperial Blue/Navy ___ Navy/Mountain Blue

Women's size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

OR

_____ **(2) Rolling Carry-On Polyester Lap Top/Luggage Bag**

Member's Name: _____

Address (for shipping) _____

City, State & Zip _____

Chippewa Reservoir Partners Group Meeting

By Doug Kurtzweil – Fisheries Committee Member

The Chippewa Reservoir Partners Group meeting on June 5th, while lightly attended, resulted in excellent discussion and sharing of information on a couple of important Flowage concerns.

Last winter's drawdown was the first major topic. After listing concerns, fears, and speculations, we got down to a serious review of what actually happened. The start of the drop in water level was delayed by 10 to 15 days because of a bureaucratic misunderstanding. As a result the exposed shallow areas did not have as much opportunity to 'de-water'—drain and dry out—as we had hoped for. The end-of-November freeze up was earlier than average the last few years. Then the heavy blanket of snow fell and it was sun 'lights-out' for the aquatic environment. The biggest consumer of dissolved oxygen in winter's world beneath the ice is the decomposition of the preceding year's vegetation, rotting weeds. With the heavy snows and no mid-winter thaw of any kind, we wound up with over 4 months of a darkness and decomposition situation. In nearly every respect this past winter was as severe, or worse, than any in decades, including 96-97 when the fishery on the west side was decimated. Oxygen levels in Crane Lake and in the Blueberry Flats dropped rapidly in late February—as they always do. The loss of some fish was no surprise.

Eutrophic type lakes are susceptible to winterkill, especially in years like this one. Spring Lake and Reed Lake got hit pretty hard. The Flowage was barely nicked. Dropping the water by 5 feet before the middle of November took over 3000 acres of vegetation littered habitat completely out of the aquatic environment before the ice formed. That made for a huge reduction in the biological oxygen demand (BOD) caused by rotting plants. There is compelling circumstantial evidence that the draw-down, and especially its timing, saved the west side fishery!

There had been concerns about the frogs and turtles, the beaver and muskrats, and getting refilled by the Opener. All seem to have come through in good shape. I haven't been out much (again) but folks are telling me the fishing is great, the catching has been pretty good, and a lot of places aren't as choked with vegetation as they had been in the recent past. The Partners will seriously consider a repeat for this fall.

The other topic of major concern was erosion. This is a huge problem on many islands and on a quite a few remote mainland sites. Dozens of steeper and higher sand banks are washing down into the water. This degrades terrestrial and aquatic habitats and diminishes aesthetics at the very least. There are a number of methods to re-vegetate the exposed banks but none of them endure unless the 'toe' of the bank is stabilized first. The 'toe' generally runs from a foot or 2 above the high water mark to several feet, or more, below it. These areas need to be 'hard-armored' in a way that prevents high water, wind driven waves, boat wakes, and ice floes from dislodging the protection.

The old X blocks worked in some sites but they're not real natural looking. Anchoring trees with stakes and cables has not proven as effective as hoped. The 'tried and true' method is rock rip-rap. Getting tons and tons of rocks to scattered remote locations out across the water has been a logistical stumbling block. The acquisition of a mini-barge, by purchase or lease, is being investigated. Something needs to be done fairly soon or we are going to have a whole lot fewer islands and a whole lot more shallow water. Stay tuned.

We also got updates on the spring fish surveys, regulation changes, plant surveys, and the bridge project. The next Partners meeting is scheduled for late August.

ADOPT-A-SHORELINE (aka Purple Loosestrife Patrol)

By Dennis Clagett - Invasive Species Chair

I hope I can count on Adopt-A-Shoreline volunteers to continue their efforts, and also pay extra attention to our other invasive troublemaker Eurasian water-milfoil. This year's lower drawdown should have a negative effect on its population and density. Please feel free to call me with your observations. As always new volunteers to fill our ranks are needed and welcomed.

Under the careful direction of Dennis Clagett, this program officially began in 2006 when 15 CFAPOA members began monitoring our shorelines for purple loosestrife, an invasive species. Those original teams were Chuck Block, Dennis & Barbara Clagett, Al & Delores Hixson, Chris & Patti Jeffords, Jerry & Nancy Johnson, Jack & Marl Reeder, Carmen & George Sipes, Nancy Ruhlow & Barb Schweig.

THANK YOU to all volunteers for your time and dedication! If there are any volunteers unable to work their sections, please let me know. See you on the lake.

6 SHORELINES STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION. CONTACT DENNIS CLAGETT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

As our old friend in the forest, Smokey Bear says, "Only you can prevent wildfires." Remember to keep the area around your house or cabin "FireWise".



TOWN OF HUNTER DUMP HOURS

www.townofhunterwi.net

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Mondays and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Garbage Stickers can be purchased at Hillman's Grocery Store located on County Hwy B.

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

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Chippewa Storage Reservoir Forecast

Elevation as of June 13, 2014: 1312.81 ft.

Season of the Year: Summer 2014

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

2014 Projected Summer Low Elevation: 1310.0 ft. (3.0 ft. drawdown)

Comments

- The heavy snowpack combined with abundant spring rains enabled the reservoir to refill quickly from the 8-foot winter drawdown. Significant rains over the last month have increased inflows into the reservoir and allowed for the reservoir elevation to remain at a normal level while maintaining a high discharge rate from the dam.
- The reservoir began to refill later than normal due to the late arrival of spring. The reservoir levels were restored to the 1312.50 ft. elevation on May 1. Ice-out on the reservoir was much later than in normal years.
- 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.
- If above average precipitation occurs during the summer months and inflows into the reservoir remain high, the target elevation may be adjusted slightly upward. Should drought conditions return this summer, reservoir levels may be reduced due to lack of significant inflow.
- 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 of 250 cfs. Discharge from the dam is currently 1,600 cfs. Should electrical generation needs increase in June due to hot weather or unanticipated power plant outages, additional water could be removed from the reservoir to increase generation at downstream hydro plants.
- 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



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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

- 07.10.14** CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 08.03.14** **Annual Meeting & Picnic at Deer Run Resort**
 10:30 AM Registration
 11:00 AM Annual Meeting
 12:00 Noon FREE Lunch
- 08.07.14** CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall
- 09.04.14** CFAPOA Board Meeting — 6 pm at Town of Hunter Hall

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