

Sawyer County Lakes Forum Annual Meeting June 15, 2013 at the Flat Creek Eatery, Hayward, WI Website sawyer-county-lakes-forum.org

Summary

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25 People from 15 county lake associations attended the meeting.

The Lake Life Booklets are still being distributed throughout the county and are available free of charge for pick up at the County Zoning Office and at the office of Dan Tyrolt, LCO Conservation Dept. 133394 W Trepania Rd, BLDG # 1, 715-634-0102. Or contact Mary Ann Churchill, e-mail machu@centurytel.net phone 715-462-9140. They are also available on the SCLF website as a PDF file for viewing and /or for downloading and printing.

WDNR Grants – Seven county lake associations have received grants totaling almost \$500,000.00 for fighting invasive species, education about them and the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program.

Conservation Star Home Award – The County Zoning Department gives an award to lakeshore homes that meet certain criteria. After an inspection of the shoreland a score is determined based on the several criteria such as buffer zone, lawn care, habitat, lighting, invasive weeds in the water and water run off.

Election of Board Members

Those elected to a two year term from 2013 to 2015 are; Martin Hanson (Round), Bill Czeskleba, (Moose), Dan Tyrolt, (LCO Conservation).

Those continuing to serve a two year term from 2012 to 2014 are; Mary Ann Churchill (Moose), Phil Nies (COLA), Jim Genrich (Winter Lakes), Mike Murry (Nelson), Waldo Asp (County Line), and Paul Schwister (Clear).

Guest Speakers

Bill Miller, President of the Big Chetac and Birch Lakes association told of the three year study that had to be done on his lake before treatment

could begin for Curlyleaf Pond Weed. The presence of Blue Algae made determining the type of chemicals to use more difficult.

Dan Tyrolt, LCO Tribal Conservationist told of the importance of native plants which form a multi culture in a lake system and how invasive plants, being monocultures, crowd out the native ones. All chemical elements of the lake water must be analyzed so that the correct herbicide can be chosen for affective treatment of invasive plants.

Dave Mickelson, Chair of the AIS Committee for Spider Chain of Lakes Association told about the use of the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program on his lake. Volunteers burned out so they hired inspectors to make sure the boat launches were well staffed. He thought all lake home owners. should be responsible for looking for invasives on their own shoreline. In the future Water Guards should be more visible in enforcing the laws against transporting weeds from lake to lake.

Longer reports on these topics will be found in the complete minutes of the June 15, 2013 Annual Meeting on the SCLF website.

Future Dates of Meetings

2013 Regular Summer Board Meeting : Thursday, July 11, 10 A.M. at Hunter Town Hall

2913 Regular Fall Board Meeting: Thursday, October 3, 10 A.M. at Edgewater Town Hall

2014 Regular Winter Board Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 10 A.M. at Flat Creek Eatery

All are welcomed to come.