

Round the lake

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Water Level Update 2009.11.12

The Round Lake water shed is still in extreme drought even though we had above average precipitation in October. This is the main determinant of Round Lake water level. The Carlson Dam and downstream artificial channel is the number 2 controlling factor and now is being used to facilitate keeping the lake low. Sawyer County has not responded to our attempts to amend the 1941 PSC Order governing Round Lake water level. The purpose of this would be to reduce Sawyer County management liability and the order would more accurately reflect what the lake level has been over the last 60 years. Relevant authorities know that the water level has been periodically above the maximum 1941 PSC Order water level, and the order should be rewritten so that this is not an absolute maximum water level.

There was a Sawyer County Record report several weeks ago that The Wisconsin DNR is going to issue a permit to Sawyer County to abandon the Placid Diversion Canal. We have not seen any notice or communication from The WDNR concerning a public hearing over this matter.

RLPOA does not know if the preexisting stream between Placid Lake and Round Lake which was present before the Diversion Canal was built in the late 1930's will be restored. We don't think it will be, and the historical minimum flow from Placid Lake into Round Lake will most likely be terminated by the WDNR and County.

There are also new larger culverts at the natural outlet of Little Round by Thunderbird Road. NN culverts to our knowledge have not been enlarged or lowered as the WDNR/County wants.

Sawyer County, like all government entities, is under financial stress and it is unlikely that there would be money for any new dam at Carlson Road. We have

stated in the past that unless the present dam is unsafe or if it is built wider, then a new dam is not needed. Short Elliot & Hendrickson the County's engineer did recommend a new dam about 20 feet wide a couple of years ago, and this would be the ideal solution compared to the 10 foot wide dam now. This was undermined by WDNR approving new 100 year flood levels based on existing conditions 2006-08 that included beaver dams, obstructed natural Little Round outlet by Thunderbird Road, silted in Carlson Channel and undersized too high NN culverts. This premature WDNR approval of 100 year flood levels on the Round Lake water shed was the most critical event so far concerning the water level issue. The WDNR flood levels are also in direct conflict with the preexisting 1941 PSC Order that allows higher flow rates thru the Carlson Dam.

Sawyer County continues to manage Round Lake about a foot lower than authorized level most likely to reduce management liability. The present dam is not big enough to keep the water level below the maximum authorized level. The 1941 PSC states the lake should not go higher than 77.25 feet local datum or 1345 feet with a recommended level of 77.0 feet local datum or 1344.75 feet.

In fact Round Lake is at a level now that should require opening up the Placid Diversion Canal to supply water to the Round lake system. Instead Sawyer County wants to abandon this canal and is making no effort to add available water to Round Lake.

We have about \$20,000 in legal defense fund which is not enough to get started on a legal action. We have been quoted \$50,000. Even more important is the amount of time it takes to manage a legal action. RLPOA is a volunteer organization and we would need more help/volunteers to initiate any legal action.

RLPOA needs all residents, interested parties, friends, tourists, and recreational people etc. to sign and return the two petitions in this newsletter.

Tom Kintzinger, Web Site Administrator



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Many thanks.

Millfoil Report — Frank Tyson, Dan Kollodge

DNR Denies Grant Request

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources did not approve funding for the Invasive Species Control Grant proposal submitted in August. In a letter to the RLPOA board on October 18th, the DNR formally denied the request.

The proposal outlined a three-year strategy that addressed the following areas:

- Eurasian Water Milfoil Management
- Storm and Home Owner Source Runoff Education
- Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention
- Aquatic Plant Management Education

Many organizations across the state compete for the limited grant funds available. The DNR evaluates pro-

posals using a scoring system and proposals are then ordered from highest to lowest. The DNR funds as many proposals as current funds allow starting with the highest ranked proposal.

There are two grant submission opportunities each year, in February and August. Organizations whose proposals are not approved in February are allowed to submit a proposal for August. The board has not met to discuss next steps, but it seems logical that the association should continue to submit grant proposals.

A DNR official involved with the selection process offered to meet with Round Lake representatives to discuss our current proposal and identify areas where it can be improved. This will be valuable learning opportunity that should improve

the chances that the next proposal will be approved.

The rejection of the proposal was unexpected and has left the association in a more difficult funding situation than had been envisioned for 2010 and beyond. The most immediate concern is for funding of milfoil eradication and control efforts for next year. Based on this rejection, the board will have to investigate other sources of income to support the program. A consistent source of funding has been identified in the past as a long-term strategic need of the organization. It was envisioned that DNR grants could be that source. Based on this experience, it does not appear that grants can be relied upon as a long-term revenue source.

Dan Kollodge, Water Quality Committee

Volunteers and Donations Needed

This has been a year of transition for the RLPOA's approach to our milfoil problem. Dan Kollodge and I now share the chair responsibilities for our committee. Dan takes care of the administrative issues i.e., grants, permits, funds etc., and I work with the shoreline observers along with Dan Tyrolt (LCO Conservation/water quality). Dan is on retainer with RLPOA to help guide us thru the county, state, and DNR process for grants, permits and water treatment.

With the help of our shoreline observers and many hours spent on the lake with my GPS, I feel we now have an accurate map of the known milfoil locations. This will always be an ongoing process! I will bring copies of these maps to our next association meeting.

Treatment this year was done both in the spring and fall. I will also provide maps of these locations. The problem is that in the past we

have not had accurate mapping to really determine the extent of the problem. Now that we are armed with this information, we can start the permit/approval process to begin treatment next year. The acres-age/locations to be treated will be determined by the DNR process and the funds needed for these treatments! Our 2009 grant proposal was not funded by the DNR, but this request will be resubmitted for the Feb 2010 proposal cycle. Hopefully there will be grant monies approved, but the rest will need to be paid out of the RLPOA milfoil fund.

I do need your help in updating the names and email addresses of those owners who are current shoreline observers, as well as those new folks who are willing to help as ob-

servers for a portion of our shoreline. Please email me your contact information. Once the shoreline observer's map is updated, I will also provide this to the membership.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time and monies to help control this

invasive plant problem. We will never rid the lake of milfoil, but we must do everything possible to control its growth.

Even if you do not "use" the lake, this can affect your property value, so this is truly everyone's problem!! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

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*WDNR denies grant request—
funding needed to control
milfoil.*

RLPOA Financials

RLPOA Financial Status	12 Mo's Ended		9 Mo's Ended
	Dec 31, 2007	Dec 31, 2008	Sep 30, 2009
<u>Statement of Income</u>	(audited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Contributions			
Membership Fees	\$ 8,790	\$ 9,606	\$ 3,840
Milfoil Fund	2,113	8,620	2,545
Sponsorships	2,800	850	900
Grants	-	-	9,900
Water Level Defense	26,549	680	-
Miscellaneous	315	-	-
Donations	220	30	-
Noncash Contributions	<u>731,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ 772,287	\$ 19,786	\$ 17,185
Expenses			
Accounting & Legal	-	2,500	300
Advertising	-	367	-
Amortization of Intangibles	20,319	48,767	30,479
Bank Charges	29	0	24
Dues & Subscription	440	360	370
Equipment Rental	-	54	56
Equipment Repair & Maint.	-	-	160
Fish Stocking Expense	1,500	-	-
Gift Certificates	-	600	-
Insurance - Business	956	-	956
Licenses & Permits	15	28	-
Milfoil Expense	4,189	18,035	8,194
Newsletters	1,675	1,370	897
Postage	1,075	1,036	382
Telephone	136	399	-
Town Hall Expense	-	150	-
Water Level Defense	7,388	3,161	-
Total	\$ 37,723	\$ 76,827	\$ 41,817
Operating Income(Loss)	\$ 734,564	\$ (57,041)	\$ (24,632)
Interest Income	896	1,169	221
Net Income(Loss)	\$ 735,460	\$ (55,872)	\$ (24,411)
<i>*Cash Basis Net Income(Loss)</i>	<i>\$ 24,279</i>	<i>\$ (7,105)</i>	<i>\$ 6,068</i>
Statement of Financial Position			
	12/31/07	12/31/08	4/30/09
Cash-General Fund	\$ 25,132	\$ 30,961	\$ 33,070
Cash-Milfoil Fund	14,914	5,805	10,343
Cash-Defense Fund	<u>24,323</u>	<u>19,627</u>	<u>19,860</u>
Tangible Assets	\$ 64,368	\$ 56,393	\$ 63,273
Intangibles	711,181	662,414	599,424
Total Net Assets	\$ 775,549	\$ 718,807	\$ 662,697

Fish Committee

This past summer the RLPOA and the LCO Conservation Department applied for and received permits for a fish crib project.

From midsummer until early October we built and placed over 200 cribs. Materials have been purchased for more than 100 more cribs, which are to be placed early next spring. Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin and RPLOA have purchased 70 of the cribs. The LCO Conservation Department received a grant to fund the balance of the project.

There are 6 different types of cribs being used in this project. All the cribs will be located on the Northeast side of the flats.

We hope to have a PowerPoint presentation by Dan Tryolt and a report from Brett McConnell on our website and at our spring meeting. Both Dan and Brett have put a lot of work into this project.

We also want to thank the volunteers who helped: Randy Schultz, Peter Hayes, Tom Connell, Dave Frane, Louis Frane, Dave Pennings, Steven Pennings and Taylor Frane.

Al Reinnemann

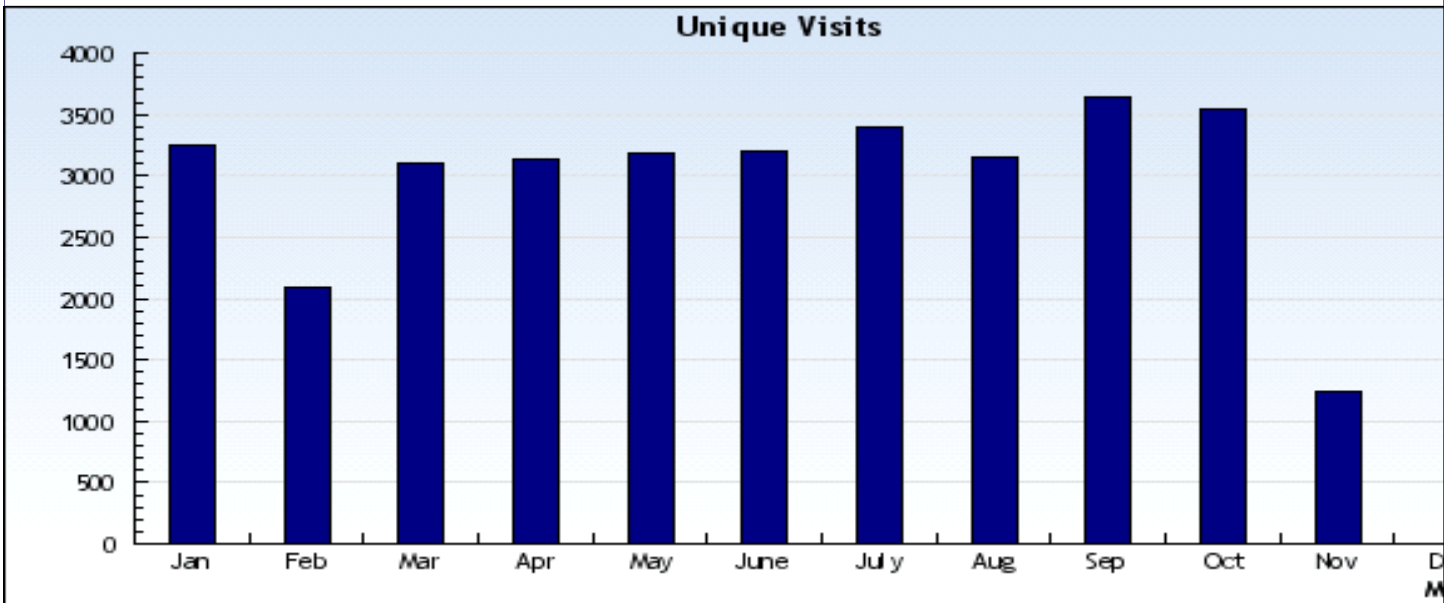
Fish Committee



Web Site Update

From Jan. 1, 2009 to Nov. 12, 2009.

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Membership Report

Potential Membership: ····635
2009 Paid Members: ·····308
Record year of 2007: ····405

RLPOA Board of Directors

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This newsletter is available electronically. We can send it to you or you can read it at our website.

There is a vacant position on the RLPOA board.

Tom Kintzinger (Vice President & Secretary) completed his three year term Oct. 2008 and has decided not to volunteer for another term. Kintzinger will continue on as the volunteer website administrator for RLPOA www.roundthelake.com.

Elections were not held this fall of 2009 and have been deferred by the board to the late spring meeting in 2010. Please let any board member know if you are interested in serving on the board now or next year.

Round Lake Property Owners Association Inc. Membership Application

I am interested in helping one of the following committees:

- Government Awareness
 - Water Quality
 - Water Safety
 - Membership
 - Fish
 - Newsletter
- Membership Dues: \$25**

2010 Membership Dues: \$25

- Enclosed are my dues of \$25 for calendar year 2009
- Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$25 for the milfoil fund.

Total Enclosed: \$_____

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