

Round the lake

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Spring 2011

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Letter from the President

Dear Association Members,

As we enter the lake season of 2011, I am pleased to report that the Association continues to work with the County and DNR to develop a future Lake Management Plan. Water management is a complicated matter for Round Lake with the added challenge of never knowing for sure what Mother Nature will do. We are fortunate to have Jim Purdin, an engineer by education, and a Board Member deeply involved in the development process of the New Plan. It appears that the County is able to provide the financial resources for a new dam which is yet undetermined in terms of size and function. The good news this spring is that it appears the water level is up and closer to historic levels. Your Board will keep you informed as the Lake Management Plan unfolds. Your Board is pleased to have settled our misunderstandings with the County and wants to use our resources for the direct benefit of Round Lake and not for a lawsuit.

The milfoil issue remains a top priority for the Board. We are committed to an annual plan of eradicating this weed from our lake. Each year we target all known infestations of milfoil with chemicals to kill this weed. But, unfortunately, this plant has a way of rejuvenating itself in our lake every year. As a result, the milfoil problem is a permanent issue that must be funded every year. As a Lake Association we must develop an endowment kind of funding process to make sure adequate financial resources are available to control this stubborn weed. Your Board is considering ways to accomplish this and will keep you advised. And finally, the chemical treatments are carefully watched to insure that there are no environmental consequences both in the short run and long run.

Please consider getting involved in the Lake Association leadership. It is wise to have new leadership periodically and some of us have been around a long time. You may say too long! Yet, we are all passionate about preserving this God given, beautiful resource. Since we have altered nature with development, we must be custodians of the implications caused by development which requires an active and responsible Lake Association.

Thank you for your involvement and financial support. Attend the Association spring meeting if possible. Your Board will continue to look out for the protection of Round Lake.

Best Regards,

Bob Strachota
President

Water Level Management Update — Jim Purdin

Sawyer County Takes Steps to Develop a New Plan

Over the winter, Sawyer County has made significant progress toward the development of a new plan to address the key elements of the system that controls the flow of water into and out of the lakes in the Round Lake chain.

The county initiated a new project with Short Elliot and Hendricks (SEH), a Minneapolis based engineering firm that specializes in hydraulics projects. SEH has been involved in this project for several years. The new project asked SEH to review their prior work and to analyze several concepts aimed at improving the ability to manage the water levels in our lakes.

Water Level Management Update — Jim Purdin cont.

Based on SEH's analysis, a Sawyer County task force chaired by Bruce Paulsen, has drafted a new recommendation. It can be accessed on the Round Lake Property Owners website at www.roundthelake.com.

This recommendation was presented to both the Zoning and Conservation Committee and the County Board at their February meetings for information and discussion purposes only. The board was not asked to approve the recommendation. It was asked only to support its distribution to interested parties for their review.

We will be working with the county, the DNR and SEH to be certain that we fully understand the recommendation, including the underlying engineering. Most importantly, we need to gain clarity as to how the proposed changes would impact water levels. I hope to be in a position to explain the recommendation and answer your questions at our spring meeting.

There is no timeline for completing the review process. However, the county clearly intends to keep the process moving forward at as expeditious a pace as practical.

Sawyer County's Petition to Close Placid Lake Diver-sion Channel Still Under DNR Review

The DNR is in the final stages of its process to review Sawyer County's petition to abandon the dam and close the channel that connects Lake Placid to Round Lake. This channel and dam were built in 1940 as part of the project that created the Tiger Cat Flowage. The overall project was initiated in 1937 by Sawyer County and approved by the Public Service Commission (predecessor to the DNR), in part to provide a source of water for Round Lake in times of drought and extreme low water conditions. However, it is not clear if the dam has ever been opened to allow a significant flow of water to Round Lake. All the stop logs have been in place for many years, with only a small amount of water flowing through leaks in the dam.

RLPOA voiced objection to the county's proposal to abandon the dam and close the channel at a public hearing held by the DNR last fall and presented a petition signed by over 300 of our members supporting our objection.

Water Safety Report by Jack Gardner

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the snow will be gone and we can be on the lakes fishing and boating with our families. The Safety Committee should have the buoys out by the 22nd of May.

SLOW-NO-WAKE

The DNR is enforcing a regulation that was new in 2010. That regulation states that it is illegal to operate a motorboat at greater than "slow-no-wake" speed within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, restricted area, or the shoreline of any lake. Slow-no-wake speed means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steering control. I would like to point out that depending on the water depth and how much of the sand bar is showing, the narrows from the main lake to Richardson's Bay could be a "SNW" area. So even if no other boats are present, reduced speed is mandatory. Another location is the channel behind the island in Leder Bay. The Safety Committee has only one "NO WAKE" buoy to put in that area. A buoy is not really required in that area as you will always be within 100 feet of land. The last location is the point of land on the north side of Richardson's Bay. It is very deep around that point and a lot of boaters cut the corner at high speed. Again they are asking for a ticket. Personal Watercraft follow the same regulations except they have a 200 feet requirement.

BOAT RAMP ETIQUETTE

If you ever need a laugh, a good place to go is the boat ramp and watch the misadventures of your neighbors. Backing up a boat is a problem for a lot of people. Unfortunately the backing and straightening out ties up the ramp a lot longer than it should. Then there are others who wait in line and then get on the ramp and spend 15 minutes loading or unloading the boat. So in order to help keep tempers cool, please use this checklist, it will make things go faster and lower stress. While you are waiting in line do the following:

1. Make sure the drain plug is in, the gas line is connected and pumped up.
2. Remove all tie downs, safety chains, covers, motor brackets, etc.
3. Put in the boat all items you are going to take with you, such as coolers, fishing rods, tackle, etc.
4. Make sure the key is in the ignition, then hit the starter for a second to make sure you have battery power.
5. Attach a rope to the boat at least 25' long and hand it to whoever is assisting you. If you don't have anyone, ask for help, or tie it to the last dock pipe.



6. Again **make sure your drain plug is in.**
7. Back the boat onto the ramp and into the water slowly until the boat floats off.
8. If you have anyone helping you, ask them to move the boat away from the ramp and make it available for the next boater.
9. Proceed to the parking area, lock your car.

By law when reloading your boat you must remove all weeds from your boat, trailer and car. You must also drain all water from the boat, including some other containers and fishing equipment. This area of the law is confusing and I would encourage everyone to contact the DNR and get a copy of the regulations for themselves. Since the Hayward office is only open on Wednesday you can go on line at www.dnr.wis.gov and type in VHS.

May will be a busy month at the boat ramps. Everyone will be trying to get their boats in the water at the same time. By following the above guidelines you will lower the stress on yourself and others. Let's help each other enjoy this lovely area.



Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Explained—Dan Kollodge

The State of Wisconsin sponsors the aquatic invasive species control grant program. The program provides funds to private organizations to combat aquatic invasive species that have entered the lakes and streams of the state. The program is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and in the case of Round Lake, the Spooner office is the point of contact. The DNR provides expert consultants and oversight to make sure that our activities are in compliance with the laws and regulations of the state.

Sawyer county provides support with the services of Kristi Maki, the county's aquatic invasive species specialist. She works with many organizations throughout the county and provides expert services for some of the more technical aspects of the grant program such as pre- and post-treatment surveys and AIS species identification. She is the eyes and ears of the county.

Working closely with state and the county is Dan Tyrolt. Dan, works as an environmental engineer for the LCO Natural Resources Department. He works in the forests and waters in and around the reservation and is very familiar with the issues that face Round Lake. RLPOA contracts with Dan to provide a wide range of services for our organization. He is our expert on the water and performs the pre- and post-treatment surveys that are used to measure the effectiveness of the treatment protocol. He develops our 'battle plan' and coordinates our efforts with the WDNR, Sawyer county, and the chemical application company. He also creates many of the technical documents that are required to support our activities such as authoring the AIS grant proposal, pre- and post-treatment maps, and activity summary reports.

The grant proposal was submitted in February of 2010 and addressed three distinct areas of concern: Eurasian water milfoil treatment, AIS prevention, and aquatic plant management education. The proposal also contained a three year budget totaling \$115,366. This amount is broken down into two types of funds, cash costs and donated costs. The cash cost portion is \$57,440 and the donated cost is \$57,926. Cash costs cover everything that is tangible, such as the cost for chemical treatment, employee wages for the clean boats initiative, and consulting fees. As the name implies, donated costs cover volunteer hours and equipment usage by the members of the association while performing activities identified in the grant. In June 2010, a grant was awarded to RLPOA for the amount of \$57,440 and it is in effect from April 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012.

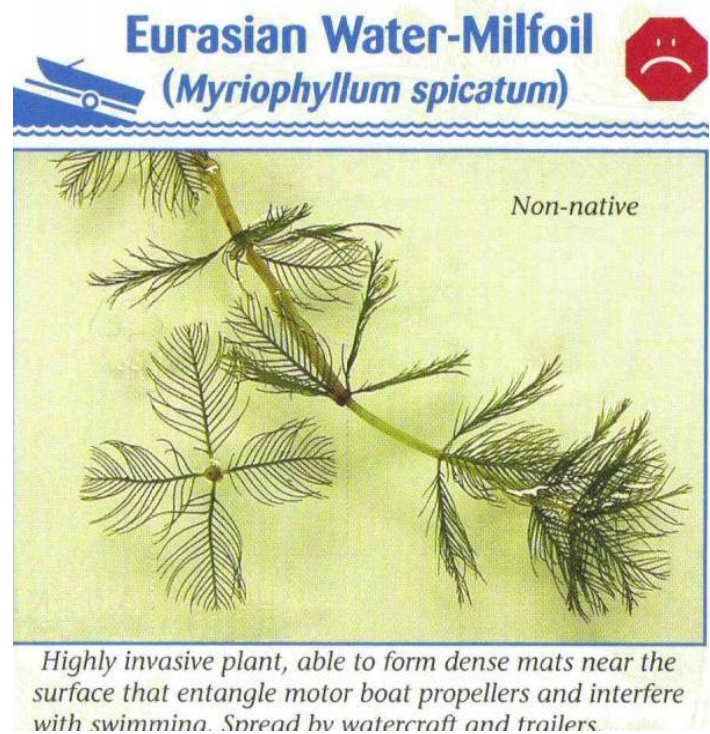
The AIS grant program is a reimbursement program that repays the association for cash expenses it incurs while performing the activities defined in the grant document. The rules of the grant program require the association to match each cash expense with a volunteer labor and equipment donation. The donation must equal 25% of the cash ex-

pense. The donation rate for a volunteer is \$12/hour and the equipment rate ranges is from \$15 to \$30/hour. The easiest way to explain the process is with an example.

Assume the association hired the Acme company to treat milfoil at a cost of \$10,000. Acme performs the work and submits an invoice to the association. The association pays Acme, then submits a reimbursement request to the DNR to cover the expense. The request itemizes the \$10,000 cash expense and a \$2,500 matching volunteer labor and equipment donation.

Last year the association submitted cash requests to the DNR in the amount of \$15,793.00. The amount is divided into two expense areas. \$12,814.06 was spent to treat 9.9 acres of milfoil in Round Lake and 5.0 acres in Little Round Lake. \$2,560.00 was spent as wages for clean boats program employees. The program provided milfoil awareness and prevention information to boaters at two boat landings on Round Lake. The association was not able to submit \$7,795.00 in cash expenses for reimbursement in 2010 because matching volunteer hour and equipment donations were not available. This money can be recovered once the 25% match can be met by donations performed in 2011.

I wish to thank all of last year's volunteers for their efforts and want to encourage all members of the association to volunteer their time and talents this coming summer to better our lakes. I believe that with our accomplishments last year and the preparations that were made for this year's milfoil program that we will make great strides in reducing the amount of milfoil in our lakes.



Fish Committee Report by Al Reinemann

This past winter Ice Fishing was not the typical early ice bite we have experienced in past years. Weather and ice conditions may have had an impact with ice fishing slower than it has been in the past few years, but it was still an enjoyable season with many opportunities to get out there and enjoy some time on the ice. We introduced some young fishermen into the sport again this year and that is truly what it's all about.

Once again the Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin event on Lac Courte Oreilles was outstanding. Lots of work by a few make this ice fishing contest one of the best. If you haven't participated in it in some way make sure you do! You can call me for any contact info you may need.

We are planning a joint crib project again this spring with the LCO Conservation Department and are looking for input on some locations for cribs. The last permits we were granted favor placement of new cribs at quite a distance from shore. The types of cribs we will be building should be much easier to handle and place in the lake. We are always

looking for helpers, so give me a call if you can lend a hand. From gathering brush to the final splash in the lake there is lots to be done.

I am hearing that this year's tribal declaration for Round Lake is one of the lowest numbers I can recall. On average the spring harvest number is around 600. The current plan is for approximately 281 or just under half of the average. With the electronic shock survey from last year indicating good natural reproduction of walleye, the future looks very encouraging. And with the slow recovery of our water level hopefully this spring will result in another successful spawning year.

I've kept a record of ice out for about 30 years. On average ice out happens on April 22nd. This year was right on the money. I hope this is an indication that our lake will get back to normal after all the years of drought.

Enjoy some time on the water!

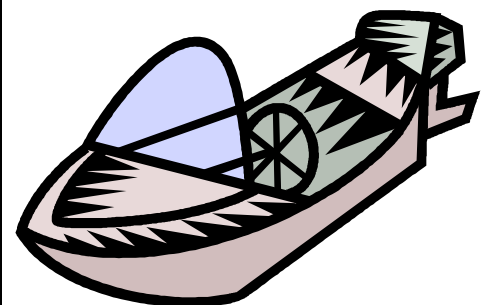


First fish through the ice for Allen Albee here with Eric Reinemann at the 2011 Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin Ice Fishing Contest on Lac Courte Oreilles.



Alan Albee on Round Lake with a lesson on setting his tip up from Eric Reinemann.

RLPOA Financial Status	12 Mo's Ended		2 Mo's Ended
	Dec 31, 2009 (unaudited)	Dec 31, 2010 (unaudited)	Feb 28, 2011 (unaudited)
Statement of Income			
Contributions			
Membership Fees	\$ 9,015	\$ 9,220	\$ 1,375
Milfoil Fund	9,138	8,175	1,175
Sponsorships	900	250	
Grants	9,900	-	14,705
Water Level Defense	-	100	-
	<u>\$ 28,953</u>	<u>\$ 17,745</u>	<u>\$ 17,255</u>
Expenses			
Accounting & Legal	300	300	
Advertising	-	59	
Amortization of Intangibles	48,767	48,767	8,128
Bank Charges	24	65	15
Crib Expense	2,445	2,000	
Dues & Subscription	370	410	
Equipment Rental/Maintenance	216	-	
Office Supplies		269	
Insurance - Business	956	956	956
Licenses & Permits	-	365	
Milfoil Expense	14,064	12,814	3,935
Newsletters	1,465	1,119	419
Postage	910	1,251	333
Supplies		277	
Sub Contract Labor	155	6,420	
Marina Dredging		1,000	
Telephone	-	51	
Water Level Defense	-	26,845	-
		<u>\$ 102,968</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 69,672</u>	<u>\$ 102,968</u>	<u>\$ 13,785</u>
		<u>\$ (85,223)</u>	
Operating Income(Loss)	\$ (40,719)		\$ 3,470
Interest Income	<u>307</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>13</u>
		<u>\$ (85,065)</u>	
Net Income(Loss)	\$ (40,412)		\$ 3,483
		<u>\$ (36,298)</u>	
*Cash Basis Net Income(Loss)	\$ 8,355		\$ 11,611
Statement of Financial Position	<u>Dec 31, 2009</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2010</u>	<u>Feb 28, 2011</u>
Cash-General Fund	\$ 34,708	\$ 21,479	\$ 26,156
Cash-Milfoil Fund	11,404	4,617	11,552
Cash-Defense Fund	<u>19,448</u>	<u>3,166</u>	<u>3,166</u>
Tangible Assets	\$ 65,561	\$ 29,262	\$ 40,873
Intangibles	<u>613,647</u>	<u>564,881</u>	<u>556,753</u>
		<u>\$ 594,143</u>	
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 679,208</u>	<u>\$ 594,143</u>	<u>\$ 597,626</u>





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Membership Report

Potential Membership:.....635
 Paid Members for 2010367
 Paid Members as of 4/1/2011: **91**
 Record year of 2007:.....405

NOTE:

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WHY JOIN? We need your assistance to deal with these major problems:

1. Milfoil eradication
2. Water level and proposed Carlson Rd. dam
3. Fishing habitat

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We have numerous opportunities to be involved in the work of the Association to protect and enhance our lake. Please let any board member know if you can help. You are the primary resource we have to maintain our lake quality.

RLPOA Website:

<http://www.roundthelake.com>



Round Lake Property Owners Association Inc. Membership Application

I am interested in helping one of the following committees:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

Membership Dues: \$25

2011 Membership Dues: \$25

- Enclosed are my dues of \$25 for calendar year 2011
- Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$25 for the milfoil fund.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____
 Make checks payable to RLPOA

Please mail to:
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Round Lake Property Owners Association

Membership Meeting

June 4, 2011

9:00 AM

**Round Lake Township Hall
on County A, between B and 77**

Round Lake Property Owners Association

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