

District of Powers Lake **NEWSLETTER**

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LAKE WEED CONTROL



We were able to have a second milfoil treatment for the year 2002 which was accomplished in August. We were pleased to be able to follow through on the containment of this invasive aquatic plant. A future newsletter will include a form for you to send to the District of Powers Lake if you feel you have milfoil in your lake-front, so we can be thorough in controlling this problem. The biochemist plans to return in October and check the milfoil situation on Powers Lake that he has treated.

LAKE EMERGENCIES

One of our members who attended the Annual Meeting asked about defibrillators on the water patrol boat. Bob Stoll, who is in charge of Water Patrol for the township tells me that it is under discussion if they should or would be able to acquire one. He advises that if there is a need, the first thing to do is call 911 as the Water Patrol is dispatched through that number, and the paramedics also.



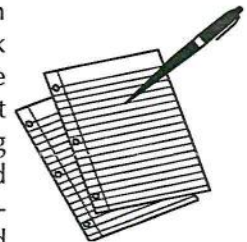
It was also suggested that some identification system be instigated when help is needed out on the lake. Quite a

few ideas were suggested but it was determined that it must be effective summer and winter. Numbering piers was suggested, but a lot of piers are only in three months of the year, the buoys are also in only a few months of the year. Signs on properties as a form of identification would have to be quite large to be seen from the middle of the lake. We need to consider snowmobile accidents, ice fishing accidents, as well as boating accidents. Bob Stoll reminds us that within a year or two all phones will have the GPS quality which will be automatic and instant location from any phone call.

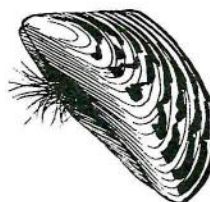
Other lakes are also addressing this location identification problem so we are trying to learn from their approach to the problem. We would like to hear what our residents might suggest at future meetings. Please note that this is an agenda item for the next meeting.

WATER TESTING

Gil Kroll has consistently taken lake water samples each week throughout the season. Twice there were poor readings, but righted themselves the following week. One was a watershed problem and the other was probably a goose problem. We would like to remind you that no matter where you live; you are part of a watershed. Be very careful about chemicals on your property as they are bound to end up in the lake.



ZEBRA MUSCLES



Zebra mussels are being sighted around the lake. They are at the outlet, and can often be found on the pier polls and other structures throughout the lake. They attach themselves like barnacles.

ADDING WETLANDS MAY BE POSSIBLE

There is a good possibility that we may be able to add additional acres to our newly acquired wetland area in the next several years, and we will be even better protected. We will hope that there will be another grant that we can apply for to spread the cost.

SAILING OUR LAKE



One of the delightful special activities of Powers Lake is that it is a sailboat racing lake. The MC scow is the larger boats raced at this time and the fleet consists of 27 boats. The National MC Regatta was held this year at Lake Geneva the second week of September. The really exciting thing is there were 100 MC's registered to race.

100 sailboats on a starting line is a real challenge to compete as well as to spectate. Actually, 97 boats were raced. Quite a few Powers Lake people were spectators, and five Powers Lake sailors competed. Don Rietz, Dave Sinclair, Sid Peterson, Jason Thompson, Ron Stryker came from Ohio and Craig Thompson a well known past Powers Lake sailor who now lives and competes at Lake Mendota.were all there. Seven races were scheduled over four days, but because of winds only six were raced. Our guys all finished safely in the middle.

BOARD DETERMINED JOBS

After the Annual meeting the board met to determine officer's jobs. It was unanimously agreed that all officers and responsibilities were to remain the same. Jim Michaels, Chairman, Brooke Jenson, Treasurer, Pat Miller, Secretary, Gil Kroll will continue to take water samples, apply for grants and continue to cover all the bases he has in the past.

DID YOU LOSE A BOAT OR RAFT?

If you are missing a fishing boat or a swim raft contact Gil Kroll at 279-5928. These have been unclaimed for some time.

MEETING CALENDAR SET



The calendar for meetings for the coming year is scheduled as follows:

October 1, 2002
January 10, 2003
March 14, 2003
June 13, 2003

Annual Meeting August 1,2003

Hope to see you at these meetings. Regular meetings are held at Randall township hall in Bassett, Fridays at 5PM. If you are unable to attend, but wish to make suggestions or comments you can e-mail to solidbrs@genevaonline.com.
