



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE 2022 CHAIRPERSON'S LETTER

As outlined in our Mission Statement, a big part of our mission is to “protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed”.

In that spirit, we have some very important news and Agenda items which we will be acting on at our upcoming Annual Meeting on August 5th.

You may recall, in 2000, the District purchased approximately 70 acres of wetlands as highlighted in red on the enclosed map. These wetlands act as a natural filtration system for the surface water that flows into Powers Lake and is one of the reasons our water quality is so good. By owning these wetlands, the District has insured that this part of the watershed will never be developed and helps to preserve our high water quality for generations to come.

Kudos to the past Boards of Directors whose vision and foresight have paved the way for our next opportunity.

We currently have a contract to purchase another 22.75 acres of adjacent wetlands (blue highlight on the enclosed map) and will be putting this item to a vote at our Annual Meeting on August 5th.

The Board has been budgeting for this type of opportunity for many years and we currently have roughly \$90,000 in our wetland fund. We will be voting to fund the balance needed by executing a 10-year BCPL State Trust Fund Loan.

In doing so, we have worked diligently to adjust our 2023 budget to mirror our overall budget for 2022. This means if the vote at the annual meeting is approved, we will be able to purchase the 22 acres and your property tax bill will not be impacted.

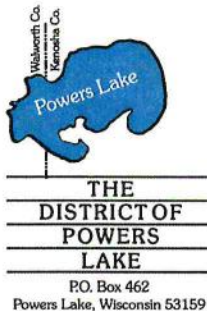
We encourage you to join us on August 5th

to learn more and be part of this exciting milestone and cast your vote.

In other news and in an attempt to recap our activities of the past year, you may have noticed the new signage at the boat launches. We partnered with the Town of Randall on this initiative with the goal of educating and emphasizing to all boaters the importance of individual responsibility for boating safety, rules of the lake and helping to protect the lake from proliferating invasive plants.

We continue to monitor and treat the lake for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS, Eurasian Water Milfoil & Curly Leaf Pond Weed). This year we treated 2.95 acres and are thankful for the success of the program and are cautiously optimistic for continued success. As lakefront property owners, we all need to be cognizant and do our part to remain good stewards. To learn more about this issue and other threats to lake quality, please visit our website and become familiar with “Best Practices” on how to avoid the spread of Invasive plants. <http://districtofpowerslake.com/aquatic-plant-management>

Another successful initiative has been our fish stocking program which has been led by Dave Anstett. We have been stocking the lake for roughly 4 years in partnership with the Powers Lake Sportsmens Club and the Town of Randall. In consultation with the Wisconsin DNR, we alternate the species from year over year. This past year we stocked 1,500 7” walleye and 1,500 4” smallmouth bass. The DNR stocked 4,590 7 ½ inch walleye This September we will stock roughly 1,600 smallmouth bass and walleye. Our Thanks to Dave for his commitment and leadership of this program and helping to make Powers Lake a



Elected Commissioners:

Neal Kuhn, Chair
Ken Vesely, Secretary
Dave Anstett, Treas.
Lou Manfredini
Jim Michels

Appointed Commissioners:

Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
Bob Stoll, Randall Twp.

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;

To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.

productive fishing hot spot.

We continue to monitor the lake level and have been doing so for the past 9 years. Fortunately, we had a more normal rainfall this spring and the lake started the season at a more normal historical level. It has since been dry and the lake is down from where we started the year. Let's hope Mother Nature continues to bless us with enough rain to avoid another serious drought. Please visit our website for the historical perspective map.

Please continue to be diligent while boating to avoid turning up the bottom of the lake especially in the more shallow areas of the lake. If you own a wakeboard style boat, please be especially mindful and avoid filling your ballasts unless in appropriate water depth and avoid shallow areas of the lake all together.



Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday August 5th @ 7:00 PM at the Randall Town Hall. We welcome your participation, input and vote.

Our Annual Meeting is the time when we pass our 2023 Annual Budget, elect Commissioners and tend to the other lake related business. This year the seats occupied by Dave Anstett and myself are up for election. We welcome your attendance and participation.

Please continue to be considerate and conscientious boaters and do no harm to the precious resource that is Powers Lake.

Enjoy the balance of your summer on the lake and we look forward to seeing you on August 5th.

Respectfully,
Neal Kuhn

Website Signup

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake.
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Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, August 5th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. This meeting and others are open to the public.

Summary of Voter Eligibility:

To vote at the annual meeting a person must provide proof of eligibility under one of the following categories:

1) A resident of the District who is registered or eligible to vote in general elections (must present valid Wisconsin photo ID with District address); OR

2) A non-resident US citizen, 18 years of age or older and:

a. Whose name appears on the District assessment role prepared for purposes of real property taxation, OR

b. Who has provided proof of title to real property within the district, OR

c. Who is appointed as an official representative, officer or employee for any corporation, partnership, foundation, trust or association that owns real property in the District.

For more details on voting eligibility, please visit our website:

<http://districtofpowerslake.com>