

NEWS FROM THE POND

Chute Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District #1 Spring 2019

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COMMISSIONER ELECTION

At our annual meeting on August 17th we will be electing one Commissioner for a three year term. Floyd Schmidt's position is up for election. If you are interested in being on the ballot please contact Gail Golden by August 12th.

SPRING MEETING

We are going to have an Informational Spring Meeting on **Saturday, May 25th from 9-10:30am** at the Community Building. The Commissioners are hoping to update the property owners on Chute Pond as to what will be happening this summer. Lake Maintenance, CBCW, Lake Monitoring, and Healthy Lakes will be some of the items on the agenda. We hope you will be able to attend. A complete agenda will be on our website before the meeting.

DNR GRANTS

The Chute Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was fortunate to receive two DNR grants. The first is a three year grant for our AIS treatment in the amount of \$81,663.75. The second is for our Healthy Lakes projects for this year in the amount of \$15,125.00.

WEBSITE

Our website will be having a format change thanks to Jamison attending a website session at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention and learning about The Lake Kits Website which is being subsidized by the state. The address will remain the same...

www.chutelake.org

PROPOSED AQUATIC HERBICIDE APPLICATION FOR EXOTIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL ON CHUTE POND

The Chute Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District #1 (the District) with support from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Onterra, LLC (Onterra), and Clean Lakes, Inc. (CLI) proposes to assess and chemically treat approximately 37 acres on Chute Pond to control the excessive growth of the exotic invasive aquatic plant Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). The District proposes to conduct an application of Aquathol K (liquid endotohall), and DMA4 IVM or Weedar 64 (liquid 2, 4-D) targeting the EMW to be performed by CLI. We anticipate the treatment to occur sometime in spring, 2019 and will proceed only after the District obtains a permit for the treatment from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Notification of the exact dates of the treatment and water restrictions associated with the use of the herbicides permitted will be provided by the posting of shoreline in and adjacent to treatment areas, and public access points.

The water use restrictions associated with use of the above Aquathol K, and DMA 4 IVM or Weedar 64 are noted below:

21 day Irrigation Restriction

Additional details regarding the proposed treatment including a copy of the permit application and the WDNR aquatic herbicide

fact sheets can be found at:
www.chutelake.org.

For questions about the treatment, please contact: Floyd Schmidt
floyd@chutepond.org
(920) 841-9506

CLEAN BOAT CLEAN WATER

We are looking for someone to take over the job of organizing our CBCW program on Chute Pond. We want to give a **big THANK YOU to Dan Guendert** for handling this job for us for many years! Dan is willing to help our new person with getting things organized.

We will have a sign up poster at the spring meeting for all of you who are willing to volunteer to be at one of the boat landings this summer. If every property owner would donate 2 hours during the summer, we would have an awesome number of hours to help us get Grants in the future.

LOOKING FOR...

AQUATIC PLANT

HARVESTER OPERATORS

to operate aquatic plant harvester on Chute Pond, load and transport weeds to designated drop off location. Some heavy lifting and other related duties required. Must have valid driver's license, be insurable, and be comfortable in and around water. Work hours as needed. Reply with qualifications to: dayton@chutepond.org
or Chute Lake P and R District #1
P O Box 184 Mountain, WI 54149

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Meeting...May 25...9am

Mountain Community Building

Annual Meeting...August 17...9am

Mountain Community Building

CHAIRPERSON NEWS

Chute Pond is coming back to life after our long winter with all the snow and slow ice melt. The high-water is starting to settle down and now hopefully the ground will be drying out so we can get on with our spring activities. This year we have received an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) grant to help with the treatment of the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Once the waters are warm enough the treatment will occur and all property owners in the area will have signs put up at their shoreline so they are aware that the treatment has happened. The application will be done by Clean Lakes Midwest. We are treating different areas which are Doze Bay, south of the two islands, and Bonita Bay out into the main body of the lake. This grant has a three-year term. Part of it is a volunteer labor of which is Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCL). We are looking for someone to take over for Dan Guendert. This person would help with training and putting the information onto the DNR website. Dan Guendert, after ten years of volunteering his services has decided it is time for someone else to take over. We thank Dan for all of the service he has done for the lake over the years. Taking care of the lake is the responsibility of all the people on and around Chute Pond.
Floyd Schmidt

LAKE MAINTENANCE

HELP—We need more Harvester Drivers and people to drive a tractor to move weeds.

THANK YOU—To our Team of Harvester Drivers coming back for another season and our Maintenance Team.

HELP—If you do not use your swim raft please consider not putting it in. Makes it easier for your Harvester Drivers.

THANK YOU—To all lake members that push weeds out from their docks when the Harvesters are by their shoreline.

HELP—Please check Chute Pond Website for Harvester Plan and Schedule for 2019.

THANK YOU—To the Wisniewski Family for taking our weeds.
Dayton Hougaard

***PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUT
THIS SUMMER TO KEEP CHUTE
POND THE PLACE WE ALL WANT
IT TO BE...***

***The time you donate could
mean less taxes plus A HEALTHIER
LAKE!!***

HEALTHY LAKES

Healthy Lake is a continuous process on Chute Pond. We have again received a grant to help more property owners put in some form of Healthy Lakes projects this year. They will cover native plantings, rain gardens, rock infiltrations, and for the first time fish sticks. The sole object is to keep our waters from running into the lake without being filtered first. This helps keep excessive nutrients out of the lake.

Floyd Schmidt

WISCONSIN LAKES CONVENTION

Capacity is one of the subjects discussed at the convention. The capacity in this sense was not the volume of the lake or how much a certain container will hold. The reference to capacity has to do with the whole community working together for the better of the lake. Besides just the people of the Lake District being responsible for taking care of the lake, the town and county would help out in any way they can. Even the businesses and groups like fishing clubs or hunting clubs would also be a part of the care of the lake. Capacity is to create awareness that everyone can work together for the better condition of the lake and in the end it is enrichment for the whole community.

Floyd Schmidt

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE
RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE AND
EVERYTHING ON AND AROUND
CHUTE POND.**

MOSQUITO CONTROL

At the Lake Convention this year we listened to an interesting presentation from Dr. Douglas Tallamy, a professor of entomology. He explained the importance of bugs to life as we know it, explaining that birds return to the north because of the feast of bugs that await them in the spring. While he enthusiastically expressed the importance of balance of all things in nature, he did say that there are ways to locally control everyone's least favorite bug, the mosquito. He mentioned what he called a "mosquito bucket bomb"! A quick google search and I found a "GAT mosquito trap" that claims while attracting mosquitos to lay their eggs in a bucket and then killing the larvae before they grow to the flying blood suckers we hate. If interested it's worth a quick internet search to try and control them without the use of chemicals and sprays!

Anthony Depies

***THANKS TO JAMISON ASHBY,
TONY DEPIES, and FLOYD
SCHMIDT FOR ATTENDING THE
WISCONSIN LAKES CONVENTION
THIS YEAR.***

SNOWBIRDS...please keep us updated with your addresses and the times you reside at each address so we can get your newsletter delivered in a timely manner.

***WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP OUR
WEBSITE UPDATED AS OFTEN AS
POSSIBLE...CHECK IT OUT!!***

