

NEWS FROM THE POND

Chute Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District #1 Spring 2021

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COMMISSIONER ELECTION

At our annual meeting on August 21st we will be electing two Commissioners for three year terms. Tony Depies' and Gail Golden's positions are both up for election. If you are interested in being on the ballot please contact Gail Golden by August 10th.

OCONTO COUNTY ASSISTANCE

A Big Thank You to the Oconto County Land Conservation County Cost Share for Shorelands for their monetary assistance to our land owners who have participated in the Healthy Lakes Program. And also to the Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Program for their monetary assistance for our Management Plan and AIS Program. We certainly appreciate all that you do for our district.

LIFE JACKET STATION

A "Kids Don't Float" life jacket station was installed at the Chute Pond Campground last summer by Riley Mooney, a Greenville Eagle Scout. This Kiosk provides several sizes of life jackets which anyone may borrow for free while they are on the lake. His goal is to reduce injury and death associated with the health and safety risks of swimming and boating, as well provide an opportunity for all boats to be properly equipped with personal flotation devices as required by law. Thank You Riley for your awesome project to help Chute Pond.

We would like to have an email list of landowners for the purpose of getting information out in a timely manner. If you would like to be included on this list, please sign-up on our website...www.chutepond.org

CLEAN BOAT CLEAN WATER

We continue to look for volunteers for our CBCW program. We will be starting boat inspections Memorial Weekend. We need 200 hours for us to apply for our grant from the DNR. We will be developing a calendar to ensure coverage for the summer. If we could get volunteers for each weekend we could easily complete these hours. Please contact **Jon Helmrath at 920 590 3208** to volunteer or with any questions.

LAKE MAINTENANCE

The older harvester is being refurbished for this coming season. We have acquired a new used truck and trailer for transporting the weeds. We will be putting a harvesting team together in May. If you are interested in running the harvester or running the tractor in the unloading area, please contact **Jon Helmrath at 920 590 3208**.

This year we will be cutting according to the Lake Management Plan submitted to the DNR which is navigational and predatory lanes. We have added GPS mapping to the harvesters for mapping purposes. This is new to the lake and is a work in progress.

HEALTHY LAKES

This year 6 land owners will be having 9 projects completed for the Healthy Lakes program. 4 are carryovers from last year and 5 are new projects. All are looking forward to a successful growing season. This program is very beneficial to the health of our lake. Please consider getting involved

in this program where the DNR Grant provides a 75% reimbursement up to \$1000 per project. Contact Floyd or Gail for more information.

LOON WATCH

There are 2 artificial nesting platforms in our lake. There are signs around each nest as well as all the boat landings. The Loon nesting period is from April 15th thru July 15th. There must be a 200 foot buffer around each nest as well as any Loon. Loons, eagles, and other birds of prey are killed annually by lead and fishing line entanglements. Please dispose of all fishing line and lead tackle appropriately. Many loons die from boat and jet ski strikes. Loon chicks cannot dive to safety so please be aware. A special thank you to John Athey for acquiring the wood, construction, and placement of the nests on our lake.

WE ARE WORKING ON A MAP INDICATING ALL THE AREAS ON CHUTE POND THAT ARE NO WAKE AND WE WILL BE PUTTING IT ON THE WEBSITE.

BUT ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT ALL OF CHUTE POND IS A NO WAKE LAKE FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:00 AM.

CHAIRPERSON NEWS

Winter was short and spring seems to be going on forever. All the birds are back along with the trees starting to bud out. This year we hope all will have a better and more enjoyable summer.

As far as the lake goes, there will only be one experimental chemical treatment this year. It is called a Limno Curtain Project. This is putting a poly barrier in part of Bonita Bay. The purpose is to contain the chemical for a longer period of time thus making it more effective. This did work in other lakes last year. We are looking forward to doing this on Chute Pond with the possibility of doing this in other areas of the lake. For more detailed information please go to our website.

This year our board has decided to set up a Lease Agreement with the Wisniewski Family. The reasoning behind this is to make it so we have a place to dispose of the cut Chute is really a great advantage to the district. This saves us from the need of more equipment and personnel.

This year the Chute Lake District received grants for refurbishment of the 1997 harvester and conveyer trailer. It will cover 35% of the cost to do this project. The Recreational Boating Facilities Waterways Commission would like to see the refurbishment last 10 years. The conveyer trailer with the harvester on it was put on a semi and when it arrived at Aquarius it was in very poor condition. An amendment was put in to the Waterways Commission for additional funds to purchase a new conveyer trailer that will work with our harvesters,

The Lake District was granted 35% on the additional fund request.

The GPS units were also funded 35% in another grant from the Recreational Boating Facilities Waterways Commission.

We are grateful for this funding to update our equipment. As of now, we should not need to borrow any funds.

Also the District updated the old trailer truck to a 2012 GMC Sierra 3500 truck to pull the trailer.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RESPECT
ONE ANOTHER ON THE POND...**

*realizing that we're all "Up
North" for a variety of reasons...
some like to enjoy the sounds of
nature, some of us like to fish, others
enjoy boating and jet skiing.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR OUR
ANNUAL MEETING ON
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21.**

**A great opportunity to meet other
Chute Pond residents, find out
what's happening, and share your
ideas.**

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