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Spring '13 Newsletter

END OF THE DOCK

Ken Klehr, President

It is great to see the word **SPRING** even if it is only happening in this newsletter heading. What happened to "global warming"? I will leave global warming for another time.

The most pressing item is to let you know our **Annual Meeting is on Saturday May 4th at the Dassel Rod & Gun Club**. Social Hour begins at 5PM. In addition we are fortunate in having Nick Brown, DNR Invasive Species Specialist, give a report on the whole lake vegetation assessment they conducted in May and again August of 2012 on Lake Washington. For more details see the Social Committee section of this newsletter. A special thanks to John Fink for doing such a great job organizing the pork chop dinner. Hope to see you there.

The Board members have been very active this last year. Here is a list of some of the major areas that board members were involved with:

- Water quality testing
- Updated membership email address
- Member of MCAL
- Membership Survey Committee
- Lake Washington on Facebook
- Reduced chemical treatment costs
- Membership get together Annual Meeting May and Pot Luck August
- Grant Dollars Received:
 - Meeker County Association of Lakes (MCAL) \$3500
 - State DNR \$10,500
- Developed monitoring and reporting system to determine effectiveness EWM treatments
- Grant partnership with Crow River Organization of Waters (CROW)
- Treated 70 acres for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) with 45 acres needing to be retreated in 2013
- Attended Aquatic Invasive Species Conferences
- Published 3 Newsletters
- Continue Cormorant effort DNR
- 2012 Membership @ 217
- Implementing a lake clean up day

Keep in mind that board members donate their time. So next time you see a board member take the opportunity to thank them for their efforts to preserve and protect this precious resource for our and future generations.

Tips for safe and enjoyable boating involves the way you handle your watercraft, the equipment you carry, the consideration you show for others, and most importantly, your attitude toward operating a boat. The following tips, although not all inclusive, are meant to provide you with information to make your boating experience in the area fun and without incident.

Your boat should be equipped with at least the minimum suggested safety devices, including the following:

- A fire-extinguisher in good working order.
- Lifejackets in serviceable condition and available to all on board. One type IV throw able, life saving device.
- Sound producing devices. Whether in the form of a whistle, horn or siren, the equipment should be capable of a 4 second sound blast audible for a half mile.
- Navigation lights.

Stay within the manufacturer's recommended passenger capacity. Don't overload. Be certain passengers know the location of safety equipment and how to use it. Adhere to the International Nautical "Rules of the Road". From "2013 Guide"

The Board would like to thank all members who support us with their generous donations. If not a member, please join.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

John Fink, Kim Winter

Annual meeting, Pork Chop Dinner --- Dassel Rod & Gun Club --- Saturday May 4th, 2013
Social Hour 5-6 pm, Dinner 6 pm, Program & Meat Raffle 6:30 pm

FREE Grilled Pork Chops, Beans & Hamburger Casserole, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Bread, Coffee, Kool Aid & Brownies.
Dassel Rod & Gun Club will be selling POP ONLY. If you want an alcoholic beverage, please bring your own.

This year B & B SPORTS & RV of Hutchinson on north Hwy 15 has volunteered to pay for the Pork Chops !!
Please THANK them, when you do business with them.

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, August 3rd, 2013, for the POT LUCK DINNER.

FINANCE / FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Lyle Walker

Financial activity has been minimal since the end of the season last fall. A few end of the season bills were paid in October and November and there are no unpaid bills on hand or outstanding at the end of March. We are tracking on budget as we approach the end of the April 30 fiscal year. Activity will pick up soon when the 2013-2014 membership renewals come in.

Total Association funds at March 31, 2013 are \$98,400.

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COOKBOOKS

Cathy Klehr, Sandy Wosmek

Lake Washington cookbooks are available for \$10.00. To purchase a cookbook call Cathy @ 320-626-2056, Sandy @ 320-275-4662 or go to info@lakewashingtonassn.com and we can get a copy to you.

SHORELINE CAPTAINS/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Cathy Klehr, Rick Johnson, Sandy Wosmek, Mike Wosmek

We are asking Shoreline Captains help in getting out a Property Owners Survey to those people in their area (see Communications Comm.) More details will be given at our May 18th captains meeting. Special Thanks to the Shoreline Captains for keeping our neighbors informed of important lake issues. For a complete listing of all Shoreline Captains and their area, visit us on our Web site. If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact any board member.

Your membership to Lake Washington Improvement Association is needed and appreciated to continually maintain the quality and beauty of our lake. It would be great if everyone helped by joining the Association. Please take time to fill out the enclosed Membership Registration Form and return in the envelope provided. Thank You for your support.

For changes of address, phone, e-mail or any other information we should be aware of, please contact us at info@lakewashingtonassn.com.



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INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Ron Bubany, Tom Hauer, Ken Klehr, Milt Lueneburg, Bill Ooley

The treatment strategy for this year is a total of 190.27 acres on Lake Washington will be treated to reduce Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in 2013 at a total cost of \$40,811.50. The Lake Washington Improvement Association (LWIA) will be using two companies to do the treatments — Professional Lake Management (PLM) and Lake Restoration.

PLM will retreat 45.35 acres at no charge and 69.07 acres at a cost of \$23,138.45 using the chemical DMA-4 liquid with an 80% guarantee.

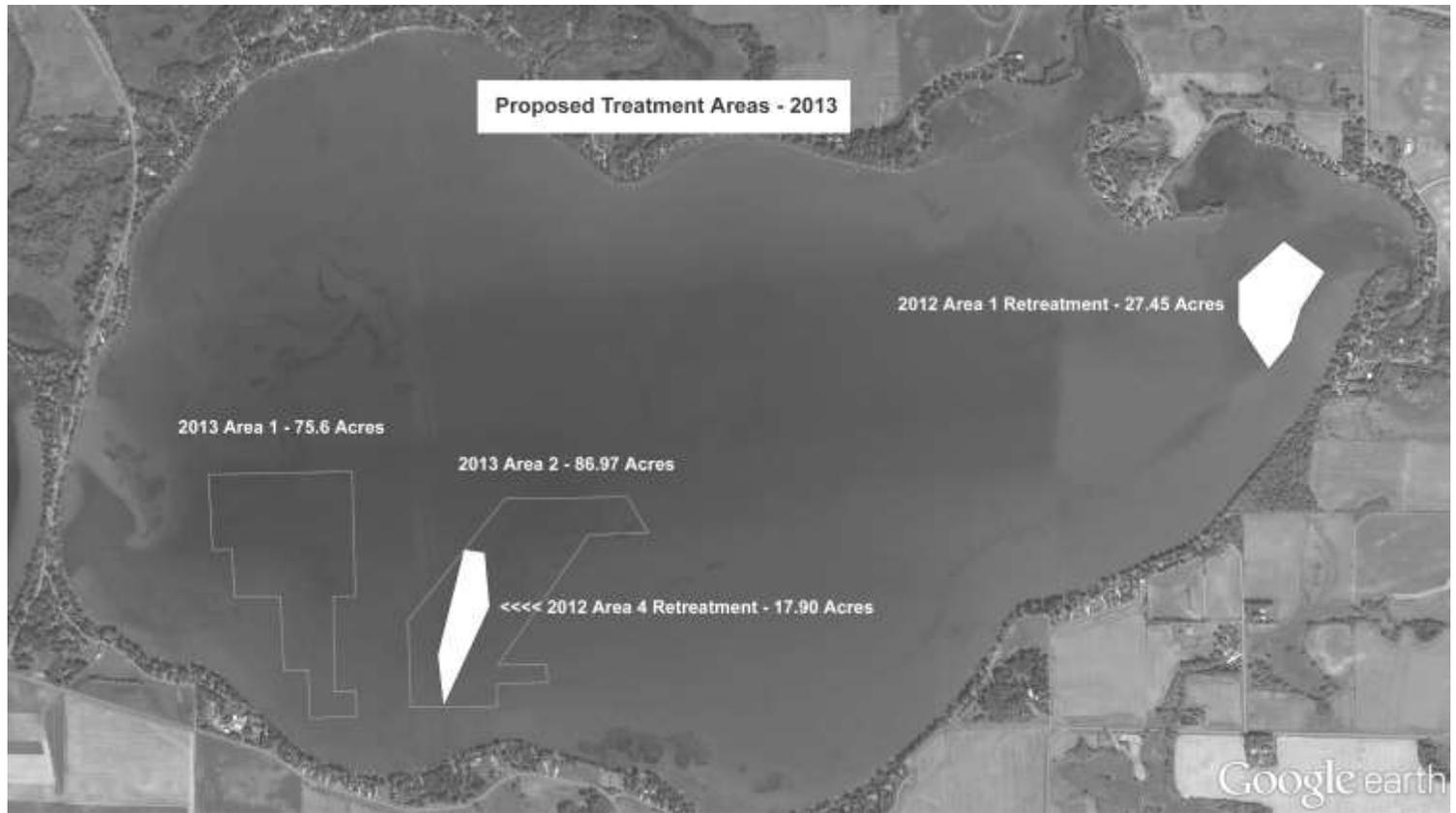
Lake Restoration will treat 75.85 acres at a cost of \$17,673.05 using the chemical 2-4-D liquid with a 90% guarantee.

LWIA has applied for needed permits and grants for the treatments in 2013.

Even though Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) continues to exist in Lake Washington and there is no history of eradicating or stopping the spread within a lake, the DNR vegetation assessment conducted in 2012 showed there was no increase in EWM. There are about 250 of Minnesota lakes that are infested with EWM.

Future plans are to treat 70 acres per year to control EWM and the DNR will conduct its next complete lake vegetation assessment in 2017. A map of Lake Washington with the DNR survey and proposed treatment areas are available on the LWIA website: www.lakewashingtonassn.com.

The Invasive Species Committee purchased computer software for \$399 to set up a map of Lake Washington to support tracking, monitoring, reporting and permitting EWM.



COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Ullom, Steve Grotbo, Rick Fernstrom

The LWIA Board has developed a Property Owners Survey that we will be asking each property to fill out and return to us. Shore Line Captains will be distributing the survey after May 18. We are asking property owners to complete one survey per property and return them to your Shore Line Captain. This information will help the Board better understand Lake Washington property owners concerns and needs. This information will only be used by the board to identify areas to improve our stewardship of Lake Washington. We are hoping to get all property owners to return a survey, of course it goes without saying the more surveys we get, the more reliable the information is. We will publish a review of this survey for all owners to see. Thank you in advance for filling out the survey and returning it to us.

CORMORANT/PELICAN IMPACT COMMITTEE

Rick Fernstrom, Ken Klehr, Dean Shaner, George Kraemer, Ray Haugland, Arlan Lovald, Milt Lueneburg, Ron Bubany

Following repeated communications to the DNR without a favorable response, this committee will start meeting in April to explore alternative approaches and different data strategies.

Cormorants and pelicans will normally begin nesting on Pigeon Lake in April and May. Even though Newcastle disease reduced the 2012 population on Pigeon Lake by ~800, these are migratory birds and the nesting population may not be impacted year to year.



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Dassel Rod & Gun Club Opener Breakfast

May 11th At Sportsman's Park on Lake Washington

Served from 6am – 11am

All you can eat french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage
Coffee, milk, and orange juice

Adults - \$7.00

Children under 12 - \$4.00

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Evangelical Covenant Church

301 Lake St. Dassel MN

(From Hwy 12 Turn at Mushroom Bldg & Go North on Hwy 4)

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Biblical Teaching

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Youth Group, Awana

In response to the call of God and in unity with the whole Church, the purpose of the Evangelical Covenant Church is to make known the good news of saving faith in Jesus Christ, to encourage a Christ like life among its congregations and their members, and to carry out Christ's redeeming work of love, mercy, and justice in the world.



9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship
after Memorial Day Summer Service 10 am