



EAU CLAIRE LAKES AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

"Our purpose is to protect, preserve and improve the environmental and aesthetic qualities of the Eau Claire Lakes Area Watershed including the lakes, rivers, shorelands, wetlands, forests and attendant wildlife resources."

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POA Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Barnes Town Hall
8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast
Exhibitors and
Conversation
9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting
10:15 a.m.

Loon Watch

Saturday, August 25,
2012 Information and
Learning Session
Barnes Town Hall
8:30 a.m.

What's Your Lake Story?

We all have them. Catching your first fish with your dad or granddad, tipping over in your canoe, spending an early morning monitoring a boat landing...Share your stories, poetry and photos in the fall edition of our newsletter.

Share your love of the lakes and support our lake community. Send your contribution to carolerusch5@gmail.com or Carole Rusch, 14088 Sunny Shores Dr., Gordon, WI 54838.



Students collected and classified aquatic plants and macro-invertebrates.



Yes, you can estimate the height of a tree using a clinometer.

~ No Child Left On Shore ~

When the yellow school bus rolled to a stop, Drummond science teacher Andy Arthur, his three student assistants Ben Best, Jack Ludzack, Ryan Schick, and 30 seventh graders spilled out, ready to begin their Spring Eco Education Lab. They had arrived at the home of Quentin and Helen Ruprecht on Middle Eau Claire Lake on a sunny 61° May 14 for the "hands on" experiential activities that were the culmination of four classroom sessions. Jerry Kaiser and Cris Neff greeted them and explained the schedule and how the day would utilize what they had learned in their science classes.

The seventh graders had already used computers and the DNR site to check the "critical" areas of Middle Eau Claire, learned how to sample and test the physical and chemical properties of lake water samples, how to identify and differentiate between native plants, macro-invertebrates and invasive species, how living and non living things are connected in a healthy terrestrial and aquatic environment, and the basics of shoreline restoration.

They were ready!

Each student received a Eco Education Spring Lab Manual, a camera, pencil and clipboard, was assigned a group number and began the 45 minute rotations with instructions to "photograph and document" what they saw and learned.

ROTATIONS:

1. Macro Invertebrates led by John Kudlas, assisted by Stephen Neff and Sally Pease. Insects, minnows, bugs on bear skat...
2. Shoreline Restoration and Reforestation led by Travis Tulowitzky, Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation, assisted by Jack Gribble and Sue Jansen. Grasses, soil types, slope... Native plants and trees provided by M&M Greenhouse, were planted on the Ruprecht shoreline. "We'll see how they grew next year."
3. Food Chain/Cycle/Web led by Cris Neff and assisted by Carrie Sanda, Douglas County AIS Coordinator, Fred Haueter, Stephen Neff and Ingmar Ekstrom. The big question... "Shall we do a chain, web or pyramid?"

Then, back in the bus and over to Middle Eau Claire Lake Boat Landing for lunch, water quality testing using canoes, a clinometer lab, an aquatic/shoreline scavenger hunt requiring them to use all their newly acquired skills. During the scavenger hunt, John Kudlas found curly pondleaf along the shoreline.

Then it was time for CANOE RACES. They had received instructions in canoeing thanks to Scott Peterson and Canoes on Wheels, a Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters (FOTSCH) and Solon Springs community project.

The water safety patrol, Tom Boman and Sally Pease in kayaks and Bob Hershey in his boat, did not have to make any rescues. Then back on the bus to return to school and end the day.

"Overall, the seventh graders had a great educational experience and became better lake stewards. One student even found a species of plant not known to exist in that lake." Andy Arthur.

The program is an on-going project of the Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owners Association (ECLAPOA) in cooperation with the Drummond Area School District (DASD).

The curriculum has been developed over four years by John Kudlas, Jerry Kaiser, Cris Neff, Bob Hershey, and Fred Haueter. It meets state science standards and is available to non-profit organizations and other schools. It will be presented at the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Spooner this June.

Carole Rusch ECLAPOA
Andy Arthur DASD



Students in the shoreline restoration rotation classified soils and plants in front of the Ruprecht's home.



Quentin Ruprecht explains how to tell the age of the old pine that once stood in front of his home on Middle Eau Claire Lake. As a boy he planted many of the trees on his family's property.

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

By Lee Wiesner, AIS Rapid Response Coordinator

Tomahawk Lake – Eurasian Watermilfoil was found on Tomahawk Lake in the fall of 2004 and shortly thereafter on Sandbar Lake. Shortly after the discovery of the Eurasian Watermilfoil, the Barnes Town Board appointed a group of citizens to serve on the Eurasian Watermilfoil Committee, later named the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. The committee met with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Wisconsin DNR and property owners on the two lakes to come up with an action plan. A point intercept survey of the lake was done to determine the extent of the outbreak. It was agreed by the majority of property owners that Tomahawk Lake would receive a whole lake treatment of chemical and Sandbar Lake would be treated 3 years later after the results of the treatment on Tomahawk Lake were analyzed. Thus the experiment was started with one treated lake and one control lake. The Army Corps of Engineers headed up the treatment and received support from WIDNR and property owners on follow up plant surveys and water chemistry data collection. The initial results of the treatment were better than most expected, with no EWM found for two years in the lake. The down side was that some of the native aquatic plants were impacted more than anticipated. In the summer of 2011 a large dense colony of EWM was found near the beach area. It was decided to treat this colony with a quick acting, non persistent chemical called diquat. The diquat was applied in October with good results. Monitoring of the lake continues by the Army Corps of Engineers, the WIDNR and volunteers.

Sandbar Lake - Last spring Sandbar Lake received a whole lake treatment of chemical. It was decided to use less chemical on Sandbar than was used on Tomahawk to reduce the negative impact on the native

aquatic plants. WIDNR is continuing to assess the effectiveness of the treatment and will decide what further action should be taken to control the EWM on Sandbar. Volunteers continue to monitor water chemistry.

George Lake – Eurasian Watermilfoil was discovered on George Lake last July. Volunteers pulled what plants they could under the direction of the WIDNR. A point intercept survey and a scuba diving survey of the plant life on the lake was conducted to determine the extent of the outbreak. The north bay had the most plants randomly scattered, and a few colonies of plants were found in the southern basin. Several meetings, including on site inspections were held with the Army Corps of Engineers, WIDNR, Bayfield County AIS Coordinator and citizen volunteers. It was determined that the best course of action would be a whole lake treatment of the north bay and spot treatment of the colonies in the larger south basin. An applicator was hired and chemical treatment is scheduled for the first week of June. After the chemical treatment, the lake will be monitored for plant life and water chemistry.

Lower Eau Claire and Cranberry Lakes - A few years back Purple Loosestrife was discovered in the channel between Cranberry and Lower Eau Claire Lake. The plants were dug out for two years with some success. Last summer more purple loosestrife plants were discovered on the west end of Lower Eau Claire Lake. The purple loosestrife plants were sprayed with a herbicide. A visual assessment of the plants will be conducted this summer and an action plan will be implemented. If the size of the plant colonies has increased, beetles may be used to help control further spread of the plants. The efforts to control this AIS has been a joint effort by the WIDNR, Bayfield County

AIS coordinator and citizen volunteers.

Middle Eau Claire Lake – In May of this year curly leaf pondweed was discovered near the boat landing on Middle Eau Claire Lake. The largest colony, about the size of two cars, is located about 20 yards to the north of the ramp in water about 18 inches deep. The other two very small colonies are about 25 yards to the south of the dock, again in about 18 inches of water near shore. The AIS Committee met a week after the plants were found and discussed an action plan with WIDNR and the Bayfield County AIS Coordinator. The plants that were found will be pulled. A early detection/rapid response grant application will be completed to pay for a point intercept and possibly scuba diving survey of the lake to determine if or where there may be more AIS in the lake. The possibility of surveying the entire chain will be looked into if more AIS are found in Middle. After the survey is completed the proper course of action will be discussed and possibly implemented. Chemicals can not be applied until a survey of the lake is completed. After the discovery of the curly leaf pondweed on Middle Eau Claire, the Douglas County AIS Coordinator conducted a shoreline inspection of Lower Eau Claire Lake by kayak and reported finding no curly leaf pondweed in Lower Eau Claire.

Upper Eau Claire Lake – Last year two curly leaf pondweed plants were found on Upper Eau Claire Lake near the island and were pulled. The site will be inspected again this summer.

We are very fortunate to date that the property owners on these lakes have not been asked to pay for surveys and treatments on these lakes. Expenses have been funded by grants and volunteer work in kind. The Town of Barnes has been the sponsor of the WIDNR grants and so far we have had enough citizen volunteer work in kind to offset the grant matches. If the grant money dries up, property owners will have to make a decision if they wish to pay for treatment to control the AIS in their lake. This is already the case on many lakes where property owners pay for treatment of over abundant native plants or invasive plants.

Here are some of the things you can do to fight the spread of AIS. Inspect boat, motor and trailer for plants, drain all water from live wells and bilges, wash the boat down if you are coming from infested waters, especially if the waters are infested with zebra mussels or spiny water flea. Dispose of minnows properly. Do not drive your motor boat in shallow water stirring up the bottom and cutting off plants to spread around the lake. Volunteer to be a Clean Boat Clean Water boating landing inspector or a shoreline monitor.

There will be a shoreline monitor training session at the Barnes Town Hall on June 23rd at 9AM. There will be inside training as well as training out on Middle Eau Claire Lake, weather permitting. Any one interested in becoming a watch dog (shoreline monitor) for AIS plants is encouraged to attend.

Fishing Facts And Tips

On August 25 at the Barnes Town Hall a program on fishing strategy and fish populations will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This innovative educational effort by the POA will focus on tips and information targeting the Eau Claire Area Chain of Lakes. Speakers will include:

Walleye Wisdom. Lee Wiesner will talk walleye strategy, including advice for approaching these fish during warm water periods. Lee will also touch on water quality and oxygen levels needed for good walleye habitat. Lee lives on Middle Eau Claire Lake. He guides for walleyes, was formerly Wisconsin DNR, and is active in a number of community organizations, including his service as former POA President.

Musky Methods. Musky lure designer Fred Hennessy will discuss lures and strategies which attract these big fish. Fred is an educator and Gordon area resident. He is a veteran Musky angler who has fished virtually

every Musky lake in Northwest Wisconsin.

Fish for the Future. What are the population trends for game fish like bass, muskies, northerns and other species in the Eau Claire Lakes? Veteran DNR fisheries manager Scott Toshner is based in Brule, and he will describe the nature and future outlook for the Eau Claire Lakes fishery. Scott is a resident of the Eau Claire Lakes area where he lives with his wife Pam.

Doors open at 9 a.m. on August 25, with the program commencing at 9:30. Before the program coffee and pastries will be available and attendees can visit our exhibitors. The public is welcome and the Conservation Club has been invited to attend.

POA members Fred Haueter, Carol Person, Carole Rusch, and Cris Neff are coordinating exhibitors and physical arrangements for the meeting. Ron Carlson is leading the program segment.

Don't Let Aquatic Invasive Species Take Over Your Lake

Last summer, Eurasian Water-Milfoil was found in George Lake. Local 7th grader Maddie Krivinchuk, discovered this pioneer population and control efforts were able to start early before it became a problem. Also, just this spring, a new discovery of Curly Leaf Pondweed was found on Middle Eau Claire Lake. This was found by John Kudlas during a Drummond School 7th grade scientific field trip sponsored by the Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owners Assn. only a few weeks ago. These plants were not discovered by mistake, but rather educated young citizens were out looking for them and knew what to look for. Aquatic invasive species (AIS), like Eurasian Water-Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed, can hide silently under the water's surface and not be detected until they are already a large problem and taking over a lake.

The key to controlling them is to discover them early like these kids did. On June 23rd there will be a FREE educational workshop on how to identify AIS and what you can do to find them. Take the opportunity to learn about the consequences that AIS have in lakes and other waterways and how you can help prevent them from taking over.

Besides cleaning our boats, there are many things we can do to fight the invasions of our favorite lakes. You can make a difference by simply casually monitoring your shoreline or actively going on a seek and destroy weed pulling mission.

Professionals and volunteers from Douglas and Bayfield County will be on hand to teach techniques and answer your questions. There will also be limited FREE

books and tools for you to use in your efforts to protect our water ecosystems. So RSVP early to secure your tools.

What: Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network AIS Workshop
When: Saturday, June 23rd
Where: Barnes Town Hall
Time: 9am-noon

Join us for a fun filled day on the water learning about aquatic invasive species and how to check if they are intruding in your favorite lake.

Make sure to wear outdoor gear as we will be spending time on Middle Eau Claire Lake practicing monitoring techniques!

Please RSVP to Carrie Sanda at: (715) 394-8525 or csanda@uwsuper.edu

All are welcome even without prior arrangement, but RSVP is necessary to secure your own materials.

Sponsored by the Bayfield & Douglas County AIS Program and the Barnes AIS Committee.



Local Barnes residents Lee Wiesner, Maddie Krivinchuk, and John Kudlas go on an AIS seek and destroy mission on George Lake.

Editors Note

Our POA executive board has been having an e-mail discussion of Act 170, passed by the WI state legislature and signed by Governor Walker on April 17, 2012. It replaces NR 115. It is of concern to many lakeshore property owners in WI as it trumps local and county shoreline zoning regulations pertaining to nonconforming structures. That is, it would overrule Bayfield and Douglas County zoning regulations as well as the Barnes Overlay.

Some environmental organizations in

counties are hiring legal counsel and are working with their county zoning administrators in order to be prepared for applications for property improvement taking advantage of these minimal standards. Because this is an environmental concern, and our organization's mission is to be good stewards of our environment, I am including a summary of Act 170 for you to read and research.

Carole Rusch
Editor

Summary Of Act 170 And Suggestions For Implementation

Act 170 provides that ordinances enacted by a county, city, village or town, under its general planning or zoning authority, may not prohibit or limit, based on cost, the repair, maintenance, renovation or remodeling of a nonconforming structure in existence on the effective date of an ordinance. These provisions apply to not only structures that do not conform to the standards in a shoreland zoning ordinance, but any nonconforming structure in the community. Further, Act 170 prohibits counties, cities and villages from enacting or enforcing provisions, within its shoreland zoning ordinance, regulating nonconforming structures or substandard lots in a more restrictive manner than the state shoreland zoning standards set by the department under Ch. NR 115, Wis Adm. Code (NR115). To review the specific language in Wisconsin Act 170 please see <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/acts/170.pdf>

It is important to note that Act 170 does not contain a delayed effective date. Therefore, the provisions in Act 170 went into effect on April 17, 2012, the day after it was published. The lack of a delayed effective date raises particular concerns as we enter construction season and the busy season for zoning departments. Consequently, it is the department's recommendation that each county, city and village review the nonconforming structure provisions in its general ordinance and shoreland ordinance rela-

tively soon and determine how to implement Act 170 in the near term, in other words before an ordinance is amended or revoked, and in the future.

While counties, cities and villages could no longer limit based upon cost or prohibit the maintenance, repair, renovation or remodeling of a nonconforming structure under its general planning zoning authority, it appears that communities may still limit or prohibit these activities based upon some other criteria. For those counties, cities and villages whose ordinances currently prohibit or limit the alteration of a nonconforming structure based upon cost or the assess value of the structure, municipalities may wish to consider other approaches to regulating nonconforming structures, which have been adopted by other communities, and reviewing Zoning Nonconformities, published by the Center for Land Use Education which may be found at <http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/Publications/NonconformitiesHandbook.pdf>. For guidance on which communities may have developed an approach, based on something other than cost, for regulating nonconforming structures, see Chapter 6 and 11 or "Creating an Effective Shoreland Zoning Ordinance", which provides a summary of each county's standards for nonconforming structures and accessory structures. To access this publication please see <http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/shoreland/creating.htm>

POA Annual Meeting-July 16, 2011

President Jon Harkness called the meeting to order in Barnes Town Hall at 9 a.m. The Treasurer reported that our membership now numbers approximately 225, individuals and family. The Association is in solid financial condition, and the Treasurer's report shows a total cash balance of \$28,643.81. The President's report focused upon eradication of invasive species, and the efforts by the Association to address both land and water varieties of these unwanted visitors.

Education Committee

Jerry Kaiser reported on the educational outreach of the organization. The education process included field trips for students from Drummond schools. Plant and insect life were among the objects of study, and the students also got a canoe paddling experience. Curriculums were developed for instruction in managing lakes and surrounding lands to maximize water quality and to preserve the environment. In September a field trip on Middle Lake is planned. An adult education program will be presented in August which will cover shoreline monitoring and the Clean Boats/Clean Waters programs, among other topics. Specialists in a number of fields will be present to address various areas of homeowner environmental concerns.

Bylaw Revision

Three propositions were advanced. These included the deletion of the reference to Barnes in the title of the Association, to be known hereafter as Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owners Association, Inc; updating the historical references in Article I tracing the names of the Association through the years, as well as marking the time when there was official designation of the Association as a 501(c)(3) organization; and shortening the time for sending out notice of the annual meeting from 30 to 15 days. All of the proposals were unanimously approved. Along the way to passing the proposals, Lee Wiesner explained the boundaries of "Eau Claire Lakes Area." His description appears as an Appendix to these minutes.

Election of Board Members

Jon Harkness, Bob Hershey, Carole Rusch, and Chuck Ledin were elected to three-year terms. Fred Haueter was elected to a 2-year term, the unexpired term of Paul LaLiberte. There remains two vacancies on the board, to be filled by executive action of the board (unexpired terms of Jerry Kaiser and Lee Wiesner).

Other Business

The work of Jon Harkness, who is stepping down as president of POA, and the POA

service of Paul LaLiberte, Lee Wiesner, Ingemar Ekstrom, and Jerry Kaiser was recognized. Lee, Ingemar, and Jerry are retiring from executive board positions.

Guest Speaker

John Solofra of Bergeman Plumbing in Gordon addressed issues which cause problems in septic systems. He talked about the frequency of pumping of tanks and advised that Spring is the optimum time for pumping. Whether the use of bleach or driving over septic tanks will damage the system were topics he covered, along with related subjects.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Board Business

Tom Boman was nominated and approved to serve as president, and Ron Carlson will continue as secretary. July 25 will be the next board meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Maki's restaurant. Committee assignments and structure will be reviewed, and the strategic plan will also be reviewed.

Appendix

The following are the boundaries of "Eau Claire Lakes Area," as explained by Lee Wiesner at the Annual Meeting.

The geographic boundaries of the Property Owners Association, Inc. Eau

Claire Lakes Area encompasses the following land area, the entire Town of Barnes in Bayfield County Wisconsin which includes all 36 sections in T45N R9W, all 36 sections in T44N R9W and all 36 sections in T43N R9W ; the 36 sections in the Town of Gordon in Douglas County Wisconsin in T44N R10W and the 36 sections in the Town of Highland in T45N R10W.

The north boundary shall be described as the line between the Town of Barnes and the Town of Hughes in Bayfield County and CTH S in Douglas County. The West boundary in the Town of Hughes shall be described as Sandman Road, the west boundary in the Town of Gordon shall be described as Simms Lake Road and the west boundary in the Town of Barnes T43N shall be described as the Douglas County Line. The south boundary in Bayfield County shall be described as the Sawyer County Line and the south boundary in Douglas County shall be described as the line between the Town of Gordon and the Town of Wascott. The east boundary shall be described as the line between the Town of Barnes and the Town of Drummond in T45N and T44N and the line between the Town of Barnes and the Town of Cable in T43N.

Ron Carlson, POA Secretary

Membership Committee Report 2012

	2009 \$	2009 #	2010 \$	2010 #	2011 \$	2011 #	2012 \$	2012 #
Memberships								
Basic \$20	\$ 2,685.00	134	\$ 2,860.00	143	\$ 2,840.00	142	\$ 220.00	11
Sustaining \$50	\$ 2,220.00	44	\$ 2,100.00	42	\$ 3,150.00	63	\$ 50.00	1
Contributing \$100	\$ 1,800.00	18	\$ 1,700.00	17	\$ 2,500.00	25	\$ 300.00	3
Patron \$200	\$ 1,200.00	6	\$ 1,200.00	6	\$ 2,400.00	12	\$ 400.00	2
Membership \$ Totals	\$ 7,905.00		\$ 7,860.00		\$ 10,890.00		\$ 970.00	
Fund Donations								
Clean Waters/Clean Boats	\$ 2,265.00		\$ 1,820.00		\$ 3,300.00		\$ 170.00	
Environment	\$ 460.00		\$ 585.00		\$ 420.00		\$ -	
Education			\$ 300.00		\$ 360.00		\$ 15.00	
Fish Sticks	\$ 290.00		\$ 60.00					
Misc Donation (Hudler)	\$ 765.00		\$ 660.00		\$ 180.00			
Fund Donation \$ Totals	\$ 3,780.00		\$ 3,425.00		\$ 4,260.00		\$ 185.00	
Total Income	\$ 11,685.00		\$ 11,285.00		\$ 15,150.00		\$ 1,155.00	
Total Number of POA Members		203		208		242		17

2011 Boating Season Checks 3,658 Boats

In 2011 the Clean Boats Clean Waters program checked a total of 3,658 boats. We talked to 8,518 people. We had 346.6 volunteer hours at the landings.



Treasurer's Report

Property Owners Association, Inc., Eau Claire Lakes Area
Treasurer's Report, 4/30/2012

	2010	2011	2012
Income			
Memberships			
Basic \$20	2,860.00	2,840.00	220.00
Sustaining \$50	2,100.00	3,150.00	50.00
Contributing \$100	1,700.00	2,500.00	300.00
Patron \$200	1,200.00	2,400.00	400.00
Fund Donations			
Clean Waters/Clean Boats	1,820.00	3,300.00	170.00
Education	300.00	360.00	15.00
Environment	585.00	420.00	
Fish Sticks	60.00		
Phyllis Hudler Conservation Fund			
Misc Donation	660.00	180.00	175.00
Grants			
Douglas County Land & Water Cons	1,000.00		
DNR Education Grant	2,250.00		
CD Interest	256.83	40.61	
Total Income	14,791.83	15,190.61	1,330.00
Expense			
Fund Expenses			
Clean Waters/Clean Boats	(2,750.00)	(1,800.00)	0.00
Critical Habitat	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education	(219.35)	(2,708.55)	(318.96)
Fish Sticks	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phyllis Hudler Conservation Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	(409.68)	(358.73)	0.00
Advertising	(1,059.68)	(289.18)	0.00
Newsletter	(3,090.44)	(3,703.64)	0.00
Administrative Expense	(2,193.30)	(2,675.97)	(400.00)
Donations and Memberships	(900.00)	(875.00)	0.00
Conservation	(110.00)	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	(10,732.45)	(12,411.07)	(718.96)
Yearly Net Income	4,059.38	2,779.54	611.04

Income carryover from previous years: 16,974.60

Cash balances:

Drummond St Bank Acct Apr 30 bank balance	20,477.05
Drummond CD 21682 (Matures 11/2/2012)	2,476.73
Drummond CD 23126 (Matures 4/23/2012)	1,235.78
Outstanding checks	100.00
Total Cash Balance	24,289.56

2012 POA Membership Form

Please send to:
Property Owners Association Inc. Eau Claire Lakes Area
50490 Wisconsin Hwy 27
Solon Springs, WI 54873-4402

Name(s)		
Home Residence		
Street		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number	Email	
Lake Area Residence		
Nearest Lake		
Address	Zip	
Home Phone Number	Email	
Cell Phone Number		

Membership Level - Check One

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Membership - \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Membership- \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership - \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership - \$200

CBCW Sponsor Contribution

<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Sponsor - \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Half Day Sponsor - \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Sponsor - \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Amount- \$ _____

Education Fund - \$ _____

We are willing to help with these environmental protection projects:

Comments:

New Board Member- Chuck Ledin

Chuck Ledin and his wife Dolly have been property owners on Lower Eau Claire Lake since 1987. Chuck is a lifetime Wisconsin resident and has been hunting and fishing in Wisconsin since boyhood. Because of his interests, Chuck attended the UW and majored in Wildlife Ecology. He worked for DNR for 35 years and is now retired. "When I started looking for lake property, I was originally attracted to the area by the stories of Gordon MacQuarrie, the great fishing and the excellent water quality. This area was a tremendous opportunity for my two daughters to learn about nature and enjoy the out-

doors as they grew. We also enjoy being so close to the greatest lake in the world: Lake Superior. "My family enjoys boating, canoeing or kayaking, swimming and in winter, cross country skiing. I also really enjoy walking through the October woods with our weimariners in search of grouse and woodcock. We have also been pleased and thankful for the new friendships that we have made with other Eau Claire Lakes residents.

I look forward to a role on the POA to help be an advocate for this beautiful area of Wisconsin.

The Treasure Of Namakagon

By James A. Brakken

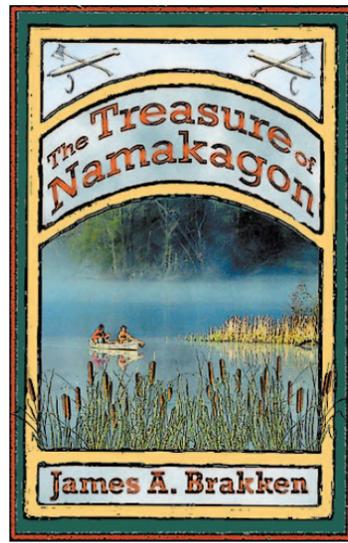
It's Here!

THE TREASURE OF NAMAKAGON
Print edition.

James A. Brakken's 1883 northwoods adventure novel inspired by true Wisconsin events, including treasure!

Recommended by Michael Perry.

For sneak peeks, maps, illustrations and information, go to TheTreasureofNamakagon.com

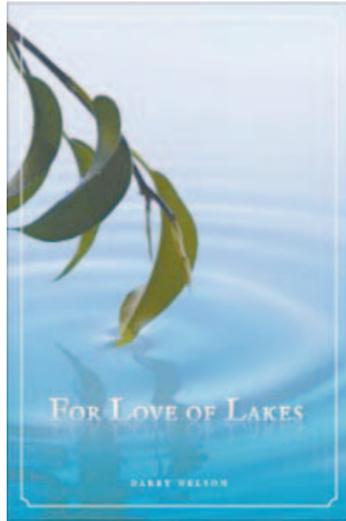


For Love Of Lakes

By Darby Nelson

FOR LOVE OF LAKES weaves a delightful tapestry of history, science, emotion and poetry for all who love lakes and enjoy nature writing.

FOR LOVE OF LAKES is an affectionate account documenting our species relationship with lakes, their glacial origins, Thoreau and his environmental message, and the major perceptual shifts and advances in our understanding of lake ecology. This is a necessary and thoughtful book that discusses the stewardship void while providing improved understanding of our most treasured feature. It is available in book stores and online.



IN MEMORY OF JOANN HERSHEY

who died this past year. Joann was the wife of Bob Hershey, a POA executive board member. She was a strong steward of the environment, first on their tree farm and then on the Eau Claire Lakes.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir or Madam:

I read with great interest President Tom Boman's letter in the November 2011 POA issue. Our families, too, are summer residents on Middle Eau Claire and enjoy both the silent and motor water sports. We, too, have been disappointed on several occasions with the five p.m. cut off but also strongly support its purpose. However, I do not believe the rules go far enough. Not only should skiing, etc. be banned before and after those hours but also motoring at excessive speeds. Unreasonable speeds are dangerous as well as disruptive to non-powered craft. Many times I have observed boats towing no one while traveling at high speeds across the lake and within a moment of coming back the other way with no purpose but to create high wakes and a lot of noise. The lakes are not that large to cause anyone fishing or otherwise to travel at excessive speeds to get anywhere on the lakes that quickly. Rules should be enacted to prohibit high speeds before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. for the safety and pleasure of fishermen and non-powered craft users.

Very truly yours,

DONALD L. SHRIVER

Save These Dates

Saturday, July 21, 2012 POA Annual Meeting
Barnes Town Hall 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 25, 2012 Information and Learning
Session • Barnes Town Hall
8:30 a.m.

IN MEMORY OF KEITH BEAVER

A long time resident of Upper Eau Claire Lake and active member of Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes and then the Eau Claire Lakes Area Property Owners Association (ECLAPOA), and the Conservation Club died in Nov., 2011.

Keith, a retired Lutheran pastor, his wife Mary and three children Keith, Kurt and Cris, loved the lakes. Keith and Mary were strong advocates of natural shorelines. Cris continues the family tradition of service on the ECLAPOA board and the education committee. She was instrumental in developing the Drummond School Eco Education Project.



Water Clarity Improves

There is good news about water clarity on the Eau Claire Lake Chain. In 2007 we saw a disturbing trend where the water clarity got progressively worse as the water flowed from the Upper Lake to the Middle Lake to the Lower Lake. The secchi disc readings were 17.5, 11.9 and 8.1 respectively. As you perhaps know, the smaller the number the less clear is the water.

Then things started to improve for all the lakes but especially for the Lower Eau Claire Lake. In 2011 the secchi disc readings were 19.0, 21.5, and 17.6 respectively. That's a modest improvement for the Upper Lake, a very good improvement for the Middle Lake and a significant improvement for the Lower Lake. An explanation might be that Bayfield and Douglas Counties have both improved their septic tank

inspections so there is less untreated waste water going in to the lakes and so there is less algae growth and thus the water is clearer. Whatever the explanation, the trend is good news.

Tom Boman

HELP KEEP OUR LAKES FREE OF INVASIVE SPECIES AND YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED IN THE CBCW DRAWING
YOU COULD WIN ONE OF THREE \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO AN AREA RESTAURANT!
DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2012.

1. Enter the hours you spent each month monitoring your shoreline for invasive species and general vegetation.
2. Mail this form to the EWM committee by September 14th to have your name entered in the drawing.

_____	May 2012
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_____	Sept. 2012
_____	TOTAL

Name _____

Lake Monitored _____

Phone Number (after Sept. 19) _____

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