

Upper Turtle Lake District

August 2022 Newsletter

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Independence Day Celebration Recap



Congratulations to the Studnickas (Again!) on taking home the "Most Creative" Trophy in the **Annual July 4th Boat Parade**. And Congratulations to First Time winners, the McDonalds, for taking home the "Most Patriotic" Trophy! The morning of the 4th held rain showers, but the weather cleared up in time for the parade. There were many boats in the parade, and fun was had by all!



2022 Events:

Fifth Annual Lake District Annual Meeting:
Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m., Ritsche Pavilion, Turtle Lake.

Meet Your Lake Neighbors!



Meet Jim and Julie Hermes from Rochester, MN. The Hermes' purchased their lake lot in 2006, and built their lake home in 2018. Jim and Julie love many things about the lake, including the peace and quiet, the lake size, the wildlife, and the lack of traffic getting to the lake! They attended their first Social this year, and loved meeting all their lake neighbors!



The Third annual **Poker Run** was another success! It is amazing to see how the event keeps growing. Everyone is so appreciative for the generous and creative dock hosts: Searles – Pirates, Deisz/Hakamaki – Pirates, Gerbers - Gilligan's Island, Bryants - Christmas in July, Petersons/Howlett – Oktoberfest, Warricks/Brinkley - Drink Wisconsibly, and Kohnens – The Card dealing dock.

Also a huge thank you to Kohnens, Krugers & Wohlers for providing the space and accommodations for the band! The band was a wonderful addition to the event and something we hope to do again next year. Thanks to Greg Wohlers for getting the "Smokin' Loons" for entertainment! If anyone has band connections or recommendations, please let Lisa Nelson know.

This year's Poker winners were Kelly Catrell, Kate Austin, and Tanya Rauschenberg. Thanks again to everyone who made the event a huge success! Lisa Nelson 651-245-5607

CBCW Update:

As of the end of July, 170 of the required 200 hours have been completed for the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant. This includes the combined volunteer and paid hours. If you have any free time to donate, please contact Kim Swenson (kim.swenson2015@gmail.com) or text to 715-308-9819.

Thanks to Sharon Dunemann for her numerous volunteer hours at the landing and for recruiting neighbors and friends to help. Also, thanks to Debi Howlett, Brett Boelter, Mike McCauley, Michelle Stoffel, Lisa Nelson, Sherry Warrick, Kathy Preusse and Judy Schuch for the hours you've provided as well! Many of you met Kolton Bader at the landing this year. He is the young man hired to complete the paid hours for our grant. He has done an outstanding job!

Notice of Annual Meeting:

The Upper Turtle Lake District Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m. at the Ritsche Pavilion in Turtle Lake. The proposed budget and meeting agenda is below. Voting will take place on the three listed items: Lake District Commissioner office, the 2023 budget, and Lake District borrowing authority. If you have an interest in running for the Lake District open position, please contact any of the Commissioners for additional information. Wisconsin law states that you must be present to vote.

2023 Proposed Budget

Income:

Tax Revenues	21,900	
2022 District Checking Account Surplus	0	
*2022 Poker Run Net Proceeds	1,356	
CBCW Grant Income	2,450	
Total Income		\$25,705

Expense:

Operating Expenses	3,000	
Advertising, Printing, Postage	1,600	
*Social Community Fund	1,356	
LEAPs Consulting and Support	2,000	
DNR Permit Application	1,400	
CLP Treatment for 10.5 Acres	8,500	
Aquatic Plant Mapping: Pre/Post Treatment	5,000	
Water Quality Testing	400	
CBCW Expense	2,450	
Total Expenses		\$25,705

Note: A Savings Account in the amount of \$10,040.00 is set aside for rapid response implementation to new Aquatic Invasive Species.

Happy Summer 2022 Everyone!

Part of your Lake District Board's duties is to become educated on best practices for healthy lakes and to pass these best practices on to you. Here are a few of those best practices:

-You might be seeing filamentous algae on the surface by your shoreline Not to be confused with curly leaf pondweed. The best practice is to rake it out. The WDNR does not want it to be chemically treated.

-Aquathrusters near your dock do not help the lake. It only re-suspends sediment to other parts of lake and to your neighbors.

-The Clean Boats Clean Waters volunteer hours are at about 75. 25 more hours are needed before the end of October. Sign up with Kim Swenson. Thank you for your time if you have worked the

landing this year.

-The lake has been treated for curly leaf pondweed in the years 2018-2021. In 2022 no treatment occurred. This was intentional so that the native plant population could be evaluated and data could be collected. There are plans to treat the lake again in 2023. Remember, native plants are a good sign of a healthy lake.

-Refrain from using phosphorus on your lawn, as runoff into the lake occurs. Area farmers use best practices as well to avoid harming the watershed and the lake.

-Raking your shoreline is like a machine harvester. You are taking out the turions (seeds) that drop to the lake bottom and grow.

My Commissioner term is ending and I plan to hand off my duties to another lake resident. (Let me know if you have an interest!) It has been an educational experience and so fun meeting and getting to know all of the residents on the lake. It was my privilege to work with Sharon Dunemann (past Board Member), Carol Timmerman, John Vono and Dan Stoffel (past Board Member), all of whom have a vested interest in making our lake the best it can be. It was great working with Jim Gores (Barron County Board Rep) and Ken Schepps (Almena Township Board Rep). Thank you. See you on the lake, at our social events, or working the landing.

I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting August 20th! Sherry Warrick UTLD Chair

2022 Upper Turtle Lake District Fifth Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m., Ritsche Pavilion, Turtle Lake

Welcome: Sherry Warrick, Introduction of Lake District Commissioners and Guests

Voting Process Review: Carol Timmerman

Secretary's Report: Carol Timmerman, Approve Annual Meeting Minutes from 2021

Treasurer's Report: John Vono

Internal Audit Report: Internal Audit Team

2022 Accomplishments: Sherry Warrick

2023 Treatment Plan: John Vono

Voting:

2023 Budget: John Vono

Lending Authority: John Vono

Commissioner Election: Carol Timmerman

CBCW Update: Sharon Dunemann

Public Input/Questions:

Upper Turtle Lake District Board

Board Chair: Sherry Warrick (651) 261-0205

Treasurer: John Vono (651) 472-3560

Secretary: Carol Timmerman (507) 398-9995

Almena Township Rep: Ken Schepps (715) 296-5723

Barron Cty Board Rep: Jim Gores (715) 357-3720