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Lake Beulah

PROTECTIVE & IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Lake Views Newsletter

President's Message by Ray Fisher

Much has happened since our fall meeting. With two board members, I met with Eric Cramer from Cramer's Tax Service to discuss our eligibility for 501c3 status. A 501c3 designation would mean that donations to the LBPIA would be tax deductible. He suggested to refile as a corporation and then apply. The board decided not to apply because the cost for applying and IRS reporting would not be worth the effort. It is, however, encouraging that we would qualify should the need arise.

I recently met with Chief Don Jensen, our new Town of East Troy police chief, to learn about his background and discuss what the LBPIA does. Chief Jensen retired from the Milwaukee Police Department after 25 years of service. His last assignment was commander of the Milwaukee Harbor Patrol. He mentioned that the town has purchased a 22 foot center council Ranger patrol boat, which will allow two officer patrols. There will be a major emphasis on boating safety so be sure your boat meets all of the coast guard requirements such as toss ring, correct battery hold downs, enough life jackets, up-to-date fire extinguishers, etc. The town received a grant for Operation Dry Water, which will focus on excessive drinking while operating a boat. Boating has the same DUI standard as motor vehicles.

Chief Jensen is also in charge of the DNR landing staff and pier permitting. The town can permit piers outside of Beulah's DNR sensitive areas. Pier requests in the sensitive areas need approval from Ms. Elaine Johnson at the Waukesha DNR office. Piers can be placed in sensitive areas if they meet certain criteria.

A few weeks ago I attended the spring Conservation Congress. Over 5,000 people attended the 2017 Spring Fish and Wildlife Rules Hearings and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress county meetings that were held on Monday, April 10. The public hearings, held simultaneously in all 72 counties, allowed citizens to comment and provide their input on proposed fish and wildlife rule changes, Natural Resources Board advisory questions, and Conservation Congress advisory questions. Establishing a hunting season for sandhill cranes passed with 52 counties in favor, 18 opposed, and 2 tied. Increasing the minimum size of Beulah's walleyes from 15 inches to 18 inches and reducing the bag limit from 5 to 3 also passed. These changes need legislative approval and would most likely be implemented for the 2018 season.

Luke Roffler, our DNR fish biologist, said that he will continue to approve small mouth stockings as long as we are willing to pay for them. Speaking of fish, you will need an inland trout stamp if you plan on keeping any trout.

Feature Article: Help for Injured Animals

Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital volunteers visit fall LBPIA meeting

At the fall LBPIA meeting, guest speakers Aimee Sosenko and Mary Ellen Close from Fellow Mortals Wildlife Hospital in Lake Geneva gave some advice about injured animals and treated LBPIA members to special visit from one of their rescued owls, Robbie. The Fellow Mortals volunteers have ongoing special training in dealing with wildlife and injuries. The organizations is rehabilitating dozens of injured animals at any time; the most common animal they care for is a squirrel, but they have all sort of birds, reptiles, and mammals in their care as well. They can help almost any kind of animal.

Hints and Tips to keep in mind when you encounter an injured animal:

- Try not to interact too closely with the animal. Some animals may seem docile but after recovering from shock may become dangerous. Some animals have even starting flying or jumping around in cars on the way to Fellow Mortals! So be careful.
- Baby animals can “imprint” on humans and have difficulty later when released in the wild. Adult animals will not avoid or attack a baby with human scent – that is a myth. But the baby may not readapt to the wild if it has bonded with humans. So try not to cuddle the baby animals, and keep them for as short a period as possible.
- Keep the animal warm and bring it to fellow mortals. Get the animal in a box (cardboard is fine) while touching it as little as possible. Don’t worry too much about feeding it – it’s easy to give the wrong foods or overfeed, and you want to get it to Fellow Mortals as quickly as possible anyway.



After finding the animal, you can call Fellow Mortals for advice or to warn them that you are coming and to describe the animal. They can give you some tips about the situation and prepare for your arrival if you call ahead.

Fellow Mortals is a non-profit organization which works with the Humane Society and other wildlife organizations and hospitals in the state. They are always in need of donations, and information about donating can be found on their website at fellowmortals.org

Thanks to Aimee and Mary Ellen for the insightful and exciting visit!

Updates on Local Conservation Activities: Water Education Day 2017

Edwards YMCA Camp conducted two Water Education Days in 2017 with the sponsorship of the Lake Beulah Protection Association, on April 25th and May 9th. Local 5th graders from Prairie View and Rolling Hills Schools attended for 6 hours each day in order to learn about the nature of water and their local watershed.

Students will learn about the water cycle, local marsh wildlife, aquatic macroinvertebrates, and the impact that that human usage of land can have on the local and global water quality. They also had the chance to meet some local aquatic reptiles and amphibians that make our local waterways their homes.

Over 200 people attended the Water Education Days, which have become a yearly tradition at Edwards YMCA Camp thanks to the continued support of the Lake Beulah Protection Association. The support provides a free field trip to the great local schools and allows the students to understand and appreciate more fully our local waterways and how to protect them for future generations to enjoy.

Updates on Local Conservation Activities: Kettle Moraine Land Trust

A local conservation group, the Kettle Moraine Land Trust, is actively recruiting representatives from Lake Beulah for its board of directors. KMLT is your Partner with Nature in Walworth County. This non-profit provides compelling educational programs which lead to the protection and betterment of important local natural resources. KMLT owns four nature preserves including Beluah Bluff, helps to maintain Beulah Bog and is actively working with large landowners in the Lake Beulah watershed to develop plans to preserve and protect conservation-worthy parcels. Anyone interested should contact KMLT Executive Director Maggie Zoellner at Maggie@kmlandtrust.org

Follow Up: Arsenic and Drinking Water

John Sonderegger reports on the most recent, and final chapter, of the saga of arsenic found in his household drinking water. In September, John arranged for another test of the water. When the results came back, he was delighted to find that the arsenic found was 1.21 MCL, well below the 10.0 federal standard and his previous year reading of 12.5. The Sondereggers have now been told that treating the well with chlorine, as they did a year before this story began, can cause abnormalities in the arsenic reading, even when attempts are made to purge the chlorine at the end of the treatment.

John says, "Alas, I regret causing undue concern among fellow lake residents."

The good news is that we can all keep this lesson in mind when treating wells or testing well water. Thanks for the information, John!

Announcement: *At The Lake* article

LBPIA was featured in an article in *At The Lake* magazine. LBPIA board members provided information and feedback on the draft article. The article can be read at <http://atthelakemagazine.com/protecting-lake-beulah/>

News from Local Government

○ Department of Natural Resources Update

Ray Fisher recently received the letter below about fish stocking, from Luke Roffler at the DNR:

Lake Beulah and seven other lakes in my three-county area have been designated as “sentinel lakes” in the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative program. Such lakes are considered a higher priority for stocking and are also more closely monitored to determine levels of success with the walleye stocking. This includes annual monitoring, both during stocked years (before the fish go in) and during non-stocked years (typically mid-October when walleye activity increases in the shallows). This means we’ve now been on Lake Beulah every fall since 2014 and likely will be there each fall until the Initiative ceases to exist. For me, this produces a treasure trove of walleye data that I can then lean on for things like justifying the recent regulation change proposal or even begging and pleading for continued stocking of (very expensive) large fingerlings after the Initiative money is gone. No one has ever said, “Gosh, I wish I knew less about my walleye population”, right?

In terms of smallmouth, I’m fine with continuing that stocking program as long as you’re willing to pay for it. There’s really no other stocking needs for the lake right now since we’re covering the walleye in a big way and pike are still going in every other year, as well (with annual trout as a bonus). As I mentioned when we last spoke, Beulah is one of the few lakes in my area that can be expected to have some level of smallmouth success. Of course, we’ll hopefully start to see those fish show up relatively soon in fishing reports and/or our surveys.

In more positive fish news, Ray also heard recently from a fisherman who catches 30 inch walleye fishing at night in shallow water over weeds.

CRITICAL REMINDERS:

Dues Due: If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, please do so in order to receive future newsletters.

Editor’s Note: Please send updates of any length at any time, whether they fit into existing newsletter categories or not! Attach pictures if possible, especially of wildlife or shoreline changes.

LBPIA Board of Directors

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LAKE BEULAH PROTECTIVE & IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renew or become an LBPIA Member and Keep Lake Beulah Beautiful

Since 1894, the Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association has worked to keep the lake naturally beautiful. Originally named “Crooked Lake,” the Beulah of today still boasts miles of clean water and lush foliage. Whether you’re a lake property owner or simply an admirer, you’ll find the lake ideal for any activity: fishing, swimming, sailing, and boating.

Your **\$40.00 dues to renew or \$20 for new members** helps preserve this breathtaking treasure and helps assist in monitoring water conditions, invasive-species education fish stocking, water-quality education for youth, property identification for safety and security. Plus – check out our improved website, www.lakebeulah.org for news, history of the lake, education, photos and more.

Membership includes:

- Email updates of current issues and upcoming events
- Newsletters packed with articles about Lake Beulah news, laws, wildlife, and water quality
- Spring and fall member meetings – stay connected to your lake neighbors, meet LBPIA board members and hear from experts on issues involving Lake Beulah

New members receive a 6” x 20” color Map of Lake Beulah (perfect for framing) and/ or an address pier plaque with yearly membership sticker

Questions?:

Visit www.lakebeulah.org or contact Steve Schmitendorf, LBPIA membership chair, at stevelpia@gmail.com

Membership form on reverse.

LBPIA 2017 Membership Form

Name: _____

Lake Mailing Address: _____

Off Lake Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Address for USPS mail: _____

Phone Number(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Please provide your email to receive timely updates:

Email: (1) _____ (2) _____

Comments/Suggestions: _____

2017 Membership Dues – Renewal	\$40.00
2017 Membership Dues – New Member	\$20.00
Additional Contribution (thank you!)	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Thank you for joining the generous group of members who are in support of protecting and improving Lake Beulah.

Membership Chair, Steve Schmitendorf

NOTES:

- Please make check payable to LBPIA and mail it with this form to **LBPIA, PO BOX 153, East Troy, WI, 53120**
- OR visit www.lakebeulah.org to submit membership dues & donations online via PayPal
- **YOUR INFORMATION IS NEVER SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED**
- **Please copy our form and invite your neighbors to join the LBPIA**

Area Chair Contact Information

We have two vacancies on the area chair network: if you can volunteer, please contact Steve Schmitendorf, LBPIA membership chair, at 262-215-3564 or stevelbpia@gmail.com

Please get to know your area chairs and refer any neighbors who are not members!

Area Chairs, don't forget the Annual Area Chair Cocktail Party on Friday, June 9, 7 pm. The party will be hosted by Joan & Steve Huening; please RSVP by Thursday, June 1 to Carol Stein: dcstein2004@gmail.com or 262.642.7721.

- Country Club Lane & Austin Road: Mary Schmitendorf; 262.215.0197; mary.schmitendorf@gmail.com
- Beulah Heights Road (W2002-W1900) and Bavaki Way; Rob Hudson deTarnowsky; 262.893.0178; sailbyc@gmail.com
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- Oakwood Lane & It's a Little Road: Don Stein; 262.642.7721; dcstein@ww.rr.com
- Lake Road & Windy Way: **VACANT**
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LBPIA: Get the Goods!
Need a map?



Boat Hanger Information Tag?



Boating Ordinance Reminders
 See all Boating Ordinances at
 www.lakebeulah.org, Children, Parks, Signs and Parks

Slow No Wake

- 200' from shore
- 100' from any pier, raft, structure, moored boat, shoreline flag, warmer, etc.
- While traveling any channel on Lake Beulah

Speed Restrictions

- Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays: Slow no wake only from 8 am to 10 am.
- A boater must travel no faster than is reasonable and prudent under existing conditions.

Skating, Wakeboarding & Tubing

- Skating, wakeboarding & tubing are allowed from 10:00 am until sunset, Monday through Friday, and between 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
- Skating, wakeboarding & tubing on Mii Lake must be in the counterclockwise direction (see map).
- Weekends and holidays: one low rope allowed behind a boat at a time.
- Skier/wakeboarder/tuber and boat must stay clear of skier/wakeboarder/tuber or wake. Pulling skiers from shore and/or dropping them off is prohibited.
- Each boat towing a skier must have one competent observer in the boat in addition to the driver.

Personal Water Craft (PWCs)

- All boating laws apply to PWCs.
- PWCs must maintain slow no wake when closer than 100' to any other craft.
- It is illegal to operate a PWC while facing backwards.
- Towing a skier: the PWC must be designed for at least three people; driver, competent observer plus required seat in case the skier needs assistance.

In Addition:

- Subwoofers have the right of way.
- All boats must have a PFD for each person on board.
- Front and rear lights required after sunset.
- Operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is illegal.

East Troy Police Emergency — Call 911
 Non-emergency 262.682.6250

Pier Address Sign?



Contact Steve Schmitendorf at stevelpia@gmail.com