

Wildwood Lake Front Property Owners Semi-Annual Riparian Meeting – Sept. 2nd, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by WVPOAC President Jim Nihls; he made a couple announcements prior to the start of the meeting.

1. WVPOAC non-members may join at this time, and their \$75 fee will cover the remaining 2018 and 2019 memberships.
2. Paula Brown is in attendance to receive the WVPOAC donation for Bravehearts after the Riparian Meeting.

Trash Amnesty Day: As noted at the May meeting, based on John Moore's discussions with several groups, almost all preferred to have Trash Amnesty Day in July versus the late April/early May timeframe as in years past. As such, John Moore informed all that the 2019 Trash Amnesty Day will be held on Sat. July 27th.

Lake Committee Report:

(Presented by Blair Wickman and RLS consultant Mike Solomon)

Loon's Update: Mother Loon laid two (2) eggs this year by neither one hatched; they headed south early this year. The Loons did not use the man-made nest this year, as it has outlived its usefulness in its current condition. Blair recommended that we repair or build a new Loons nest after it is pulled out and evaluated.

Lake Treatment: For 2018, the same three (3) treatments were or will be performed, as well as the approximate timing, as was done in 2017:

1. Early to mid-June (actual date June 21st) for treatment for of "nuisance" weeds. A large patch of Eurasian Milfoil (EM) was treated in the SE section of the lake
2. End of July/early August (actual date Aug 14th) to treat EM and other weeds. Treated a patch of EM at south side of hotel island and in the Dam cove area (as no flow over the top)
3. Fall treatment in early Sept. for lily pads and bull rush (fall treatment is required as there is a four (4) month water irrigation ban after treatment). Millie Mann noted she had lily pads near her dock, so Blair will investigate before treatment.

A small amount of algae was spotted on the lake in early spring, but so far this year there have been no major algae blooms formed. Blair again noted the primary causes are (1) runoff of lawn fertilizer with phosphate content, (2) possible septic overflow, and (3) ashes getting into the lake (camp fires and burning fall leaves).....so everyone can help prevent future algae blooms by being more proactive in preventing the above noted contaminants from entering the lake.

Regarding pike population, the current rule is each person can keep 5 pike with no minimum size but only 1 can be over 24".

Lake Drawdown Committee Report:

(Presented by Bob Chadwick)

The process, timing, results and what was learned in our first year of the lake drawdown utilizing the stop logs to control the lake level was discussed. All in all, it was very successful and Bob thanked his team for all their help.

The timeline for last year's one foot drawdown was:

- Oct 15 – began drawdown
- Nov 9 – 1st log removed
- Nov 13 – 2nd log removed
- Feb 27 – installed logs
- April 5 – lake at normal level

As a result of Bob and his team performing the drawdown versus using an outside contractor, they saved the homeowners significant dollars!!!

The lake drawdown options for this coming winter (2018/2019) was discussed with the Riparian's---the three options are (1) no drawdown, (2) one foot drawdown as last year, or (3) a 2 foot drawdown (maximum drawdown level using the log stops). The WVPOAC BOD recommendation was for option 3---a two (2) foot drawdown, as this would not only help prevent weed formation, but also allow for the removal of zebra mussels on the lower stops (same as was done last year on the upper stops). In addition, it was recommended to begin the drawdown on Oct. 1st---2 weeks earlier than last year---so Riparian's have additional time to perform any shoreline cleanup/repair before bad weather occurs and/or available time due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. After some discussion and debate, a motion was made by Denny Gallagher and seconded by Linda Manier to have all present vote on a two (2) foot drawdown beginning Oct. 1st, 2019. By verbal vote of all present, the motion passed.

Dam Inspection: It was noted that Spicer Engineering performed a visual dam inspection in June and found only "a few very minor deficiencies or maintenance items that should be monitored and/or corrected". As such, this will be added as an action item under 'Old Business' and followed up by WVPOAC.

Adjourn: WVPOAC President Jim Nihls adjourned the meeting at 12:33 PM

Respectively submitted, Mike Von Hagen, WVPOAC Secretary