



# Lake Currents

"The newsletter for Members of the Big Roche a Cri Lake District"

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## ***DON'T FORGET - CHANGES TO THE LAKE ADDRESS BOOK***

Please forward any updates for the Lake address book to:

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PO Box 447  
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***Also - it is very important that the Adams County Records note your correct mailing address! Check on line at <http://www.adamscountylandrecords.com>***

Send your news, comments, pictures for the newsletter to  
Mary Ellen Bowgren at [kbowgren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbowgren@sbcglobal.net)  
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## Big Roche-A-Cri Lake District Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 30th, 2008

Time: 9:00 am

*PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION*

**Adams County Community Center**

**Library Building**

**569 N. Cedar Street**

**Adams, WI 53910**

### Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes
  - Annually Meeting 9/07
  - Spring Meeting 5/08
- 2) Treasurers Report
  - Approval of 2009 Budget
- 3) Committee Reports
  - A) Adams County
  - B) Preston Township
  - C) Harvester
  - D) Social Committee
  - E) Lake Management Committee
    - Fall 2008 Draw Down
    - Channel Dredging Update
- 4) Elections
  - A) Candidates - Susan Lydon/Charles Hilman
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business
  - Proposed dates for 2009 Spring & Annual Meetings
- 7) Adjournment

### ~ UPDATE ON THE DRAWDOWN ~

#### ***Candis Chapman - Lake Management***

The DNR and Adams County Land and Conservation have concluded the plant study of the Lake. Those findings are indicating that we do not have enough EWM in the Lake to justify a drawdown in 2008-2009. Scott Provost has informed Candy that the likelihood of the DNR approving the Lake District's application for a drawdown occurring in 2008-2009 is minimal. Scott did say that another drawdown will occur, but it may not occur for another year or two. As it stands, we **DO NOT** have to have our boats off the Lake early this year. No Lake drawdown being done this year.

**BOATS CAN REMAIN ON THE LAKE AFTER 9/6/08**

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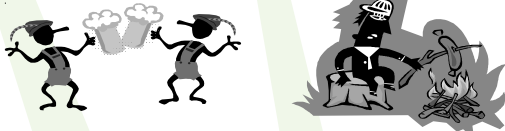
## BONFIRE! - BRATS! BIER!

How about celebrating the fall with your neighbors on the lake? It's cool, it's social and it's a great time to sit back, relax and enjoy the fall!

**When:** Saturday, October 11th, 2008

**Time:** 5:30 pm.m - ?????

**Where:** Lake District Building-on 13th Lane



"Bring your chairs"  
SODA, BRATS AND BIER  
WILL BE PROVIDED

For further information contact the  
Social Committee -

Barb Heitman at [dickbarbheitman@maqs.net](mailto:dickbarbheitman@maqs.net)  
or Linda Harbort 608.837.8379

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# Thanks

**Rummage Sale**  
**Great Success!**

**That is all that was reported**  
**at this time**

**Thank you to all who helped with**  
**the annual event!**



## **Commissioner Nominees**

The nominees for the coming year for Big Roche a  
Cri Lake District Commissioners are:

*Sue Lydon*

*Chuck Hilman*

No other owners volunteered to run for the Lake  
District for 2008/2009.

## **- Burning Permits -** **from the Division of Forestry - WDNR**

Burning permits are needed for vegetative debris removal and are issued to landowners for burning on the ground and in barrels. These permits do not cost anything, are good for one calendar year and are non-transferable. Campfires for warming or cooking purposes do not need a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions. If you burn in a fire ring with the intent to remove debris this is not a campfire and a permit is needed.

Where do I get this permit? at the County Deli or WI DNR. Burning restrictions are updated daily at 11 a.m.. You can call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947.2876) and follow the options. Be aware of what is allowed to burn - brush, leaves, needles, grass, clean wood, unrecyclable paper and cardboard.

It is your responsibility to have a permit available and ready to show the law enforcement personnel or firefighters if requested at any time while burning. Failure to do so could be a citation. You could be liable if your fire escapes and starts a wildfire.

Burning times are - NO Sundays or legal holidays; all other days are from 6 pm to midnight for covered barrels, grass or wooded areas less than 1 acre and debris piles less than 6 ft x 6 ft x 6 ft in size. Any burning in excess of this, must be approved by special permit through the local DNR Ranger Station. For further information on burning go to the official site for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire>

## **Summary of Commissioner's** **Meetings**

**May 17, 2008**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance in the checking as of this date is \$51,446.75. Recent expenses were for the loan payment of the 10' harvester and interest payment of the 7' harvester. No loan payment was done on the 7' harvester as the loan, which has a 5 year contract, is being renegotiated and should be completed shortly by the bank, hopefully with a lower interest rate than the current 4.5%. Currently, assets compromise 2 CD's (\$29,331.72) and liabilities are for the two harvesters (\$108,448.00). Joyce Kirslenohr stated that over \$22,000 was budgeted for loan payments on the harvester's and should be paid out as budgeted. Ray Heins explained that the budgeted amount is usually greater and that once payments are made these amounts are adjusted for next year. Ray also stated that there is additional income to be forthcoming to the Lake District of which \$14,765 is from the Town of Preston and \$20,529 is from Adams County for a total of \$35,295 income to be received.

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### Committee Reports

**Adams County** - Joyce Kirslenlohr discussed the ATV petition circulated at the Spring meeting with Adams County Corporate Counsel. It was noted that an owner can sign the petition and does not need to be a voter but that any further discussions regarding this petition would have to be tabled and placed on the registration with the county. Joyce also stated that the Easton Dam is being worked on by the engineers and the DNR; she was also asked if there were any discussions regarding cleaning Easton Lake. Joyce felt that if they are going to do Easton Lake then we should also discuss cleaning Big Roche a Cri Lake.

**Town of Preston** - John Pavlec noted the gypsy moth spraying was in the hands of the DNR. Joyce said that she read the Town of Rome, who used a private company for spraying, is not satisfied with their work. Also one of the lakes did not get sprayed due to opposition by some landowners. Road work repair should be done at a minimal this year due to the amount of snow the area had and less damage to the roads.

**Harvesting** - Harvesting crew at this time is behind about two weeks due to the severe weather in the winter; repairs as usual are being taken care of and are minimal; two new employees for the harvesting crew will begin in a few weeks; Fred Nichols and Jim Miller discussed the ramp situation and how it affects getting in and out of the water; the social committee purchased a water pump for the harvester under the budgeted amount; the patent is still be looked into by the committee; the GPS system for the 10' harvester was purchased with the assistance of Levi Olson's research. Thanks Levi for the work completed on this project! The weed schedule was discussed and put into place.

**Advisory Group** - Candy Chapman reported on the drawdown. The Advisory group recommended to go down 6' due to erosion of the west end of the lake. Candy basically is following the same steps as previous with the drawdown application. A plant study by the DNR is needed and hopefully will be completed and noted by the annual meeting. Questions were raised regarding if any damage to the dam during the drawdown is covered by insurance. Ray Heins did not believe that the Lake would be covered for this. Candy also noted she has contacted Inland Dredging to discuss the process of dredging at the spring meeting. The Advisory group is compiling a fact sheet to be handed out at the spring meeting regarding this.

**Old Business** - No updates by Jim Speichinger regarding the Billings property other than Mr. Billings is willing to continue to lease the property to the Lake District.

**New Business** - Discussions were noted that Sue Lydon and Jim Speichinger's terms will end as of this year. There will be two positions for the Board.

June 7, 2008

### Treasurer's Report

Joyce Kirslenlohr reported for Ray Heins. Through June 7th the balance in checking is \$40,482.95; expenses (\$35,307.81 included are payments for the harvesters (\$11,098.76).

### Committee Reports

**Adams County** - Joyce Kirslenlohr reported work continues on the Easton Dam.

**Town of Preston** - John Pavlec said that the gypsy moth spraying took place and no additional spraying for this year will be done. Road work repairs continue.

**Harvesting** - Jim Miller said that two harvesting crews will be kept on the east end of the lake until needed for the west. Costs for the 5' harvester repair were mainly due to hauling of the harvester. Questions were raised if any weeds could be cut on the east end on Saturdays while the west end is used for boating. Jim Miller felt it would be difficult to find someone to do this work on the weekends and also you may run into over time of the workers. Jim also stated it was mostly grass being cut and not weeds. Discussions continued regarding the best way to mark the stumps with the GPS - a harvester or pontoon. Mike Sadowski, owner, recently purchased a cutter which goes to a depth of 8" and a span of 10'. Mike thought the harvesting group could use this but Jim pointed out it does not fall within the permits for the harvesting plan. Mike was going to contact the DNR regarding a permit and may hire out his services to cut weeds on the lake. If Mike was to do this for owners, the concern was as to where the cuttings would be picked up.

**Advisory Group** - The Advisory group is preparing for the drawdown of 6' and is working through the application process. Candy Chapman will present to Adams County; she also said that the aquatic survey will be done in July and submitted to the DNR; update on the drawdown to be presented once more information is known.

**Old Business** - Jim Speichinger met with Mr. Billings and the response was the same as previous. Jim recommends that the Lake District budgets for a land acquisition plan in 2009 to pay for the property. Candy Chapman also reported that if the Lake District hires a patent attorney, this process could take up to 5 years to do. Further investigation will be done.

**New Business** - Jim Speichinger noted that he was greatly disappointed in his position on the Board. He felt very strongly and hopeful that he could make some difference and found out quickly this was not true. He and Gary Chapman were discussing calculations for the dredging and came to the estimate that it would cost an owner over a 10 year period at least \$500-\$700 per year. Jim suggested perhaps the Board should not invest any further time into this

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project. After listening to Chris Murphy at one of the annual meetings, dredging was listed as one of the owners top priorities. At that time Jim felt at least we owed it to owners to research this project and report the findings. Discussions should continue at the annual meeting

July 17, 2008

### Treasurer's report

Ray Heins summarized the treasurer's report and noted the balance in checking is \$23,959.37. Income to date is \$69,225.03 and expenses to date are \$52,766.10; for the month income was \$135.46 and expenses were \$11,098.76. Ray noted that the payment on the harvester is due May 2009. Income is forthcoming from the Town of Preston and Adams County totaling \$35,295.15. Ray will be sending a letter to the Township reminding them of the money to the Lake District.

### Committee Reports

Adams County - Joyce Kirslenlohr reported that Adams County was working on the budget and that work continues on the Easton dam. She reported that the DNR was extremely busy this summer and reports on fish and other items are not available at this time.

Town of Preston - none reported.

Harvesting - Jim Miller reported that the weed growth is minimal this year than in the past; he noted the east end has accounted for a good share of the weeds harvested. No major repairs were reported on the harvesters since May. The landing rehab costs are completed. The Lake District's share of the landing rehab costs amounted to \$1,500. Marlin put the final

touches to the weed sprayer for the 5' harvester and had good results; perusing a patent for this is highly recommended; the barge is not going in this year; a reminder that there is available a Roche A Cri Harvesting log posted at the County Deli.

Advisory Group - Candy Chapman attended the Planning & Development Committee meeting and requested the Committee make a motion to allow the Lake District to apply for the drawdown. Chuck Pfeiffer spoke against the drawdown in that he is getting ready to produce power and he did not feel the plant growth calculations were accurate. Discussions continued and he finally said it would be alright if this was not an annual procedure. Candy restated that all she was requesting was a motion to file the application to move forward with this and that since the plant study was not completed yet, the ultimate result would be determined until after the study. The motion passed and the Commissioners recommended a post card be sent to owners noting boats may need to be out of the lake by September 6th.

Old Business - Candy reported on the differences between patents and copyrights and that these were two different items. Further research will be done. Mike Lydon reported that there were two people interested in running for Commissioner's - Chuck Hillman and Sue Lydon.

New Business - The proposed 2009 budget was presented by Ray Heins. Discussion regarding certain line items ensued and the proposed budget was approved to be presented at the annual meeting.

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### Have you seen the new look of the Lake District Website?

- What you will find in the updated website - is user friendly -

Updates on the latest communication for the Lake District

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### COMMISSIONERS UPCOMING MEETING

SCHEDULE - 9:00AM

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Saturday, October 18, 2008

"All owners may attend"