

Found Lake Property Owners Association
PO Box 125
St. Germain, WI 54558

June 4, 2020

Dear Association Members and Found Lake Property Owners,

We are pleased to finally get a newsletter out to all our members and property owners as well. Many of our membership activities depend on interaction with others therefore it has been difficult to predict the "how and when" of our member, volunteer and board activities. This newsletter is longer and contains many changes to our normal way of doing things including meetings, grants, boat landing activity, boat parade, etc.

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29. MEETING TIME IS 10 AM AND THE LOCATION WILL REMAIN VANDERVORT PARK ON LOST LAKE DRIVE NORTH. We will follow social distancing procedures in effect at the time (you may need to bring a lawn chair). For safety reasons we will NOT have a picnic lunch this year.

There will not be a Fourth of July boat Parade this year. But we are looking forward to Ann Sturzel's annual event in 2021.

Your Board of Directors has again applied for and received a grant from the DNR to provide college interns for CB/CW boat inspections at the Found Lake boat landing. We are approved for \$4,000 to cover 203 hours of coverage and since it is a matching grant, it will be necessary for our members to volunteer about 110 hours of landing inspectors. We did this prior to the Covid19 pandemic problem. We have been working with the DNR on a solution to meeting our volunteer hour requirement considering a safe method to do CBCW inspections. Because the guidelines were not fully established until now we have not sent out the volunteer schedule. Bob Schell will be sending out the information to the people on the volunteers list soon. We will be following the safe practices as outlined by the DNR. Those willing to volunteer for this important needed help may call Bob at 715-542-2321 or send him an e-mail at rsschell@msn.com or so indicate on the membership form. Please join our efforts to keep Found Lake free of aquatic invasive species of plants and animals.

A second Grant we are working on is an Early Detection/Response (EDR) Grant for removal of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). In 2018 a small patch of EWM was found in the west bay by Onterra, who we had employed to survey Found Lake for invasive weed species. At the time we reacted quickly to hire an approved company to dive and hand pull the weeds which amounted to several adult EWM weeds and a small number of surrounding weeds at a cost of \$1500. Our Association assisted by Onterra, applied for and received a three year EDR Grant to monitor and remove or treat any additional identified EWM. The grant amount is for three years (2018-20) and \$21,661 total funding which is committed to grant required activities. In 2019 we had three weed surveys performed by Onterra as part of the grant. NO EWM was found. Funds were in the grant to pull any EWM found in 2019 and 2020. Since no EWM was found (or pulled) in 2019 we will be applying to the DNR for an extension of the Grant to cover us

for another two years of EWM survey/removal. Three more weed surveys are scheduled in 2020 and included in the grant as well.

The Third Grant is in conjunction with the Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee. This Lake Planning grant is necessary to receive grant funding and must be updated on a periodic basis. Found lake along with several other St Germain lakes required updated plans. This two year study will be completed this year and result in a comprehensive report and plan. We have just received the preliminary planning report (50+pages) which the committee will be using to updating the various lakes management plans. Found Lake's share of the \$9653 funding to update our plan will amount to \$3,218 after DNR and Town reimbursements. We will discuss the survey results (including the survey you received) at the annual meeting. The results will also be posted on our website. One finding of importance is that the level of algae causing phosphorus in the lake has elevated over 20% since 2010. This is still in the good range but is all the more reason to refrain from using fertilizer with phosphorus or any fertilizer at all.

The Found Lake Association now has a website that will appear as part of the Town of St. Germain website. All Association activity will be posted to the site in the future including newsletters, membership forms, and other important information as needed. The address is http://townofstgermain.org/lk_assn_found.html OR you can go to the Town website and look for the page under the Lakes Committee tab.

The following is a quick summary of items of interest to many of you:

- -We are still actively pursuing trying to convince the DNR to allow a camera at the landing to monitor the activity and as a deterrent to those visitors not careful about cleaning weeds from boats/trailers.
- -For those of you on the north side of the lake, the last mile of Found lake road will be rebuilt this summer from the east end up to and including Dean Road. This has been a long time in the making and is finally a reality.
- When on the lake, you will notice a new Loon platform we acquired from the Sayner St Germain Fish and Wildlife Club to replace our old one. We got this out late last fall and it was placed near the island. The new platform has ropes to keep the eagles from swooping down on the nest. Lets hope it will get used one of these years.
- A discussion will be held at the annual meeting about reviving the plan to designate the shallow far east end of the lake as a "Slow No Wake" zone to help preserve quality fish habitat .
- The Native Americans did include Found lake in their spearing inventory this spring. The DNR reported they speared one walleye.
- The mail list used for this newsletter was from the Vilas county tax records. Next year we will go back to using the membership listing based on your form data.

The terms of office for Chairman currently held by Bob Schell and Secretary held by Kay Schultz are up for election this year. Anyone interested in running for either of these positions should contact Bob Schell at 715 542-2321. The election will be held at the annual meeting.

FOUND LAKE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2020

Please return to Found Lake Association, PO Box 125, St. Germain, WI. 54558

Name [husband and wife].....

Home phone.....

Home Address.....

City/state/zip.....

E-mail address, please update.....

Found Lake Address.....Phone/cell.....

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$20.00 ** VOLUNTARY DONATION.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

THANK YOU

Make checks payable to Found Lake Association

I volunteer to help with lake landing boat inspections **FOLLOWING PROCEDURES DEEMED SAFE BY THE DNR** to meet the DNR grant matching hours requirements. [two - four hour shifts preferred].

Dates preferred.....

PLEASE HELP!! Though we will contact you to set up particulars, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU CONTACT BOB SCHELL at 715-542-2321 or e-mail at rsshell@msn.com to let him know when you would be available so as to eliminate duplication. If you have volunteered in the past, Bob will be contacting you as well.

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There is no Picnic Lunch this year due to Covid 19 Distancing