

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

May 25, 2021

Dear Association Members and Found Lake Property Owners,

Hi Everyone,

Spring is finally here with just a few warm days and many colder stretches in-between. The lake ice went out early this year and the buoys are in place. The loons and eagles are back and it looks like a goose has set up a nest on the island as well. As usual we had quite a bit of Association activity over the winter to report on and new information for this summer to get out to you. *This newsletter has many items so please pay attention to the **due dates** if you intend to order Found Lake clothing (**due June 18th**) or food for the annual meeting/picnic (due June 30th).*

Annual Meeting/ Picnic

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY, JULY 10th. MEETING TIME IS 11 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 Covid safety reasons a modified format picnic featuring Subway sandwiches will follow the meeting instead of our usual buffet. An order form with details is attached for you to place orders and pay in advance for Subway sandwiches for the picnic. The cost will be \$ 5.00 for each 6" sub - you will have a choice of Turkey, Ham, or cold cut Combo - a bag of potato chips will be included with each 6" sandwich. Soda and water will be provided. The deadline for ordering and paying for the food will be **June 30th**.

Boat Parade

There will be a 4th of July Boat parade this year on Saturday July 3 at 6 PM. We will start out at the Schell's dock (NE corner of lake w/Packer wind sock). Judges will be the Droes family on the next dock. The best decorated boats will again receive a cheese gift compliments of Ed and Anne Sturzl.

Found Lake Logo Apparel

It has been several years since we have offered Found Lake logo clothing and we have some exciting new designs done by Heather Bartnik (examples on the attached order form) as well as our traditional design for hats and polo shirts. The T shirts and sweatshirts have a choice of two new designs, one with the Lake outline and one with a prominent loon. We will do a one time bulk purchase and try to have everything available for the annual meeting/picnic. NOTE: In order for us to hand out the clothing at the annual picnic please get in your order **with** payment by **June 18th**. If you can not make it to the picnic and wish to order we can make arrangements for you to pickup your order when you are in town. In the future we plan to set up an ordering page directly with suppliers.

Keep our Lake Clean - Reminders

Our board wants to stress the importance of keeping fertilizer, grass, leaves and pine needles out of the lake. Not only do leaves and grass contribute to bottom sediment (usually black sludge) but they contain phosphorus which is a major contributor to algae growth. If you must fertilize make sure you use non phosphorus fertilizer- Wisconsin has banned the use of phosphorus on lawns. The recent water quality survey done by an outside consultant (Onterra) stated we have had an increase in the phosphorus level in Found lake of over 20 percent in the past five years! Please don't blow or mow your leaves and grass clippings into the lake and if you have a lawn service let them know that it is unlawful to do so.

Town Lakes Committee Projects - Fisheries Planning

This spring the Town of St Germain Lakes Committee initiated a project to formalize a fisheries plan for all the lakes in St Germain. (Our Association has had representatives on the Town Lakes Committee since its inception in 2002- our representatives are Bob Schell, Kay Schultz and Donna Rollman). The fisheries plan is to have one person from each lake coordinate efforts with the DNR Fisheries Biologist. Your board has selected Ed Kindlarski as the Found Lake representative. Ed, an avid fisherman and long time resident of Found Lake, has agreed to take on this task and will be reporting on the progress of this in the future.

Election

The terms of office for Vice Chairman currently held by Paul Bartnik, Treasurer held by Judy Schell, and board member positions held by Donna Rollman and Chuck Their are all up for election this year. The positions of Chairman - Bob Schell, Secretary - Kay Schultz and board member - Diane Dieter remain unchanged this year. Anyone interested in running for any of these positions should contact Bob Schell at 715 542-2321. The election will be held at the annual meeting.

Boat Inspection Volunteers -Clean Boats Clean Waters

We again applied for and received a \$4000 CBCW grant for paid intern inspectors at the boat ramp for 203 hours of inspections. This still requires us to provide 104 hours of volunteer time at the ramp to receive the full grant. We need our old standby volunteers and new ones as well to help achieve this goal again this year. Any amount of time would be helpful. We will provide "on the ramp" training for anyone new willing to help us out. This becomes more important as some of our members have aged and can no longer help out. Bob Schell will send out the schedule to those of you on the volunteer list this week. Please email Bob if you are not on our list and wish to volunteer at rsschell@msn.com.

Town of St Germain Fiber Optic Project/ Hold on Road construction.

Many of us will have to wait for more work on Found lake Road due to the new high speed internet Fiber optic project. Town road projects are on hold to enable the town to pay for the \$1.2 million installation of fiber optics to every dwelling in the town. A grant for \$600K was obtained to pay for half the cost. Every dwelling/business will have the cable run from the street to the house as part of the project. The good news for seasonal people is that the contract allows for no additional fee for part year connection. See the town website and get signed up - we will discuss more at our annual meeting

Grant Activity

During the off season there was an abundance of activity on DNR grants and related projects. The following is a summary of some of the highlights.

DNR Grant AEPP62721- Town of St German/Found Lake PO Association - Install Boat Landing Monitoring System at Found Lake Landing. Last year we requested and received joint sponsorship with the Town Lakes Committee and prepared and submitted the grant under the umbrella of the Town of St Germain for the installation of a camera at our landing. The road to approval required us to reapply as a qualified Association using Form 8700 Grant Eligibility Application even though we have been a qualified Wisconsin Section 181 Non Profit organization and have been receiving grants for 20 years. Last fall we applied for a DNR Land Use Agreement(LUA) as another requirement for obtaining permission to place the camera on DNR property,. This process required mapping the location, providing mailing lists for surveys and various public input. We, along with the Town, signed the LUA in March of this year.

The Grant was approved and awarded for \$ 5056 this spring for us to install an ILIDS camera at the boat landing. Plus, last fall we requested and received an additional \$4000. from the Town of St Germain to apply to the purchase of the unit. The cost of the camera is \$9,575 leaving an out of pocket cost only \$519 to our Association. We did agree to provide some materials and member labor as part of the installation. Our association will be responsible for the monthly operating/reviewing costs of \$305/mo during the boating season. It is felt that the major impact of the camera is that it will act as a deterrent to boaters from bringing in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from other infested lakes. Volunteers Paul Bartnik, Bob Schell, Gary Schultz and Jimmy Vogel along with the vendor, installed the camera at our landing last weekend. The main intent of the camera is to act as a deterrent and a reminder to boaters to help reduce the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Videos of people launching boats are sent up to the internet cloud and reviewed by our contractor with violations reported to the proper authorities. A prominent sign and audio message welcomes boaters and reminds them to follow AIS rules and that they are on camera. In April of this year, at our request, the Town board passed a Resolution to take ownership of the landing camera for the purpose of insurance and winter storage thus helping us cover any unexpected loss/damage to the camera. Our Association is still responsible for the operation and maintenance of the camera. This grant award and approval from the DNR for the installation of the camera is the culmination of 3 years of effort by our association and the town.

DNR Grant #AIRR24719.1 Aquatic Invasive Species - Early Detection and Response Grant.

This grant was originally applied as a result finding six sprigs of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in the west bay of the lake during a requested weed survey of the lake by Onterra consultants in June of 2018. The original grant was for a total project cost of \$26,662. of which the DNR would pay \$19,996. Much of the cost of the project was based on having to do weed removal in years 2019 and 2020 with an end date of June 2021. Because we did not discover more EWM during six surveys done in those years, we did not have to use funds for weed removal/eradication.

Because we did not want to relinquish the unused funds remaining in the grant, last fall we applied for a two year extension to the grant. This request was approved and the project extended until 12/31/22. This gives us two more years of weed surveys paid for out of the grant. We have paid out \$12,325 on this project so far and have received an advance from the DNR of \$5000. After our 25/75% split have a receivable of approximately \$4240. We have already scheduled our AIS weed surveys for this year. Keep your fingers crossed folks !!!

Lake Management/ Planning Grant LPL171019

This is a joint project done in conjunction with the Town of St German Lakes Committee that was reported on last year. Since that time the contractor (Onterra) has completed the draft of the project and our committee has reviewed the findings and made recommendations, corrections and additions to the plan. We are now waiting for DNR final review. Last year the study showed the increase in phosphorus in Found Lake and this year included the findings of the dramatic decreases in many weed species since 2010. This is mainly attributed to the decrease in water clarity due to our wet seasons resulting in more dissolved organic matter making our water darker in color - thus less light for weeds to grow. As mentioned earlier in this letter, the study found our phosphorus levels elevated from previous years. This is a concern for all of us if we want to keep the lake a high water quality lake. We intend to publish a summary for Found Lake owners when the findings are final.

Closing

We hope to see you on July 10th at our annual meeting/picnic. We are happy to report that our membership has increased from 72 members in 2018 & 2019 to 92 members in 2020. --which on a percentage basis in the world of Lake Associations is outstanding! Remember to occasionally check our web page on the Town of St Germain website at http://www.townofstgermain.org/lk_assn_found.html . We invite all new property owners to join us for the annual meeting and parade. In closing, here is a saying for all of us to think about.

*"We didn't inherit (Found) Lake from our ancestors.
We're borrowing it from our grandchildren."*

-Mike Lehner

Section 1 --FOUND LAKE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021

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 DUES AND DONATION..... \$ _____*

*To line A below in Payment- Section 3

Section 2 --FOUND LAKE PICNIC 7/10 FOOD RESERVATION

***** NOTE: Food Reservation due by **June 30th !!!** *****

Six inch Subway Sandwiches-including bag of chips, lettuce, tomato **\$ 5.00 each**

(Water and Soda will be provided - packets of mayo, italian dressing and mustard available)

Please indicate quantity and amount for each type sandwich

Turkey Sub Sandwich Quantity _____ X \$5.00 ea = _____

Black Forest Ham Sandwich Quantity _____ X \$5.00 ea = _____

Cold Cut Combo Sandwich Quantity _____ X \$5.00 ea = _____

Total Food Order add above lines

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** To line B below

Section 3 PAYMENT TOTAL

Line A Dues and Donation Total from Section 1 \$ _____

Line B Food reservation total from Section 2 \$ _____

NOTE: Food Order Due Date **JUNE 30****

Line C Apparel/Clothing Order Total from order page \$ _____

NOTE: Clothing order Due Date **by JUNE 18****

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Make Checks payable to **Found Lake Association**, PO Box 125, St Germain Wi 54558

T-shirt & Sweatshirt Imprint Options:

Imprint #1



Imprint #2



Embroidered Polo

50/50 Spot Shield
Adult color options:



Pricing:
Adult Small-XL = \$14.00
Adult 2XL = \$16.00
Adult 3XL = \$18.00



Baseball Cap

Color option:



Pricing:
One Size Fits All = \$11.00

Polo & Baseball Cap Embroidered Logo:



Name:					Phone:		
Item Description	Item Color	Size	Imprint Design (circle one)	Imprint Color (circle one)	Qty.	Unit Price	Total Price
Example: Women's Performance Tee	Sky	M	1. Lake 2. Loon	White Black	2	\$14.00	\$28.00
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Embroidered Polo Shirt			N/A	N/A			
Embroidered Polo Shirt			N/A	N/A			
Embroidered Baseball Cap		N/A	N/A	N/A		\$11.00	
Embroidered Baseball Cap		N/A	N/A	N/A		\$11.00	
*APPAREL ORDER TOTAL =							

**Please include Apparel Order Total in Payment Section 3 of the Membership Form.*

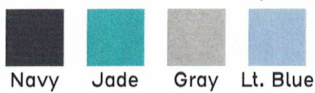
2021 Apparel Order Form – **Order Deadline June 18th**

(Items can also be seen on our Facebook page.)



Basic T-Shirt

50 cotton/50 poly
DryBlend moisture-wicking properties
Adult & Youth color options:



Pricing:

Adult & Youth Small-XL = \$7.00

Adult 2XL = \$8.00

Adult 3XL = \$10.00



Performance T-Shirt

100% polyester
Moisture-wicking and odor-fighting performance
Men's color options: Women's color options:



Youth color options:



Pricing:

Men's & Women's Small-XL = \$14.00

Men's & Women's 2XL = \$15.00

Men's & Women's 3XL = \$17.00

Youth Small - XL = \$8.00



Crewneck Sweatshirt

50 cotton/50 poly
Adult & Youth color options:



Pricing:

Adult & Youth Small-XL = \$13.00

Adult 2XL = \$15.00

Adult 3XL = \$17.00



Hoodie Sweatshirt

50 cotton/50 poly
Men's & Youth color options: Women's color options:



Pricing:

Men's & Youth Small-XL = \$16.00

Men's 2XL = \$18.00

Men's 3XL = \$20.00

Women's Small - XL = \$18.00

Women's 2XL = \$20.00

Women's 3XL = \$21.00