



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with our By-Laws, the Annual Meeting of the District of Powers Lake (DPL) was held "on the first Friday in August". The meeting was held at the Randall Consolidated School, Bassett, WI on Friday 8/7/09. The Agenda was followed with one exception. That exception was that there was a motion and a second from the floor to move the nominations and election of candidates to the front of the agenda, before the presentation by our guest speaker. The motion passed and the nominations and election were held. The results of the election were announced later in the meeting. The newly elected commissioners were Brooke Jensen who was an incumbent for the past nine years and Colleen Keating who will succeed Paul DeMichele, an incumbent who was a candidate for reelection. Paul DeMichele was a commissioner for the past six years and had a term of office before that. He was thanked for his past service to the District.

EWM PRE/POST TREATMENT SURVEYS

In another addition to our Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment, this year we added Pre and Post Treatment surveys from Northern Environmental to more effectively track our progress against this and other invasive species of aquatic plants.

We are pleased to announce their findings.

- Pre-treatment survey shows we had roughly (70.56) acres of milfoil.
- Post treatment survey shows we had roughly (0.46) acres of milfoil.
- That is an astounding kill rate which is virtually unheard of. We do have the presence of Curly Leaf Pond Weed (2.11 acres) which we will need to budget for and treat in 2010 (a different chemical, but can be treated @ the same time as EWM).

- Needless to say, Northern is extremely pleased with the results and will likely document their success and use Powers Lake as a case study going forward.

- For an informative visual, you can view the [pre/post treatment maps @ www.districtofpowerslake.com](http://www.districtofpowerslake.com). In the coming months more information regarding future treatment and invasive species of aquatic plants will be added.

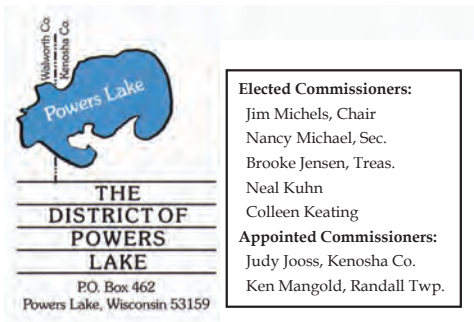
SEWRPC AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY

In accordance with our 10 year plan procedure, this survey was performed on weekdays from 7/27 - 7/31 and 8/3 - 8/6. We would like to thank the Town of Randall and Jim Michels for use of their pontoon boats and gas. Thanks also to the volunteer drivers Jim Michels, Ken Mangold, Nancy Michael, Brooke Jensen, Neal Kuhn and Shannon Kuczerepa. We were fortunate to have favorable weather and no rain days.

The first week involved our traditional transept method so as to compare it with past surveys. Color aerial maps of the lake indicated locations on the shore every 50 feet. Sampling began @ depths of 1 1/2 ft., 5 ft., 9 ft. and 11 ft. and proceeded along a prescribed angle. At each depth the composition of lake bottom was taken by sample and plants acquired by throwing a rake 4 times then categorized.

The second week involved sampling by the grid method which we had not previously employed but was done for possible comparison in the future. This method involved sampling at approximately 400 locations on the lake by GPS and taking 1 rake sample noting substrate and plants.

During this process SEWRPC was also able to complete another part of our lake management plan - an analysis of shorelines and boat count on shore. SEWRPC also completed their on water count of watercraft on weekdays and weekends. These results will all be available in the future.



Elected Commissioners:
 Jim Michels, Chair
 Nancy Michael, Sec.
 Brooke Jensen, Treas.
 Neal Kuhn
 Colleen Keating

Appointed Commissioners:
 Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
 Ken Mangold, Randall Twp.

NEW STATE LAW

NR 40 took effect September 1, 2009. The purpose of NR 40 is to establish a consistent and comprehensive classification and regulatory system for all listed invasive species. For a list of regulated species visit:

http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classifications/pdfs/species_proposed.pdf

As to what this means for aquatic invasive species, the laws under NR 40 will prohibit:

1. The transportation of any vehicle, including boats and trailers, on a public highway with aquatic plants or aquatic animals attached, and
2. Require removal of aquatic plants and aquatic animals and draining of all water from any such vehicles or equipment immediately upon removal from the water and before leaving any boat launch or parking area, and
3. Prohibit the placing of any boat, vehicle or equipment into waters of the state (statewide) if they have any aquatic plants or aquatic animals attached.

NR 40 is a DNR rule. On the legislation side, Senator Jauch's bill SB 123 will rewrite s.30.715 to be consistent with NR 40. If and when the bill passes, any law enforcement officer will be able to enforce these provisions with the use of a DNR citation, or a Uniform Traffic Citation. In the meantime, now that NR 40 will take effect, DNR law enforcement will have authority to enforce. Visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/classification/formoreinformationor> <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr040.pdf> to view the rule in its entirety.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

The DPL is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL). Their newsletter, The Lake Connection, is available @ www.wisconsinlakes.org as are archives of previous issues. By clicking on Publications, you can peruse many informative articles by year and subject. On this same website you can obtain information and register for their next workshop, Achieving Your Lake Management Goals.

Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8:00am - 3:00 pm
 Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee, WI
 The registration fee is \$35.00 which includes program materials, lunch and refreshments.
 Registration is due by September 25th, 2009.

Some of the topics covered will be:

- New shoreland development standards
- Leaving a land legacy
- Lake levels
- Shoreland landscaping
- Smart prevention of aquatic invasive species

FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday, September 25, 2009
 Quarterly DPL Board Meeting 5:00 pm
 at the Randall Town Hall
 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI

Friday, January 8, 2010 Quarterly
 DPL Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm
 at the Randall Town Hall

