



District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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NEW WATER PATROL CHIEF and OFFICERS

George Lawrence, our former Water Patrol Chief, has retired. The RTB promoted Tom Huffine to Water Patrol Chief. Tom is an underwater rescue diver and Dive Master for the RFD. He went through fire training certification with Randall Town Chairman Bob Stoll and they have a good history of cooperation. They feel Tom is going to bring some new energy to the water patrol and understands their philosophy regarding enforcement. They will miss George but look forward to working with Tom. Ray Nelson is not returning. They are expecting Ken Krenz and Steve Bolus to return and Darrel Borger later in the season. New officers will be added once the screening is completed.



BOATING ORDINANCE

Please review the enclosed brochure with your family members and any visitors who will be engaged in any water activities while at Powers Lake. Remember there are ordinances regarding swimming also. If your property is being rented or loaned, this ordinance should be prominently displayed for non-residents. A copy of the Common Sense mailer and Chapter 20 article should be available also. The DPL is also providing copies of the explanation of the Chapter 20 changes and map to the Town of Randall to be posted at the launches. This will hopefully inform non-residents of the changes. Let's do all we can do to ensure a safe boating season!

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Michels, our previous Chairman, attended the 5th Annual Fox River Summit regarding the Fox River Trail project which is a 223 mile trail between Wisconsin and Illinois. Of note was the Hackmatack Wildlife Preserve. Jim provided information on this project to all in attendance at our April DPL meeting. Jim



also attended the Walworth County Lakes Association meeting after our last DPL meeting. The meeting was well attended by representatives of many of the lakes in Walworth County. The agenda included a recap of the Wisconsin Lakes Convention in April. Any of our members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

After sharing lake issues, the President of Wisconsin Lakes and a Delavan Lake resident, Mary Knipper, updated attendees as to changes in regulations and funding to Wisconsin lakes. You can go to www.wisconsinlakes.org for more info or attend a DPL quarterly meeting.

Our thanks to Jim for bringing this information to our board and for representing our board at the Walworth County Lakes Association.

Commissioner Mark Halvey also reported that the Public Service Commission has approved the Spring Valley/North Lake Geneva electric reliability project which will strengthen electrical reliability for growing communities. The route will be north of Powers Lake along Hwy 83, Hwy 50 and Hwy 12. Above ground work should be finished by mid 2019.



AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT

Treatment of 7.5 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil, was scheduled for mid May this year depending on water temperatures. If treatment occurs within 200 feet of your property, a notice will be posted on your pier or shoreline. Treatment will be done again by Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource (formerly Stantec).

COMMON SENSE CAMPAIGN

The intent of this Campaign is to raise awareness and promote some "best practices" as it relates to the use of the lake.



Elected Commissioners:

Neal Kuhn, Chair
Secretary
Brooke Jensen, Treas.
Jim Michels
Dan O'Connell

Appointed Commissioners:

Judy Jooss, Kenosha Co.
Mark Halvey, Randall Twp.

COMMON SENSE CAMPAIGN con'd.

We can and should police ourselves!

Otherwise we risk:

- Accidents
- Damage to the lake
- Undersirable behavior
- More restrictive laws governing behavior

Our goal is to educate rather than legislate.



QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Friday, June 10th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, Wisconsin.

Also, a reminder that our Annual Meeting will be on August 5th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;

To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.