

# Windemere Lake and Landowners Association

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## WINDOW

"If you want information, just open a window"

Fall 2013

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

In August, Chip Wells, our Chair, received an e-mail from one of our members, asking "How are we doing? Is it (EWM) in check? What can anyone do on a one to one basis? Do we just need more money?"

Here is our answer:

Hi Dan..... Thank you for your interest in your lake association and our ongoing fight to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. This summer we treated 13.24 acres on Sturgeon and 10.27 acres on Sand. We hired Lake Management, Inc. from Marine on St. Croix to do the treating. The treatment was done on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The treatment on Sturgeon worked very well, but on Sand, Lake Management had to return in August to re-spray a very troublesome area south of the golf course. For the treatments on the lakes, your association paid \$13,136.86 to Lake Management. We always apply for grants from the DNR. This year we will receive from them \$100. per acre treated. The grants are very low this year due to the number of lakes requesting them. Is it in check? We know it is impossible to kill the plant and so our goal is to keep the plant in check so folks can use the lakes for their enjoyment. I do not think it is in check in Sand Lake. Weather has a lot to do with plant growth. What can one do on a one on one basis? You have already become a member and thank you for that. You could join the board, you could send a contribution to the milfoil fund, you could help with the spring walk-a-round we will be doing on all our lakes. The goal of the walk-a-round is to gain members and educate folks on ways to prevent spreading the plant to other lakes. You could attend our three general meetings held in the summer months. This is where you get the scoop on the health of the lakes in your association. We get our funding from membership dues and contributions. Also the Windemere Township and the Moose Lake Township help us out with money when we need it for treatment. I hope I have answered your questions. If you would like to help with the spring walk-a-round, call one of the board members on your lake. Their names are listed in this newsletter.

**Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you**

Windemere Township sent us a check for \$5000. to help with our 2014 milfoil treatment.

Moose Lake Township is giving us a check for \$2000. to help with our 2014 milfoil treatment.

We send a big thank you to these township boards for their generosity and help.

## GENERAL MEETING DATES FOR 2014

JUNE 14

JULY 12

AUGUST 9

All general meetings will be held at Hope Lutheran Church  
at 9:00 AM.

### WANTED..... A Secchi disc checker for Sand Lake

Checking the clarity of the water is an important part of knowing the health of a lake. This is done by using a Secchi disc. As often as possible during the summer months, you go in your boat and drop the disc over the side hanging on to the marked rope. You drop the disc until you can no longer see it. Then as you draw it up you count the 12 inch markings on the rope. You record the number on a form sent to you by the MPCA. At the end of the summer, you send in your data. Please call Pauline Dee, 218-485-8578, if you can do this.

### *Lakes Report*

The Department of Fisheries does an aquatic plant, fish and lake survey every five years on lakes with public access. Island Lake will have this done in 2014, Sturgeon Lake in 2016, and Sand Lake in 2016 or 2017. All three lakes will have their annual stocking of walleye fingerlings done next year. We are hiring A.W. Research to do a photo fly-over of Island Lake to compare "hot spots" with the fly over they did in 2008. These photos will show how the lake has changed or not changed over

#### THANK YOU to VOLUNTEERS

A BIG thank you goes out to volunteers, the ones we know about and many we don't know about.....road picker-uppers, helpers at the brush pile, Secchi disc readers, lake level checkers, helpers on walk-a-rounds to name but a few. Thanks so much....many hands make light work!!!

these 5-6 years.

### RECAP of 2013 ACTIVITIES

Treatment for Eurasian Water Milfoil-Sturgeon Lake....13.24 acres Sand Lake....10.27

Received two DNR grants for Eurasian Water Milfoil treatments

Held three general meetings and two board meetings

Collected trash on 8.5 miles of roads around our lakes

Tended the brush drop-off site throughout the summer

Published a brochure about our lake, our association and invasive species

Kept our website up to date. Take a look.....[www.minnesotawaters.org/group/windemere](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/windemere)

Joined Conservation Minnesota

#### Windemere Lake and Landowners Board Members

Sturgeon Lake	Sand Lake	Island Lake	Passenger
Sandy Schumann 218-390-1141	Pauline Dee 218-485-8578	Chip Wells 218-485-8254	Laurie Patrick 651-336-1024
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