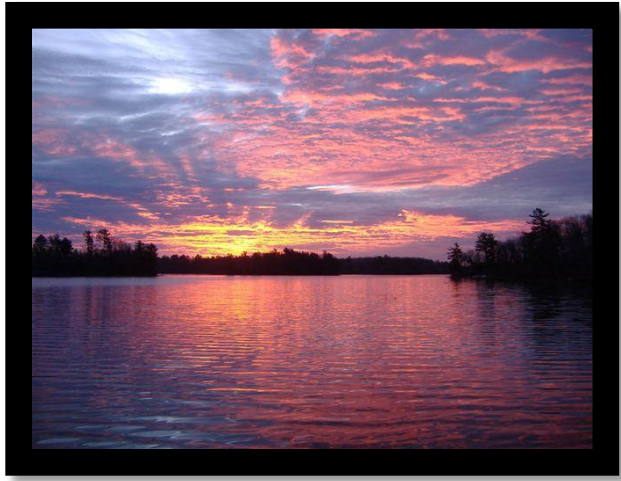


Windigo Lake Area Newsletter Summer 2011



Desk of the President

Dick Steininger

Spring has sprung and we are well on our way to summer. As most of you know, the lake level has come up over the winter. I think it is up about twelve inches over last year. I have heard some frogs in the low lands near our home, which I haven't heard in a few years. We also have more mosquitoes than I have seen in a couple of years.

I would like to thank all of the members who have paid their dues and made an additional contribution to the Invasive Species Fund and the fish cribs.

The board has decided to retain Dan Tyrolt, our speaker at the spring dinner, to help us apply for a DNR grant. Dan is an Environmental Engineer working for the LCO tribe. Dan has helped several other lake associations in applying for a grant. Dan also serves on our fishing and wild life committee. We are hoping to get our grant request in by August 1 of this year. Once we have been approved we will be looking for volunteers to monitor the wellness of our lake. Please consider helping and call one of the board members.

While taking a boat ride around the lake over Memorial Day weekend I couldn't get over how nice everything looked. It's apparent that most of the homeowners appreciate the beauty that Windigo has to offer and are trying to preserve its pristine shoreline.



Have a great summer.

Dick

WLPOA Spring Dinner Recap

Colleen Graham

The WLPOA Spring Dinner was a big success! Thanks to Tom Mansfield once again for acting as liaison between WLPOA and the Veteran's Center, where the dinner was held for the second year in a row. The food this year was provided by an outside caterer, MJ Anderson, from Minong. Once again, there was a great turnout, with 47 people attending. Social hour began at 5:30. Members were treated to a selection of appetizers to go with their beverage of choice. There was ample opportunity to get re-acquainted with neighbors, peruse the door prizes, and review photo albums documenting over twenty years of association gatherings. Thanks to Peg Christ for bringing the albums!

The buffet dinner service started at 6:30, featuring roast pork, with many salads and sides. The food was plentiful and delicious!

After dinner, WLPOA President, Dick Steininger, made a few announcements and also mentioned the recent survey conducted by WLPOA Secretary, Barb Reindl Pjevach. Members were asked for their views on the



timing and format of the annual spring dinner, summer picnic, and business meeting. A total of 37 members responded, which is an excellent response rate. Although a variety of responses were received, the most popular choice in all cases was to continue doing what we've been doing and not change the dates or formats of the events.

Dan Tyrolt, an environmental engineer at LCO, then gave an informative presentation on the discovery and eradication of invasive species. Dan discussed his experiences working with associations from neighboring lakes to combat the spread of Eurasian water-milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and purple loosestrife. Based on the number of questions asked, members are clearly concerned about this issue.

Members enjoyed desserts and coffee while the door prizes were awarded. The association would like to thank Bob Christ for donating a rustic lamp (won by Bernice LaBarbera), Leah Peterson for donating a painting of Windigo (won by Gloria Tollefsbol), and our caterer, MJ, for donating a bottle of wine. Feel free to contact Bob or Leah directly if you're interested in purchasing a lamp or painting.

Kudos to Sandy Bender for taking care of all the details – invitations, RSVP's, engaging the caterer, setup, and cleanup. If you've ever put on dinner for 50 people, you know this is no small task. Thanks, Sandy! As always, if you have comments or suggestions regarding the spring dinner, please forward them on to Sandy or any WLPOA board member.



Membership Report

Gary Hartmann

Membership Chairman

Reminders to pay WLPOA dues for 2011 were sent out in February. If you need a membership form please contact me by phone or email.

To date we have received renewals from 75 members and 22 people are signed up to receive our Newsletter as "Friends of Windigo". Your support is critical to our association and it is very much appreciated

Our membership form also provided options for making voluntary donations to our Invasive Species Fund and our new Fish Crib Fund. Donations to the Invasive Species Fund were received from 26 members and 15 members contributed to the Fish Crib Fund.

Dollar totals for these contributions are shown in the accompanying Treasurer's Report. WLPOA serves property owners on Windigo Lake, Hub Lake, and Lake 27 by protecting our lakes from invasive species, working with the DNR and local government to maintain lake quality and promoting communication and cooperation among lakeshore owners.

WLPOA, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization so your membership donation is tax-deductible as provided by law.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Hartmann

To date our 2011 income is as follows:

- We have received \$ 1,985 in dues from 75 members and 22 "Friends of Windigo" subscriptions.
- Donations to the Invasive Species Fund totaled \$ 745 and donations to the new Fish Crib Fund totaled \$ 235.
- Forty-seven tickets at \$ 14 each were sold to the May 7th Spring Dinner for a total of \$ 658. Meal expenses were \$ 690.

Our annual operating budget is about \$ 1,600. This covers our membership mailing, the printing and mailing of three Newsletters, signs for our boat landing, purchase and maintenance of "no wake" buoys, our liability insurance, and memberships in the Wisconsin Association of Lakes and the Sawyer County Lakes Forum. These two organizations are great resources; feel free to check out their web sites:

<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/> and <http://www.sawyercounty lakesforum.org/>

The WLPOA account balances are:

- Checking Account: \$ 1,869. This account is used for our operating budget.
- Invasive Species Account: \$ 5,929. This fund was set up to deal with the invasive species threat; our plan is to build this fund up to \$ 10,000.
- Fish Crib Fund Account: \$ 235. These funds will be used to repair or replace fish cribs that WLPOA placed in Windigo some years ago.

Spring Survey Undertaken for Invasive Species

In light of the rapid spread of a variety of invasive species throughout the lakes of Sawyer County the WLPOA has requested that local biologist, Mike Heim, return to the lake for a survey of the lake for invasive species this spring in addition to the fall survey he has taken in the past. Since invasive plants bloom at different times of the year it was thought wise to undertake an inspection early and late during the aquatic plant growing season. Spring would also be an ideal time for the lake's Bay Captains to review their respective geographic areas for problematic growth and to take questionable plants to the Sawyer County Conservation Department in the Sawyer County Court House for identification. Recent studies have determined that there is a material decrease in property values on lakes afflicted by one or more invasive species and thus it would behoove all property owners to keep a sharp look out for plants depicted on the invasive species cards recently mailed to the membership.

UPDATE:

The scheduled spring survey of the lake for invasive species took place last Saturday with biologist Mike Heim accompanied by Colleen Graham and Paul Neimann. Fortunately nothing disturbing was discovered (unless you considered the weather). Of course all lake owners should remain diligent for AIS for the rest of the year.

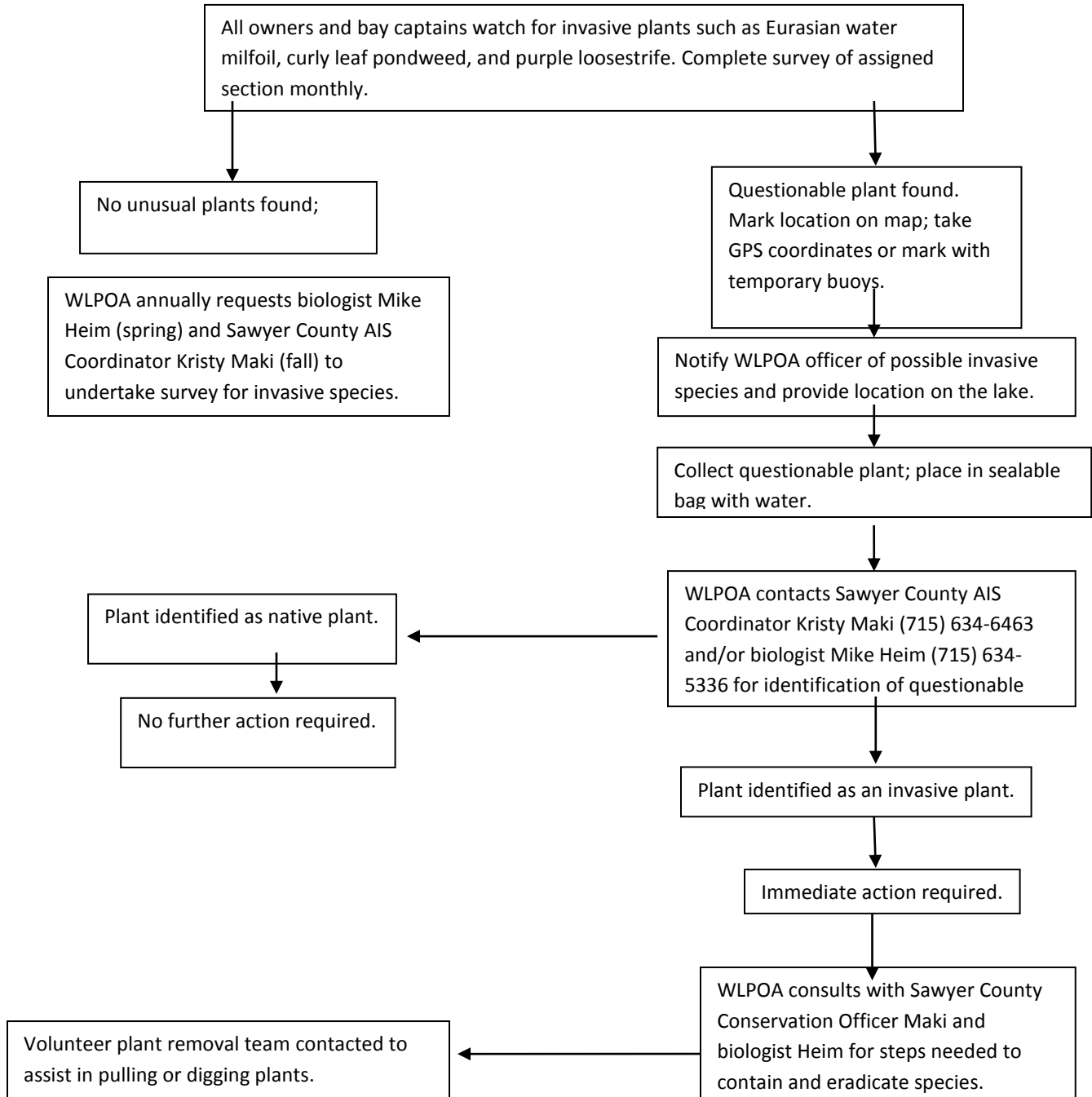
Changes in Sawyer County Shoreline-Wetland Protection Ordinance in the Offing

The Wisconsin State Legislature passed in 2010 an updated rule known as NR115 so as to better protect shore lands and which requires all counties to update their existing ordinances to comply with the new rule. Sawyer County is presently in the process of amending its existing ordinance which process must be completed by February, 2012. While it is not possible to summarize all the proposed changes here, a copy of the changes may be obtained at the Office of Zoning at the Sawyer County Court House. Since the property owners of the lake have done an outstanding job of maintaining the shoreline in its natural and wild condition and the lake is not overly developed, the impact of the ultimate revisions to the existing ordinance may be minimal. Perhaps the best advice for the time being is simply to keep your property and shoreline as it is.

Invasive Species Monitoring & Action Plan for Windigo Lake

Although Windigo will be professionally surveyed in the spring and fall for invasive species (IS), we also rely on property owners to identify and report suspicious plants. Towards that end, the WLPOA board consulted with Kristi Maki, the Sawyer County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, to create a plan to monitor Windigo. Earlier this year, photographs of IS (along with similar native counterparts) were sent to property owners. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with IS and follow the reporting instructions in the action plan below in the event you find an IS on Windigo. Also, if you'd like to volunteer to be on the plant removal team, please contact a board member. Thank you!

Monitoring & Action Plan



Windigo Resident Obituary

Albert Junior Pink Melberg

Albert J. Melberg, loving Husband, Father and Grandfather of Hayward, Wis. and Ocala, Fla., died peacefully on Friday, May 27, 2011. Albert was born on May 1, 1925, the son of Anne Marie (Fossum) and Carl Albert Melberg in Ashland, Wis. He was raised in Ashland and attended Beaser School where he played football and basketball. He graduated in 1942 and joined the Coast Guard; he served his country in World War II. Al returned to Ashland and attended Northland College for two years, then transferred to Hamline University and graduated with a major in accounting and a minor in psychology. He was employed by 3M in 1947 and managed the New Business Ventures division from 1971 until he retired in 1982. Al moved to Windigo Lake in 1983. He adored his second wife, Delores, and delighted in traveling, playing tennis and going for walks with her. You may have seen Al taking his cocktail pontoon cruises around the lake at some point during the warmer months. Al is survived by his wife, Delores (Ochu), his brother, James (Patricia) of Roseville, Minn.; his daughter, Barbara (Charley Duvall) of Annapolis, Md.; his son, Mark (Janine) of Denver, Colo.; and his daughter, Lisa French (David Thie) of Hayward; his grandchildren, Samantha, Billy Leanne, Kate, Jacqueline and Chase; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Anna, his father, Carl, his first wife, Lois (Nelson); his brother, Robert; and his sister, Edna Mae (Smith). Al will be remembered for his immense generosity, his love of martinis, and his love of the outdoors. Our hearts are broken, Dad. We love you and miss you, and will cherish our family memories forever.



Save the Date!



WLPOA Summer Picnic and Business Meeting August 6

Pydo's garage at 7991N Thunder Point Road

Business Meeting starts at 4:00 PM

Picnic starts at 5:00 PM

Brats, buns, and condiments will be provided by the WLPOA.

Bring a dish to pass.

Come for all or part of the festivities, or just stop in to say hello!

RSVP not necessary, but contact Sandy Bender (715-634-1590)

or Colleen Graham (651-253-0811) if you have questions.

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