

March Summary in lieu of BOD Meeting Minutes

Hi all

Certainly has been a unusual turn of events these past several weeks. Hope everyone is safe and staying healthy! I have been able to work on the Association's normal business at this time of year and wanted to give an update.

Firstly, Tom Herron of DEQ retired this past year. Tom and I have spoken and he has indicated that he wants to join our organization and continue to work with us on our on going water testing needs. This is obviously welcome news! Hopefully he and Janet can get out on the lake this month with the improving weather and do some April water testing. I am going to (with Tom's guidance) reach out to DEQ to see who is now in charge of our lake monitoring but Tom feels that there will not be any financial help with the lab costs coming from DEQ due to budgetary cutbacks. We addressed this issue last fall and the board authorized the funds necessary for this springs water testing. We will re-address at our next meeting.

ISDA - I spoke with Jeremy Varley, Agriculture Section Manger/Noxious Weeds. He indicated that based on a recent look at the northend by Kim Holzer and last years Fall survey we would not be in line for a Spring Curly Leaf treatment. I've attached a photo take by Kim of an example of a immature (early stage of development) plant that she saw examples of at the north end. The docks were not in so a boat couldn't launched. The docks are now in and hopefully once protocol is established by ISDA to ensure safe distancing on the boat for crew she hopes to get out and do a full survey for EWM and Curly Leaf. Based on the survey results we will re-address our treatment needs. On a side note, I found a Fall/Winter Newsletter from 2010 that featured Dr Kurt Getsinger and Dr. Dave Soballe, both with the Army Corp of Engineers on the front page holding up a handful of Curly leaf that we found on the South End of the lake during a mid summer survey. We also found good stands around Sandy Beach. I bring this up as I was on a survey boat last fall after the ProCellacor treatment for EWM and didn't see much Curly Leaf at the North or South end of the lake. While we may have Curly Leaf, the population doesn't seem to have grown (maybe lessened) over the last ten years. We will be discussing more thoroughly once we have this spring survey results.

Boat Inspection - At the moment there is a hiring freeze in place for State Employees. As such ISDA hasn't been able to hire in their seasonal employees which is how they staff the roving crews that worked with us last season and we still presume will work with us again once restrictions are lifted. There is also an issue related Personal Protection Equipment and protocol that needs to be developed. This would definitely apply to anyone the Association hires to

supplement the roving crews. We normally don't start inspecting until mid May so we will see how things go in April. With the docks in and the Big Lake not up yet, I expect to see a fair number of local fishermen on our lake. The inspection crews at the highway stations are in place and inspecting.

Water level on March 26th (cancelled March Board meeting date) was 5.10 vs 6.07 last year. Think we still have most of spring flooding to come. Tom Herron indicated our snow pack was 114% of normal.

Cinda also prepared a Treasurers report as of April 4th which is attached, and indicated we have 57 membership renewals for this year compared to 60 at the same date last year. We very much appreciate your renewals and count on keeping membership close to 80 so we can fund the ongoing lake testing and vessel inspections to help protect our lake, Thank you to all that made those renewals!

At this time it is doubtful we will be able to have an April Meeting, but I will hold off cancelling until later next week. I will continue to oversee our normal activities and keep you all posted in the meantime.

Best Regards

Fred Vincent