
Upper Turtle Lake District August 2021 Newsletter

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Notice of Annual Meeting

The Upper Turtle Lake District Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, August 28th, 10:00 a.m. at the Ritschie Pavilion in Turtle Lake. The meeting agenda is on page 3, and voting will take place on the three listed items: Lake District Commissioner office, the 2022 budget, and borrowing authority. If you have an interest in running for the Lake District Board, please contact any one of the Commissioners for additional information. Wisconsin law states that you must be present in order to vote. The proposed budget is on page 2.

Independence Day Boat Parade

Congratulations to the Studnicka and Miller families for their winning July 4th parade floats!



Parade floats were bigger and better this year! Judging was difficult, and everyone who participated deserves a big round of applause. The Studnicka family received the "Most Patriotic" award with their "Mount Rushmore" float. The Miller family received the "Most Creative" award for their "The Goal – Herd Immunity" float. Thanks to all who participated in this annual event!



2021 Events:

Fourth Annual Lake District Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 28th, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Ritschie Pavilion, Turtle Lake.

2022 Proposed Upper Turtle Lake District Budget

Income

Tax Revenues	10,000
2021 District Checking Account Surplus	9,000
CBCW Grant Income	<u>1,600</u>
Total Income	20,600

Expenses:

Operating Expense	3,000
Includes-insurance, web expense, education, PO Box, social activities, trees etc.	
Advertising, printing, postage	1,600
CLP Turion Survey	2,300
Point/Intercept Plant Survey, CLP Survey and Bed	
Mapping	5,000
Lake Education and Planning Services	6,700
(Includes 5-year update of Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan, Consulting and Support.)	
Water Quality Testing	400
CBCW Expense	<u>1,600</u>
Total Expense	20,600

Note: A Savings Account in the amount of 10,018.00 is set aside for rapid response implementation to new Aquatic Invasive Species.

CBCW

As you know, the Upper Turtle Lake District is sponsoring the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) project again this year at the Wayside Landing. As a review, CBCW includes teams of volunteers, as well as paid staff, who perform boat and trailer checks, disseminate informational brochures and educate boaters on the prevention steps to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). The Lake District committed to 100 volunteer hours for this year and with two months left there are still 25 hours to complete. PLEASE, consider donating your time in the next few weeks! Contact Kim Swenson (kim.swenson2015@gmail.com) for more information!

2021 Annual Meeting Agenda

The Purpose of the Upper Turtle Lake District is to preserve, protect, and enhance Upper Turtle Lake and its surrounding for today and future generations.

Welcome. Introduction of Commissioners and Guests

Voting Process Review- Carol Timmerman

Secretary Report- Carol Timmerman

Approval of last year's meeting minutes (found on website)

Treasurers Report- Sharon Dunemann

Internal Audit Report- Julie Zellmer, Tom Bechtold, Kim Swenson

Accomplishments 2021- Sherry Warrick

Treatment Plan 2022- Sherry Warrick

Voting

Budget 2022 - Sharon Dunemann

Lending Authority -Sharon Dunemann

Commissioner Election

CBCW update -Vounteers needed- Kim Swenson

Public Input/Questions

Poker Run Recap

The 2nd Annual Poker Run was another success! The dock hosts were so creative and generous!

Thanks to the Dock Hosts:

-McCauley's - Vegas Theme

-Bird's - 80's Theme

-Wolff's -St. Patrick's Day Theme

-McDonald's - Viking/Packer Theme

-Heintz/Eke's - Margaritaville Theme

-Searle's - Western Theme

-Turtle Lake Shores: Schissel's/Hoffman's/Hoffman's - Margaritaville Theme

There were over 200 participants, which was awesome! With the collected money, and after expenses, the Lake District was able to make a \$350 donation to the Turtle Lake High School Biology department.

Winner Jackpots:

-1st Place James Gilbert

-2nd Place Gabby Minks

-3rd place George Behr

Understand the Regulations!

Beware of adding rock or sand to the lake! In this situation it is not better to ask for "forgiveness than permission." The Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) is critical to which governmental agency has jurisdiction. Our lake, like all in Wisconsin, are public waters. The water belongs to everyone, not just to us as lakeshore owners. Wisconsin DNR regulations govern the water. The addition of sand at or

below the OHWM is prohibited. Rocking of the shoreline requires a permit. The land above the OHWM is subject to Barron Zoning regulations. If you are adding a building to your lakeshore lot, check with Barron County regarding setbacks requirements. If your lot is part of a development there may also be covenants that pertain. 1-800-TIP-WDNR.

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waterways/shoreline/lake_erosion.html

Notes from the UTLD Chair

Happy Summer 2021 Upper Turtle Lake District Residents!

Your Lake District Board has been very busy getting educated and implementing practices to preserve and enhance our beautiful lake in Wisconsin. Here are a few items that you, our constituents, along with experts in the fields are sharing:

-There has been bear sightings at a few spots on the lake. Be careful to keep garbage enclosed.

-There are several more aqua thrusters on the lake according to our treatment provider. There are mixed reviews on these as "helping" the lake. It seems they are a source of re-suspending sediment to other parts of the lake. Also, running thrusters pushed herbicide treatment out of some CLP treatment areas.

-Have your septic system checked, inspected, or updated if there is an unpleasant odor or sewage backup. If you know of someone that has a cistern or dry well, please have them contact Mark Stanley of Barron County Zoning at (715) 537-6375.

-Watch your speed on the lake and be aware of anglers and children swimming in the lake.

Mark your calendars for The Lake District Annual Meeting, Sat, Aug 28th, and to wish our longtime board member, Sharon Dunemann, a farewell and Thank you. Sharon is still planning to help with lake and community efforts. Her presence on the board will be missed. Thank you Sharon for your friendship and dedication to Upper Turtle Lake. Thank you all, for doing your part in preserving our lake for now and our future generations.

Sherry Warrick. UTLD Chair

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