Greetings: I hope this newsletter finds many of you nestled in your cabin next to a crackling fire. It is so hard to believe the summer of 2018 has already passed us by. As you read this we’re likely already into the MN Deer season. Since many of you were unable to attend our annual meeting a brief introduction seems appropriate. My name is Brian Laudenbach and my wife Monica and I have a cabin on Kid Lake. I served as your Vice President and took over the role of President earlier this year due to health issues with my predecessor, Alkis Michaelides.

I am thrilled to inform all of you that over the past 12 months our board has welcomed many new members. We truly have a very engaged and enthusiastic group representing you and it’s so nice to see. One of the latest positions filled is that of AIS Team Lead. We thank Dick Bottorff for stepping up to the plate. I want to assure EVERY member of this association that our number one focus is AIS prevention. On that note, our board is currently working on several initiatives. A primary focus of ours is the public landing on Baby Lake. We are currently researching new and possibly larger signage to draw awareness to AIS at the landing along with a camera system that would allow us to capture license plates, etc. A few board members will be meeting on site with the DNR Parks and Trails division (the owner of the property) this October to research these options. We also want to draw awareness to all other entry points starting with the resorts - because a higher volume of boats are possible at the resorts - all the way down to individual property owners who have landings. We hope to visit face to face with these owners to draw more awareness to the concern.

In closing, if you are passionate about AIS prevention on our six lakes then please get involved with our board. Complaining about AIS or what our association is or isn’t doing doesn’t accomplish a thing. Involvement does.

On behalf of myself and our entire board, we hope you have a wonderful winter season - Keep your fire crackling!

Mission Statement:
Our mission is to preserve and improve water quality, fish habitat, and the well-being of wildlife in our lakes and watershed.

If you have any questions or concerns about your lake, please contact your lake representative listed within this newsletter.
Annual Meeting Summary

General Comments - Alkis Michaelides stepped down due to medical reasons. Brian Laudenbach will finish out 2018 and 2019. Question about why we have so many loons. Discussion on a limit on loons; no additional nests added on lake. Loons eat too many fish and interfere with fishing on the lake. Special recognition to Brian Johnson for his help with annual meeting signage. Remembered Past President Ron Jandura’s passing.

Membership / Financial Report - Membership: 182 Member renewals (56% of property owners) & 8 new members
Revenue – $31,491.30
Expense – $5,525.00
Available Funds - $25,966.30


Lake Management Plan – Stan gave an overview of the Lake Management Plan – full plan is posted to website. Includes recommendations of fish stocking, water testing, monitoring and control of invasive species.

New Business – Definition of a quorum for board meetings
“A quorum will be considered 7 voting board members of the board in attendance either in person, via phone, or responding by email or USPS mail.”

Next Annual Meeting – Saturday July 27, 2019 - 9:00 am.


2019 Board of Directors Meetings, 9:00 A.M. (open to all members)

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Agenda items due to the President one week prior to board meetings or bring to meeting
McKeown Rock Dam Update
by Stan Kumpula

In a meeting with Doug Schultz on September 14th, Doug indicated that a portion of the Dam underlayment filters were removed to allow more flow to seep under and through the Dam thereby lowering the normal water surface of our lakes by a few inches to more precisely match the original Dam flow characteristics. We will be doing a few discharge measurements this fall and next spring to see if the adjustments provide a closer match to the original Dam’s rating curve.

On another note, the photograph of the Dam shows some small rocks placed on top of the larger Dam rocks. The DNR knows nothing of this and apparently someone did it for fun.

Walleye Stocking Effort on Kid & Lost Lakes
by Brian Laudenbach

A group of property owners on Kid and Lost lakes began a DNR approved walleye stocking effort three years ago (the fall of 2015). This initiative was 100% funded by the interested parties and the application process was approved by the DNR. Approximately 1,100 fingerlings were released each of the past three falls. The DNR has recommended that we take a year off, so no stocking will occur this fall of 2018. This recommendation comes so that the forage fish have a year to also sustain themselves. We do anticipate to resume the stocking in the fall of 2019 and hope for nice results in the future.

Baby Lake Stocking Report

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Stocking Notes
1. Indicates fish purchased and stocked by private citizens and sporting groups.
2. Indicates fish purchased by the DNR for stocking.

Stocking Fish Sizes
Fry - Newly hatched fish that are ready to be stocked usually called “swim-ups”. Walleye fry are 1/3 of an inch or around 8 mm.
Fingerling - Fingerlings are one to six months old and can range from a size of one to twelve inches depending on the species. Walleye fingerlings range from three to eight inches each fall.
Yearling - Yearling fish are at least one year old. A one-year-old fish can range from three to twenty inches depending on the species. Walleye yearlings average from six to twelve inches.
Adult - Adult fish are fish that have reached maturity. Depending on the species, maturity can be reached at two years of age. Walleye reach maturity between the ages of four and six years.

Our 6 Lakes Loon Count
by Lois Anderson

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Neighborhood News

2018 Pizza Party Recap

Boom! Bang! Forty-nine hearty Man Lake neighbors gathered at Gary and Linnea Dietrich’s home June 15th for the 6th annual Man Lake pizza party with pizza from their outdoor wood-fired oven. The party was hosted by Lois Anderson, the lake rep, and the Dietrichs. Tom and Mary Lindquist, former residents of Baby Lake (Tom is a past president of our association), came to help and party too. We had it all! Thunder, lightening, big downpours, pizza and a great time hanging out in the garage with our neighbors and friends!

“Red – Right – Return”
by Steve Mitton

My dad, Al Mitton, purchased 12 acres along the west side of McKeown Lake in the mid 1960s. He began to develop his new piece of property where the power line crossed over to the “island.” (Some called it the peninsula.) The power line no longer goes over the water so electricity to the island is now supplied underground. One of the things he noticed was that the shallow water between his land and the island was a big spawning bed for the bass population of the lake. There was a natural channel that cut through the spot, but not all boaters used it or knew where it was.

He contacted the Cass County Sheriff’s Department and acquired two buoys to mark the channel: one red and one green. That might have sent a message that he wanted Christmas all year round. Not the case. These were navigation buoys. Usually larger ones are used in marking rivers, but the colors are the same. The “Return” part of the quote means returning back up stream. The same colors are used for navigation lights on boats. Dad placed the red buoy on the island side of the channel, as though returning upstream to Man Lake. He pulled the buoys out in late fall to prevent any ice damage and put them back in the spring after ice out.

A previous article in the The Lake Link did an excellent job describing some of the buoys used in the area. One thing the article didn’t mention was that the buoys are very awkward to handle. They have about 12” of concrete in the base to keep them upright. Those who might make them a target with their boat should think twice about it. That 12” of concrete will ruin a propeller in a split second.

Dad became unable to handle the buoys in the late 1990s which is when I took over the duties. He died in 2011 at the age of 92. I will continue the tradition as long as I am able. After that, perhaps my children and grandchildren will carry on the tradition started by their grandfather and great-grandfather. Red – right – return.

Green buoy on the left, red buoy on the right on McKeown Lake. The buoys navigate boat traffic away from a spawning bed for bass.
by Mike Gulbrandson

In precolonial times, the wood duck was likely the most abundant waterfowl species in eastern North America. Unfortunately, their distribution within densely settled regions made them readily accessible to market hunters throughout the year. Overharvesting, coupled with the destruction of bottomland habitats, drove these colorful birds to the brink of extinction by the early 20th century. The dramatic rebound of wood duck populations since that time can be largely attributed to protection provided by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. However, the recovery of the wood duck was also assisted by the advent of artificial nesting structures, or wood duck boxes.

In 1937, the U.S. Biological Survey (now the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) erected 486 bark-covered slab wooden boxes, which are thought to have been designed by biologists Gil Gigstead and Milford Smith at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge in central Illinois. This represented the first recorded use of artificial nesting structures for wood ducks. Over the next two years, Arthur Hawkins and renowned wood duck expert Frank Bellrose erected 700 rough-cut cypress board boxes throughout Illinois. More than half were used by "woodies," revealing the great management potential of the boxes. Since these pioneering efforts, thousands of wood duck boxes have been built and erected by a diversity of people and groups, from wildlife agencies to conservation-minded private citizens.

Wood duck females typically build their nests in tree cavities near wetlands. When a prospective cavity is found, a hen wood duck will land in the tree and carefully inspect the site for a variety of characteristics, including size, shape and security from predators and the elements. In many areas, wood ducks have difficulty finding suitable natural nesting sites. Wood duck boxes provide a man-made alternative, where hens can nest in relative safety from predators. The deployment of large numbers of nesting boxes can be used to help increase local or regional populations of wood ducks in areas where natural cavities are limited.

Several important factors must be considered when selecting sites to place wood duck boxes. Suitable brood habitat must be available within a couple of hundred yards in order for ducklings to survive once they exit the box. In addition, shallow, fertile wetlands with thick cover and an abundance of invertebrates typically provide the best habitat for broods. Ideally, boxes should be erected on either wooden posts or metal conduits outfitted with predator guards.

While many types and styles of wood duck boxes have been produced from a variety of materials over the years, those made from rough-cut lumber, like the original prototypes built by Hawkins and Bellrose, seem to work best. Rough-cut, unfinished lumber is preferred because ducklings have no trouble climbing the inside of the box with their sharp claws to reach the exit hole. In plastic or metal structures, which have slick surfaces, hardware cloth ladders must be installed to provide ducklings with an escape route. Ideally, a four-inch layer of wood shavings should be added to each box for nesting material. The female will use this to cover the eggs during laying or when she takes feeding breaks during incubation. Boxes should be cleaned out and replenished with fresh nesting material every year in late winter, before hens initiate nesting in early spring.

All nesting boxes should be secured to protect hens and their clutches from nest predators, especially raccoons and rat snakes. The most effective way to provide defense from these marauders is to install a predator guard on the pole supporting the box. Conical predator guards made of sheet metal are most effective. Care must be taken to ensure that the guard fits tightly against the post and that no overhanging tree limbs allow predators to bypass the predator shield.

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Ron Jandura, 1941-2018
by Mary Ann Jandura

Ron Jandura, a resident on Baby Lake, passed away on April 13, 2018, in Ocala, FL. He was 77 years old. Ron grew up in Joliet, IL. He received education degrees from Lewis University, IL; Illinois State University; and following his marriage to Mary Ann in 1968, a doctorate degree in school administration from the University of Alabama.

Ron & Mary Ann returned to the Chicago area where Ron was a school principal in three suburban schools. They were then on to Rhinelander, WI, for an assistant superintendent position. Ron then accepted superintendent of schools positions in St. Cloud, MN, Geneo, IL, and Burlington, WI. It was 27 years as a superintendent that culminated in over 40 years as an educator. In 2010, he retired from Burlington at age 69.

His co-workers and friends admired his intelligence and knowledge of education; political astuteness; calmness, problem solving; putting every child's education first; and thinking "outside the box". He facilitated chemistry students starting up a cleaning product company; a construction academy for students who chose a path other than higher education; and a student who wanted to take Japanese was enabled to take on-line courses before they became popular. He was a team player. Many times he didn't say, "I did this", but "we did this".

In 1993, Ron & Mary Ann bought the property on Baby Lake that had once been part of the Interlachen resort. The original one bedroom cabin still stands but a five bedroom lake home was built in 2002. After retirement, they became "snowbirds" spending 7 months at their home in Florida, and five months (May thru Oct.) in Hackensack.

Ron could not wait to come back to Baby Lake each year. He

Man Lake Parade: Celebrating Jack Thomas
by Dianne Hughes

This year on the fourth of July on Man Lake we had a record attendance of eleven boats. This is our sixth year of the boat parade tradition on Man Lake. Generally we ask Jack and Betty Thomas to lead the boat parade but Jack was unable to due to his illness. Gary and Linnea Dietrich led our parade in fashion. All of the boats were decorated beautifully and styled in pride, thank you. We appreciate everyone who decorated their boats and joined us on this beautiful day. As we passed Jack and Betty's house everyone waved and blew their horns. Jack and Betty were enjoying themselves sitting on the swing. We went by slowly giving all of us time to enjoy ourselves. Also wanting to provide thanks to those who were not in the parade but willing to show a sign of patriotism by waving the flag as we passed. Jack was very grateful of this as he called me the next day thanking me time and time again. Obviously this was a big deal because Jack is pretty stubborn with compliments. Unfortunately this was Jack's last fourth of July.

Shortly after, he was admitted into St. Joseph’s Hospital in Brainerd, Minnesota. Prior to closing our cabin, Betty called and informed us of this terrible news. We felt awful and made it a priority to stop and see Jack before heading home. He was in good spirits and has always kept his sense of humor as times got rough. When we arrived Jack was full of smiles as always. The nurse kindly took a photo of Jack, Ed, and I. As this was happening, Jack made a joke about me (Dianne) that I used to date Paul Bunyan. The nurse quickly replied saying she looks pretty
Summer Memories

A Lake Favorite
by Sue Ready

Along a busy county road that meanders past several lakes stands Foxie Roxie who gives all passersby's a friendly wave. Foxie Roxie makes us all smile as we pass by. Each weekend her attire changes sometimes even twice a day depending on the weather. I've heard she often shops at the Longville thrift shop, Tossed and Found. Foxie Roxie provides a service to her community as she's across the street from a busy lake entrance and manages to slow the traffic down who want to check her out. All summer long we've enjoyed her creative attire. Foxie Roxie went out with a bang with this show stopping outfit! Foxie Roxie has become a lake favorite. Check out her Facebook page: Foxie Roxie.

We hope to see her back in 2019.

Ron Jandura (Continued from page 6)
became active in the Lake's Association for 6 years as Vice President, President, and Past President. He established a viable relationship with DNR representatives to monitor the six lakes.

Ron's daughter and her family live near Minneapolis. and are frequent visitors to Baby Lake. Ron enjoyed making sure that everything was ready so that his grandson's (Alex and Ian) could enjoy all the water activities. The fishing rods where ready, bait bought, boats, gassed, etc.

One of Ron's most enjoyable experiences was getting ready for the annual "Musky Hunt" in late September. Each year the "guys" (family & friends) would get together on Baby Lake for a week of fishing for "Musky". Ron, his son Dan, and Dan's friend Dave, have hosted the Hunt for 22 years. They have a map of Baby Lake and pin point where every Muskie has been caught.. They also keep a log of type of weather, how large, etc. This was the first time that Ron has missed. Dan & Dave continued the tradition this year.

Ron was a quiet, humble person with a wicked sense of humor that brought wisdom, joy, and contentment to many. He will be missed.

Jack Thomas (Continued from page 6)
good for being one of Paul's girls.

Today, we still remember Jack as very giving. Jack and Betty are the founders of Paws and Claws Resort and Rescue in Hackensack. More especially Jack is remembered as the "Bee-Man" as he had a love for beekeeping. Thank you, Jack, for all you have done for your friends and your community.

Rest in peace to a great friend who has created many enjoyable memories.

(In Memoriam Jack Thomas 9-27-1936/9-17-18)

Your friends, Ed and Dianne

Ron and Jack will be missed by Our 6 Lakes community.
It’s Good to Know

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Stories, articles and comments submitted by members are strongly encouraged and welcomed. They may be printed in the newsletter depending on available space and the appropriateness of the subject matter and content. The submitted material may be edited to fit the available space and will be attributed to the person submitting the material. The editor makes the final decision as to whether or not the submitted material will be published in the newsletter. No politically oriented content will be published. Opinions or positions contained in submitted articles do not reflect the association’s policies or points of view. Please send submissions to Sue Ready at suready@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who shared photos of their summer memories on our Facebook page! To join our closed group, type in Our 6 Lakes in the search bar and click on “+ Join Group.” We love your photos!

Membership Renewals

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DNR Lake Fisheries Management Update
by Mike Gulbrandson, Past President

Since 2016, the DNR has standardized its criteria for measuring lake fisheries. The group reviewed an 11-page summary of Baby Lake. The varied measurements determine fisheries plans.

Muskie
In the 1960s era, Muskie forage habits often relied on what taxidermists had to say on what was found in the fish stomachs. Now it’s possible to study what Muskie forage on by testing the stomach contents with molecular testing. The contents are obtained via “gastric massage” or for this layman- stomach pumped - before releasing the fish unharmed.

Walleye
Baby Lake has a public access, hence the DNR only studies and stocks Baby and Man lakes. Natural production of walleye is low. Stocking every other year of approximately 1-lb walleye fingerlings per littoral acre is effective, but the growth rate is linked to the forage base. Stocking every other year helps minimize the overload of the forage base. Stocking with too many fish has shown that it is taking an extra year for the fish to reach harvestable size.

Northern Pike
Baby Lake is the last lake in Minnesota to ban spearing of Northern Pike. The proposed legislation by the state to open Baby Lake to spearing has been tabled. Baby Lake retains its ban on spearing. Generally the DNR is not seeing good compliance with slot limit 22-26 inches. People questioned often reply, “Never heard of it.” Efforts continue to educate anglers.

Rock Weir Dam
In response to our concerns that water levels were higher than expected, the DNR in Fall 2017 has removed some of the matting underneath the rocks that had slowed water movement. Also some of the larger rocks were removed and this allowed water to flush a little faster. Unknown persons had stacked up rock cairns at the dam. Those stacks of rocks do not appear to have been removed from the river bed. No water level complaints have been received since aforementioned adjustments.

It has been observed that there is now good fish movement at the Rock Weir dam and also satisfactory movement of fish between Baby and Kid lakes once the beaver dam was removed.

Boat Landing
Our association is interested in enhancing AIS avoidance. It has been observed that boats are being launched without proper precautions. We are exploring alternatives in a camera system that will record boat launchings, similar to what Ten Mile Lake has in place. We are concerned that AIS signage is being ignored.

President Brian Laudenbach will by following up with other chairpersons on obtaining more information on costs and technical details. Plans are underway to form a committee to flesh out options for signs & camera.
Who Ya Gonna Call?

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Autumn Beef Stew

by Sue Ready

**Cook's Notes:** This versatile dish can be cooked in the slow cooker or a soup pot. The stew is flavorful, hearty cooked with chunks of your favorite seasonal veggies and tender pieces of beef. Other veggie options to consider include: sweet potatoes, butternut squash and parsnips. Autumn Beef Stew tastes even better on the second day. Adding in espresso powder is optional but does deepen the flavor. Pair the meal with your favorite cornmeal muffins drizzled with honey. Recipe serves 4-6 and was adapted from damndelicious.net

**Ingredients:**
- 2 TB. olive oil
- 1 LB. stew meat
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup flour, divided
- 2 cups each diced potatoes (red or gold), carrots, celery
- 1 cup each diced onions, mushrooms
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 TB. tomato paste
- 1 TB. Worcestershire sauce
- 4 cups beef broth
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 can (14.5) diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano
- 1/2 tsp. each dried thyme, parsley, rosemary, smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. brown sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 1 tsp. espresso powder (optional)

**Directions:**
Place 1/4 cup flour in a Ziploc bag. Add beef cubes and evenly coat pieces.

In a fry pan, if using slow cooker or large soup pot, heat olive oil and sear meat until evenly browned, Salt and pepper to taste. Do not overcook about 2-3 minutes.

Place beef, potatoes, carrots, celery, onions, garlic, tomato paste, Worcestershire, both broths, diced tomatoes, spices and bay leaves in slow cooker or soup pot. Mix well.

Cook on low covered if using a soup pot or slow cooker covered high 3-4 hours, low 6 hours.

Last hour of cooking time mix 1/4 cup flour with red wine. Add to pot and continue cooking.

Although duckling production from nest boxes represents only a small percentage of that produced from natural cavities, wood duck boxes provide an excellent opportunity for anyone to become involved in wildlife management. By building, installing and maintaining nest boxes, individuals can gain insight into the interesting aspects of wood duck nesting and reproduction, while helping to boost local populations.

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