

Ten Mile Lake Association



Newsletter



Fall Edition, 1992

Al Hoover Reelected President at Annual Meeting; Jack Adams is Vice-President

AL HOOVER WAS REELECTED to serve his second term as president of the Ten Mile Lake Association at the group's annual meeting in Hackensack August 1. Jack Adams was elected vice-president, Jim Miller was named treasurer and Sally Helsing was reelected secretary.

Named for 3-year terms as non-resident directors were Bob Crabb and Mary Ann Schmidt. Rick Crow was elected to a 3-year term as a resident director. Don Willis was proposed for Jack Adams' unexpired term as director (Don was confirmed for the post at the September board meeting). A full slate of officers, directors and committees appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

A LARGE NUMBER of members arrived early to circulate around the information tables that were being staffed by various committee members and others. Those at the tables were Jim Schwartz (Environment and Ecology), Willa Shonkwiler-Martin (History), Walt Kane (Lake Level), Bob Kay (Lake Safety), Jack Adams (Finance), Rod Owre (Fishing), Sally Helsing (Membership), Bill Macklin (Zoning and Land Use), Dean Hickey (U.S. Forest Service), and Tate Lane (soliciting signatures on a petition asking an environmental re-view of the proposed new public access).

During the formal meeting, a period of silence was observed for eleven Association members who had died during the year.

SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING was Joe Day, a Native American and a TMLA member who serves as regional mediator for the Department of Natural Resources. He referred briefly to long-standing treaties between the U.S. Government and Native Americans which still are in effect and subject to mediation and litigation.

Joe also emphasized the rich spiritual heritage of his people, rooted in their respect for and dependence upon the earth and its resources. He called upon everyone, private citizens and government agencies alike, to work together to preserve the environment.

On the public access issue, he pointed out that the lakes belong to Minnesota citizens, and the DNR's access program is designed to improve lake availability to all.

AT THE MEETING'S CLOSE, a special plaque was presented to Jim Schwartz to express the Association's appreciation for his years of dedication to the preservation of Ten Mile's unique qualities. The plaque grants him an honorary life membership. Jim is retiring as chair of the Environment and Ecology Committee, but will continue to serve as a member. John Alden is the new committee chair.

President Hoover also expressed thanks on behalf of the Association to those whose terms either as an officer or director ended this year: Robert "Deacon" Larson, Ginny Anderson, Mike Schwartz and Walt Kane.

The meeting was held at the Senior Citizens Center. Coffee and cookies were served before and after the formal meeting.

Access Group Asks Environmental Study

By Tate Lane

AT THE ASSOCIATION'S annual meeting a very large number of members signed a special petition to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board requesting an Environmental Work Sheet concerning the proposed public access. This (ACCESS ISSUE, continued on next page)

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petition is now being expedited by a special Steering Committee formed by Ted Mellby. The Steering Committee will consist of about 25 members and includes at least five lawyers who live on Ten Mile.

THEIR GOAL IS TO EDUCATE the Department of Natural Resources as to why the additional access is not needed, and point out how the environmental fragility of the area may be harmed.

This year it appears there has been only one baby loon hatched on the lake, and it is specifically located in Long's Bay.

A NEW FACTOR IS the discovery of an eagle nest located at the narrowest neck of Long's Bay. I have been privileged to take pictures of the nest and to observe the two mating eagles in "their tree and nest."

But, there is much more involved than the environmental threats. We also know for a fact that the additional public access cannot be justified by the DNR based on actual counts of use vs. current supply.

FOR INSTANCE, THE DNR had two of their people at their current public access on July 30th at 10:30 a.m. They reported only one boat using it. Another count of use was made by a TML member on the opening day of fishing. At that maximum use time only four boats were using it. It's pretty obvious that TML already has a very adequate supply of "boat access" stalls.

The Steering Committee does not argue with the "rights" of the DNR. But we strenuously object to their over-building, and particularly in an environmentally fragile area. My personal opinion is that we have the best hope of getting a sensible solution through the use of political and personal pressures. But, as in any struggle with bureaucracy, we must also be willing to use the legal system.

Walleye Fishing on Slow Track this Year

By Rod Owre, Chair, Fisheries Committee
SLOW! IMPOSSIBLE! TOUGH! These were some of the reactions of frustrated Ten Mile anglers this summer. Even the usually productive opening weekend and the two weeks following were slow this year. Then things seemed to go progressively down hill from that point forward.

Naturally, there were a few bright spots, but even the hard core night anglers com-

plained of less than normal results. We brought this deplorable situation to the attention of Harlan Fierstine, Area Fisheries Supervisor for the DNR, and were told that Ten Mile was not alone in "turned off" lakes this summer. Most, if not all, area lakes were below average in walleye productivity. Only Mille Lacs, which benefitted from an exceptionally good hatch a couple of years ago, could qualify as a walleye "hot spot" this season.

THERE APPEARS TO BE NO single explanation for the slow fishing this year. The experts report, however, that successive cold fronts combining with a huge crop of bait fish may have been responsible. Oh well, there's always next year to look forward to.

Speaking of next year, there will be approximately 15,000 new walleyes swimming around Ten Mile in '93. Where do we get this figure? Well, Harlan and his fisheries crew will be stocking the lake with about 1300 pounds of walleye fingerlings this fall. We are told these baby walleyes average 30 to 50 per pound but that the mortality rate is close to 70%! Next year this same group of youngsters will experience another 70% mortality. From then on, though, things start to improve.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW "Catch and Release" billboard? This colorful new attention-getter was made possible by donations from the TMLA, the DNR and Happiness Resort owner Rick Crow. We think the catch and release message is coming across strong.

So as we look forward to a better year of walleye fishing on Ten Mile, remember to release those big ones. The smaller fish are better table fare and the mercury levels are much lower. We'll expect to see you on the lake next spring.

Seek Lighted Buoys For Two Lake Sites

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE, headed by Bob Kay, is taking steps to post two lighted buoys on Ten Mile, one at the entrance to Long's Bay and the other at the island reef's north extremity. A request for the buoys has been submitted to the county Sheriff's office.

This past season the Safety Committee published a revised poster summarizing boating and water skiing regulations, listing important telephone numbers, and warning lakers to check boat rigs and remove aquatic vegetation before launch. Posters are available from Bob Kay (H3067) or Heidi Hoppe (H2581).

DNR Chief Gives Go Sign to Boat Access

A LETTER FROM Commissioner Rodney Sando to Everett L. Beasley, Jr., leaves little doubt that the DNR intends to proceed with plans to begin constructing a new boat access near the Ten Mile Inn next summer. The letter was in response to one from Beasley to Gov. Arne Carlson expressing concerns about the proposal. Carlson asked Sando to review the project with his staff and reply. Here, using a combination of paraphrase and direct quotation, is the substance of Sando's letter:

*Although the state is experiencing problems over funding for many operations, the access program is an exception; it has a relatively stable revenue base: Gas taxes and boat registration fees. The DNR does not have discretion over expenditure of these funds; that is governed by legislative authorization.

*A "significant number" of Ten Mile Lake Association members support the proposal and "eagerly await its implementation." They will not speak out openly because "they do not want to cause strife with their friends over this issue." They "want and will welcome" an east side access.

*Highway safety considerations have been reviewed by the Department of Transportation and the officials there feel "the project is well within the limits of safety and have no objection."

*A DNR wildlife specialist has inspected the proposed site and feels "there will be no specific impact to any critical habitat."

*There is no evidence that current activity is causing erosion in Long's Bay nor is there "any evidence to support the speculation that there would be measurable erosion as a result of the project."

*Contrary to the claim that the present access on the southwest side of the lake is not adequately maintained, DNR staff persons have inspected the site and have found it to be in "excellent shape." A local contractor takes care of the site and "he has not reported any problems."

*The need for an additional access is related to convenience. "It is approximately seven miles by boat from the far east end of the lake to the existing access. The proposed site" is located just off Highway 371 and would be "extremely accessible to the public."

*The risk of infestation by Eurasian water milfoil and other exotic species is present

Access Contributions Better Than Committee Expected

TATE LANE REPORTS that contributions supporting the Steering Committee's efforts to find an alternative to the proposed public access on lower Long's Bay have come in from more than 100 persons.

He characterized the response as "excellent, considerably exceeding the committee's expectations." He conveyed sincerest thanks to all contributors.

An article about the work of the committee appears on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter.

every time a boat is launched, whether "it's through your back yard, through a marina, through a resort, or through a public water access. The vast majority of boaters in Minnesota do not believe that restricting or inhibiting their ability to access any water body is an acceptable approach" to the issue. Educating boaters about the problem of exotic species is "imperative." Everyone has to "insure their own equipment is free of exotic species."

*On the question of water safety, "Long's Bay, in itself, is a respectable sized water body. With the size of the facility we're proposing, the total increase of activity on Long's Bay or Ten Mile Lake, as a whole, will be almost imperceptible. Our research shows that our access would generate an additional 10+ boats to the lake on an average mid-summer, Saturday afternoon."

Sando closed his letter by asserting that he "would like to reinforce the fact that we are very concerned about the wise use of our resources, both natural and fiscal. We feel this project is warranted, needed, and environmentally sound. We join you in wanting to preserve and protect this treasure."

Volunteers Clean Up Roads Three Times

MANY THANKS TO the Adopt-a-Highway volunteers who again picked up trash along lower and upper Ten Mile roads three times this past season.

New volunteers this year were Amanda Brosius and Ann Irvine, in addition to all the former willing workers. No spectacular finds were noted, just the usual pop and beer cans. -- Sally Helsing, Chair, Highway Beautification Committee.

Expert Says Access Impact a Mixed Bag

A LAKE CONSULTANT was retained by the Ten Mile Lake Board in August to study the proposed new public access site on Long's Bay and evaluate its potential impact on the lake's aquatic environment. The specialist is Dr. Charles Holt, a biologist from Bemidji State University.

Dr. Holt visited Ten Mile on August 18 and toured the area in question in company with Howard Thorson, Walt Kane, Jack Adams, John Alden and Jim Schwartz. He also inspected boat launching sites on the main lake, including the state-owned access just off Cass Highway #6. Dr. Holt's report, dated September 22, said that in his judgment:

1. The proposed access will have minimal limnological effects on the lake's aquatic ecology.

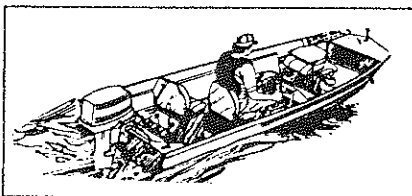
2. The expected increase in boat traffic that would result from the new access raises the possibility that eurasian water milfoil carried by watercraft from infested lakes could be introduced into Ten Mile. If that happened and the plant was left unchecked, it could float into the Boy River and begin to infiltrate downstream lakes.

3. There is more potential danger of nutrient loading from future development of platted, but presently undeveloped, tracts of lakeshore property on the east and north-west sides of the lake near the outlet to the Boy River than there is from the access.

DR. HOLT SAID that his principal concerns about the effects of the proposed access are more sociological and traffic safety-oriented than they are limnological. For example, he said:

1. Developing the access will bring with it the possibility of noisy partying as well as increased littering and vandalism.

2. He is certain that, unless traffic signals are installed at the entrance to the proposed access, people will be killed in



automobile collisions because of the existing heavy high-speed traffic (an average of 3050 vehicles per day

from the Ten Mile Inn south to Hackensack and 2650 vehicles daily from the Inn north to the Y junction. Summer counts would be even higher).

DR. HOLT SUGGESTED that the Board: (a) En-

gage a qualified traffic-safety consultant to make recommendations on this aspect of the proposed access, and (b) explore with the Department of Natural Resources the alternative of expanding the parking area at the existing state-owned public access instead of proceeding with the proposed new access. He pointed out there is ample room for such an expansion.

Dr. Holt based his report on personal observations, an examination of aquatic plant samples, information from the Department of Transportation, conversations with fisheries and wildlife professionals, and interviews with lake residents.

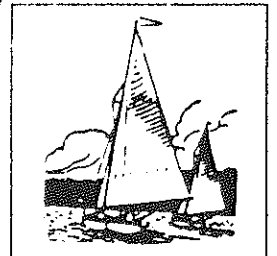
Grant Moos Sailing Champ for Summer

Submitted by Bob Crabb, Jr.

KI HOFFMAN RECLAIMED the coveted Moxness Cup trophy by winning both races in the year end Ten Mile Lake Yacht Club regatta August 9. Taking second was Bob Crabb, Jr., with Grant Moos placing third. The Moxness win was Hoffman's seventh in the past eighteen years but his first since winning in 1987.

The races started in light, variable winds but sailors enjoyed added excitement when the course was hit by a sudden rain squall packing 25 mph winds midway through the second race.

THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP for the summer was won by Grant Moos in the closest finish ever recorded. His point total for the three regattas was 5679, enough to beat out Bob Crabb by one point. Third went to Chris Brandt and fourth to Ki Hoffman.



The Yacht Club concluded its 55th season with the annual Ten Mile Club Regatta for Sunfish sailors on Saturday, Aug. 15. The event was won by Andy Crabb. Second place went to Kari Carlson and crew Greta Garbisch with third going to Tom and Nick Garbisch.

THE RACE SCHEDULE for 1993 is as follows: For C-scows -- Fourth of July Regatta, Saturday, July 3; Memorial Cup Regatta, Saturday, July 24; Moxness Cup Regatta, Saturday, August 7.

Sunfish -- Ten Mile Cup Regatta, Saturday, August 8.

A LAKE SAVER: LEAVE A BUFFER STRIP OF NATURAL VEGETATION ALONG YOUR SHORELINE. IT WILL HELP KEEP NUTRIENTS FROM REACHING THE LAKE.

A Brief Review Of TMLA Assets

By Steve Chase, Chair
Finance Committee

BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN questions about the value of Association assets and how the funds are being used, a brief review seems in order.

Of the approximately \$100,000 net worth of the Association, some \$80,000 is a direct result of the Lloyd and Mildred Sundin gift of several years ago (\$50,000 was the value of the original gift, plus \$30,000 interest and increased share value since that time).

THE TERMS OF THE GIFT specified that the principal be protected for 15 years with income from it to be used for projects related to preserving the lake environment.

Association income from dues and contributions, approximately \$20,000 annually, underwrites the cost of water quality surveys, septic studies, secretarial services, newsletter production and mailing, directories, toll calls, postage, copying and other regular Association activities.

FOR SOME TIME there has been a feeling the Association should explore the acquisition of marginal lake property through gifting, purchase, or a combination of both. The purpose would be to maintain such property in its natural state and thereby avoid the kind of chock-a-block, house-next-to-house condition that is typical of some popular lakes. A survey is under way to identify qualified property and a study is being made to determine the tax advantages and consequences of such an action. In addition to gifts of property, of course, the Association continues to welcome cash and securities contributions.

**A LAKE-SAVER: PUMP AND BACKWASH
YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM EVERY 3 YEARS**

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

From 8/1/91 to 7/31/92

Checking Account	
Balance, 8/1/91	\$ 827.15
Deposits, dues and contributions	10,868.58
Transfer from PJH account	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 15,128.87

Expenses:

Copying, printing	\$ 451.31	
Postage	1,192.89	
Telephone	45.99	
Annual meeting	84.53	
Secretarial	2,281.70	
Memberships	205.00	
Donations	710.00	
Projects	3,498.43	
Newsletter	814.56	
Mileage	155.00	
Meetings	742.42	
Miscellaneous	<u>70.87</u>	
Total	\$ 10,252.70	
Transfer to checking account	<u>4,000.00</u>	\$ 14,252.70
Ending Balance 7/31/92		<u>\$ 876.17</u>

Prime Money Market Account

Fund balance	\$ 19,070.00
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Kemper Government Plus Account

Value (10,439.150 shares @ \$7.73).....	\$ 80,694.63
Total assets	<u>\$100,640.80</u>

Virginia Anderson, Treasurer

Fishing Derby Walleye Prize Landed by Rhonda Peterson

By Ted Mellby

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Ten Mile Lake Fishing Derby was held on August 7-8 with 50 association members and guests participating in the 24-hour event. Derby winners were:

Walleye Division: Rhonda Peterson, 3 1/4 lbs.; Chuck Krueger, 3 1/4 lbs.; Ed Swanson, 3 1/8 lbs.

Northern Division: Ed Swanson, 4 3/8 lbs.; Carl Rauland, 4 lbs.; Kerry Stoeckman, 3 3/16 lbs.

Door prizes were contributed by Northland Tackle and Happiness Resort. Swanson's Bait and Tackle donated ice.

FOLLOWING THE DERBY, approximately 75 persons enjoyed brats and refreshments and the award ceremony. The Derby continues to be both a sporting and social event.

Excess Derby revenues were donated to the Peterson family in memory of Steve Peterson, one of the Derby founders, who passed away in March, 1992.

The Derby is always scheduled the weekend following the Ten Mile Lake Association annual meeting (the first Saturday in August). Please mark it on your calendar and plan to participate in 1993.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION
(Terms Expire 8/93)

President.....	Al Hoover	675-6839	Box 550
Vice-President.....	Jack Adams	547-3346	Box 801
Treasurer.....	Jim Miller	547-3337	Box 726
Secretary.....	Sally Helsman	675-6821	Box 270

DIRECTORS

Resident -- Term expires 8/93:

Sally Helsman.....	675-6821	Box 270
John Alden.....	547-3114	Box 728

Resident -- Terms expire 8/94:

Willa Shonkwiler Martin.....	675-6952	Box 564
Rod Owre	675-6146	Box 520

Resident -- Term expires 8/95

Rick Crow.....	675-6574	Box 954
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Summer Resident -- Terms expire 8/93:

Ellie Nelson.....	547-3520	Box 780
Don Willis.....	675-6231	Box 440

Summer Resident -- Term expires 8/94:

Steve Chase.....	547-3924	Box 770
Bob Kay	675-6430	Box 480

Summer Resident - Terms expire 8/95:

Robert Crabb.....	675-6120	Box 347
Mary Ann Schmidt.....	675-6722	Box 386

Honorary Directors

Warren Goss.....	675-6226	Box 604
Lois Sandell.....	675-6628	Box 646

Ex-Officio Board Member

Stan Skaug.....	675-6261	Box 450
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

Environment and Ecology: J. Alden (Ch), J. Schwartz, J.

Adams, W. Goss, H. Sandvig, D. Willis.

Finance: S. Chase (Ch), J. Ackerman, J. Adams, B. Crabb,
Sr., R. Melgaard.

Fisheries: R. Owre (Ch), C. Bair, B. Horn, J. Schwartz.

Highway Beautification: S. Helsman (Ch), W. Shonkwiler-
Martin, R. Owre.

History: W. Shonkwiler-Martin (Ch), J. Adams, G. Ander-
son, R. Melgaard, F. Shrimpton.

Lake Level: W. Kane.

Lake Safety: R. Kay (Ch), S. Chase, R. Hughes.

Loon Protection and Propagation: E. Nelson (Ch), G. An-
derson, R. Melgaard, B. Nelson.

Membership and Directory Coordinator: H. Hoppe.

Newsletter: J. Schwartz and B. Macklin.

Zoning and Land Use: J. Alden (Ch), B. Macklin, Bob
Nelson.

Lake Level on Up-Down Path

TEN MILE HAS ONCE AGAIN done its thing. After a May 1 lake level reading 4.3" below last year, a mid-June reading almost 9" off of 1991, a mid-July level still down 5" and a mid-August showing still lacking 3.6", the lake hit its 1991 level (1379.2') on September 8. By September 28 the level was 1378.9', 3.8" below last year.-- Walt Kane.

No Injuries in Boating Crash

By Sally Helsman

ON ONE OF THOSE WARM DAYS in July I took my grandson, David Kaepfel, and the two neighbor twins into Fitzman's for ice cream cones. In walked Deputy Sheriff Bill Quinn in uniform.

Right away the 5-year-olds wondered why Mr. Quinn was wearing a gun, so I called him over. The boys asked him why he was carrying a gun. "For the bad guys," Mr. Quinn said. He then went out to his vehicle and returned with Junior Deputy Sheriff badges for each boy and a water safety coloring book which made good bedtime reading.

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AS MR. QUINN sat down in the next booth for a late lunch, he commented that he was relieved the weekend boating accident on Ten Mile Lake was not more serious. He had been called to investigate.

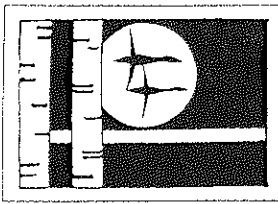
At mid-afternoon, a collision occurred between 16-foot and 14-foot boats, the latter occupied by two fishermen. Just before the crash, the fishermen jumped to safety.

Fortunately there were no injuries, though the fishing boat was damaged. The two occupants of the other boat plucked the fishermen out of the cold water and helped salvage the damaged craft.

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ON ANOTHER SAFETY topic Deputy Sheriff Quinn reminds all Ten Milers that permits must be obtained from the Sheriff's Department for any mooring buoys or floats that are anchored away from shore. Such objects also must display a minimum of 16 square inches of white reflectorization, part of which must be visible from any direction.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
---Make it Second Nature---



WELCOME TO TEN MILE LAKE

We want you to safely enjoy our lake.
Here are some reminders which may be helpful to you.



PREVENT THE SPREAD OF EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL

Please keep it out of Ten Mile Lake by removing all aquatic vegetation from your boat (inside and out) motor, trailer and center boards of sailboats before entering this lake.

KNOW TEN MILE LAKE AND ITS HAZARDS BEFORE YOU GO BOATING.
Beware of danger (rock) buoys. Do not pass between shore and buoy.

DO NOT DISCARD ANYTHING INTO LAKE OR ON SHORE!

Synopsis Of State Boating Ordinance

- Watercraft means any contrivance used or designated for navigation on water.
- Except in case of an emergency, no person under the age of 13 shall operate or be permitted to operate any watercraft, including a personal watercraft, propelled by a motor with a factor of more than 24 horsepower unless there is present in the watercraft in addition to the operator at least one person of the age of 18 or over.
- Personal watercraft means a watercraft less than 14 feet in length powered by a water jet pump and which can be operated by persons sitting, standing or kneeling.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed greater than slow-no wake within 100 feet of any shoreline, swimmer, anchored boat, person fishing, mooring, dock or other water structure.
- "Slow-no wake" means operation of a watercraft at the slowest speed necessary to maintain steerage, but in no case greater than five miles per hour.
- Do not overload your boat.
- Boats must carry coast guard approved PFD (personal floatation device) for each passenger in boat.
- It is unlawful to operate watercraft in a careless or negligent manner. Drunkenness and profanity are not permitted.
- All boats must have approved lights if operated after sunset.
- It is unlawful for passengers to ride on gunwales.
- Non-motorized craft (sailboats, canoes, etc.) have the right-of-way over motorized craft in all situations, except when the non-motorized is overtaking or passing.



— ALL WATERCRAFT LAWS ALSO APPLY TO JET SKIES —

WATER SKIING

- A person may not operate a watercraft and tow a person on water skis, an aquaplane, a surfboard, a saucer, or similar device unless:
 - (1) there is another person in the watercraft in addition to the observer who is in a position to continually observe the person being towed; or
 - (2) the boat is equipped with a mirror providing the operator a wide field of vision to the rear.
- No person shall be towed, or shall operate a watercraft towing a person on any such device unless the person being towed is wearing either a USCG life vest, belt or other buoyant device.
- Water Skiers must stay at least 150 feet from docks, swimmers, boaters, fishing boats and other fixed objects.
- It is unlawful to water ski from one hour after sunset to sunrise the following day.
- Buoys cannot be left in water overnight.



- PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY
- REPORT ANY BOATING VIOLATIONS BY BOAT NUMBER AND CALL THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Provided by Ten Mile Lake Association
P.O. Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Sheriff	547-1424
Hackensack Volunteer Fire Dept.	675-6162
Walker Fire and Ambulance Dept.	547-1231
Walker Clinic	547-3452
St. Joseph's Hospital.....	732-3311

Please post for your safety and that of your guests.

OUR FIRE NUMBER.....

Association Member Total Climbs to 723

By Heidi Hoppe, Membership Coordinator
OUR MEMBERSHIP TOTAL had reached 723 by the end of September, the highest it has been since February, 1991, when the present directory was published.

I am happy to report that 74% of our members already have renewed their membership for the '92-'93 fiscal year. Ideally, everyone will have renewed by Christmas.

A new directory will be issued in February, so if there are any corrections to your information as it appears in the present edition, please let me know.

Have a good winter!

THEY'RE IN THE NEWS!

AN ARTICLE IN THE May issue of Minneapolis-St. Paul magazine names a new TML home owner as one of the specialists other doctors and nurses would elect to go to for care and treatment. He is Dr. Paul C. Seel, internal medicine, nephrology and critical care specialist. Some 2500 licensed physicians and 1500 registered nurses were asked to select their preferences in all medical areas from allergists to urologists. Those featured in the magazine were the ones most often picked by their peers. The Seels -- Paul, Nancy and three youngsters -- recently built a home on on the lake's west side.

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THE EARL HOLLES' 4-year-old granddaughter, Jennifer, was pictured on the front page of the Star Tribune's "Variety" section September 28. She was helping hold a sharp-shinned hawk for banding at Hawk Ridge, Duluth. Every year people gather at Hawk Ridge to witness the annual hawk migration. The Duluth site is considered one of the premier hawk-watching spots in North America.

Biologist says Eagles May Opt for New Nest

WHETHER THE EAGLE NEST located near the new Bailey subdivision in Long's Bay continues to be used in future years depends upon the level of human activity. According to Paul Strong, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Forest Service, says breeding pairs usually maintain two nests. If there is too much activity around one of the locations, Strong

says, the eagles probably will move to the other.

The Long's Bay site, by the way, is one of four new nesting locations found this year in the Walker area. The other three are in the Leech Lake and Leech River areas. There were 24 eaglets produced this year in the Walker ranger district, according to Strong.

The number of bald eagles in the Chippewa National Forest continues to grow. When breeding pairs were first counted in 1963, only 48 could be found. This year, the number was 282, and they produced 141 eaglets.

Catch and Release a "Growing" Technique

PRACTICING CATCH AND RELEASE is a positive way to enjoy the sport of angling and, at the same time, invest in the future. If you go about it properly, releasing your catch means those fish are likely to survive, possibly to spawn and increase their number and possibly to one day reach trophy size. There is a right and wrong way to release a fish. Here is what the DNR advises:

1. Use barbless hooks wherever possible.
2. Set the hook quickly.
3. Play the fish quickly.
4. Hold the fish firmly, but gently (never land a fish by plunging your fingers in its eye sockets).
5. Use needlenose pliers to remove hooks.
6. If the fish is throat-hooked, cut the line.
7. Gently slide the fish into the water.
8. Revive a tired fish by gently moving it back and forth in the water.

If you intend to release your fish, do so at once, not after it has been held for an extended period in a live box, on a stringer or in a mesh basket.

Know Where to Get a TMLA Shirt?

MEMBER JUDY McCLEERY asked after the annual meeting in August where TML shirts could be purchased since both the north and south shore stores are no longer open.

A brief survey of local stores indicated several sources: Swanson's Bait and Tackle, Yellow Brick Road and Sun n' Fun, all in Hackensack, have such merchandise. Also, Reed's Gift Shop in Walker had one style. Ruth and Arnie Anderson from the former south shore store ordered through Greentree Graphics in Hackensack. There probably are other sources as well, so do shop around. -- Sally Helsman.

In Memory of Our Ten Mile Lake Friends

Clarence J. Elsenpeter

Clarence J. Elsenpeter, 92, Walker banker who for many years served the Ten Mile Lake Association as its treasurer, died September 11 at his home in Walker.

Mr. Elsenpeter was born at Maple Lake, MN, and began his banking career right out of high school in Loretto, MN., going into business with his aunt and uncle, Grace and Emery Moore. In 1924 he came to Walker after seeing an ad in a banking magazine and went to work as a bookkeeper in the Walker State Bank.

In 1925, Mr. Elsenpeter was married to Sadie Meir, of Maple Lake. Ten years later, he and O. F. "Otto" Ringle bought a controlling interest in the bank. He became president in 1937, remaining in that position until 1975. Mr. Elsenpeter was still serving as chairman of the board at the time of his death.

He was a past officer and council member of the Minnesota Bankers Association and was a member of the Independent Bankers Association. He was a charter member of the Walker Rotary Club, a member and former trustee of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker, and in 1972 was named "Outstanding Male Citizen" by the Walker Jaycees.

Mr. Elsenpeter was preceded in death by his wife, Sadie, in 1984. He is survived by a son, John, of Walker; a daughter, Marianna Elsenpeter, of Esko, MN; five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

The Elsenpeter Ten Mile Lake summer home is located on the north shore.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Peter N. Schmitz
Monsignor Peter Nicholas Schmitz, a long-time summer resident of Ten Mile Lake, died suddenly on September 1 in Des Moines, IA.

The Rev. Schmitz was born in 1916. He was

ordained as a priest in St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Panama, IA. On May 17 this year, he celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest in this same Panama church. He served as pastor in many parishes in the Des Moines diocese.

Because of his declining health, the Rev. Schmitz went to McCauley Apartments in Des Moines, serving in retirement as chaplain there as well as at Bishop Drum Care Center.

Survivors include his brothers, Joseph, of Portsmouth; Nick, of Westphalia; and Vince, of Panama; his sisters, Catherine and Margie Crogham, of Manning, IA, and Sr. Maristelle Schmitz, O.S.B., Colorado Springs, CO.

Ray V. Bailey

Ray V. Bailey of Milford, IA, and for many years a Ten Mile Lake summer resident, died February 4, 1992. Mr. Bailey was born in Royal, IA, graduating from high school there and going on to the University of Iowa where he earned his B.A. and J.D. degrees.

In 1938 he was married to Maxine Sheldon of Rowan, IA. During World War II, Mr. Bailey served as a U.S. Civil Service investigator and patent advisor to the War Department. Following the war, the Baileys moved to Clarion, IA, where they raised their family and where Mr. Bailey practiced law and managed their farm properties before moving to their home on Lake West Okobojo in 1974.

Mr. Bailey was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives three times and served 12 years on the State Board of Regents. In 1991 the Iowa Alumni Association bestowed on Mr. Bailey its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Mr. Bailey was preceded in death by his wife in 1990. He is survived by two sons, Theron and Bryan, and three grandchildren.

Lauds Effectiveness Of First Responders

By Walt Kane

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE last May has left me and my family with an indelible impression of the Hackensack First Response team's value to Ten Mile Lake residents and visitors.

Within a few minutes of our 911 call, we had five First Responders in our living room with oxygen, blood pressure cups, a defibrillator, positive conversation and, above

all, the peace of mind that comes with feeling we were in good hands.

AS YOU KNOW, our lake association sets aside \$500 each year to match member donations to the First Response Team. While the team would probably perform without such donations, they may be without the equipment and training needed to be most effective.

For my part, and for several others around the lake, our donations are a very good investment.

FERTILIZER GREENS YOUR LAWN - AND YOUR LAKE!

Agencies at Odds on Route 71 Standards

DESIGN STANDARDS FOR the county highway 71 renovation project, the subject of much controversy ever since it was first proposed, differ substantially in what is being recommended by the Cass County Highway Department and the U.S. Forest Service. The basic proposals are:

*By Jim Worcester, County Engineer: A bituminous (paved) roadway 24 feet wide, 4-foot shoulders, 3:1 backslopes and 4:1 inslopes, and a 15-foot recovery area. Design speed: 40 mph. (Because 3.4 miles of the approximately 7-mile total distance is located in the Chippewa National Forest, U.S. Forest Service approval is required for that portion of the project.)

*By Dean Hickey, District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, in a decision notice dated 9/16/92 covering segments of the route passing through Forest Service Lands: Aggregate (gravel) surface 22 feet wide, 2-foot shoulders, 3:1 inslopes, a recovery area 3 feet outside the traffic lanes. 30 mph design speed.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE other considerations, such as continuing Forest Service review and approval requirements, these appear to be the primary differences between the two proposed plans. The Cass County Board of Commissioners has voted to appeal the Forest Service ruling.

That decision, incidentally, reflects the Type 1 version of the design standards being developed by a state committee for what will be termed Natural Preservation Routes. Other versions provide for a wider, paved surface. The County Commissioners last year approved a resolution calling for Highway 71 to be designated as a Natural Preservation Route.

Bottle has 4-Year Trip Around Ten Mile Lake

By Bill Macklin

THIS IS A STORY about a traveling bottle. While visiting relatives on Ten Mile Lake in August of 1992, Dan Ahearn of Massachusetts found a plastic bottle that had been cast up on rocks along the north shore. Inside was a piece of paper on which the following message had been written:

"To whom it may concern: If you find this note please call us at 675-6348 and give us

the location where you find it. Have a nice day, good luck fishing and call us back."

THE NOTE, DATED 8-9-88, was signed Christin, Logan, Tanner, Tate. The next day (8-10-88) it was found by Marian, Maralynn, Arlene and Carol, who returned it to the lake.

For two years the bottle bounced around the lake until it was found on the shore of Flower Pot Bay in the winter of 1990 with no acknowledgment from the finder. It was returned to the lake.

ON AUGUST 9, 1992, two persons were playing with a ball on the lawn of the Vosbeck property. The ball got away and landed in some rocks on the shore. Ahearn retrieved it, along with the plastic bottle. A new cork was fitted into the bottle and it was tossed overboard in the middle of the lake, to travel with wind and waves, perhaps to lodge on another shore and be found again.

May Expand Number Of Loon Nest Sites

SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR managing the TMLA loon platform program were offered by Paul Strong, U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologist, after touring the lake and inspecting present platform sites. He was taken around the lake by Rod Owre, loon committee member.

Strong recommended that the platforms be moved farther away from shore. He also said he felt the likelihood of successful nesting would be enhanced if the platforms were covered more completely with mud and grasses.

It was Strong's view that Ten Mile is big enough to support up to six pairs of nesting loons. Owre said he would be getting further siting recommendations from Strong.

SEPTIC SYSTEM HONOR ROLL

THE FOLLOWING TMLA members have qualified for our honor roll since the last newsletter by installing approved waste treatment systems on their properties: Bob and Cheris Garrison and Blake and Nancy Shelton, Dale and Elaine Lowry, John and Yvonne Gardeen, William and Louise Brandt, Clif and Yvonne Hamilton, Howard and Bonnie Thorson, Clif and Rita Hereid, Jim and Lisa Tuller, Roy and Lorraine Stromquist, Don and Bev Patterson, Alden and Pat Gjevre. Let us know if we have missed anyone.

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Jottings from the Notebook

by Jim Schwartz

MY LAST COLUMN REPORTED increasing numbers of bear and timber wolf sightings around the lake. Since then, all sorts of new reports have surfaced: Lone wolves trotting across roads, adult bear (often with cubs) prowling homestead yards, sometimes destroying bird feeders, but more commonly rummaging garbage containers. Putting aside the damage a bear can cause (wolves are more furtive and tend to avoid areas where people live), these encounters are welcome news to those who want to acquaint themselves more fully with the region's wildlife. Still, a word of caution is in order: While there is little likelihood of an unprovoked attack by either bear or wolves, content yourself with watching. After all, these are wild animals.

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ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT SURPRISING that wolves are being seen in these parts more frequently nowadays. Paul Strong, wildlife biologist with the U.S. Forest Service in Walker, says there are six gray wolf packs (families) in the Walker Ranger District. One, the Shingobee pack, has a territory that is bounded, roughly, by County Highway 50, State Highway 371 and the North Country Trail. A gray wolf family, incidentally, is made up of mom, dad and the pups from this and last year's litters.

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THE BOY RIVER ROUTE from Ten Mile Lake was kept navigable this season by a Birch Lake resident, Jim Johnson. Periodically he made the trip up the river, tearing out beaver dams along the way. One consequence was that even in early September water was spilling over the Birch Lake dam, a condition we haven't seen that late in the season for several years. Probably another effect of keeping the channel open was that, in spite of fairly steady rains, Ten Mile Lake's levels through August averaged about 3 inches below last year's figures.

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IF YOU HAVE ACCESS to National Geographic magazine, you'll find an article in the September issue especially absorbing. It's entitled "Minnesota Memoir" and focusses on the state's lake country -- our region. The author, Photographer/Writer William Albert

Allard, revisits the delights of childhood vacations on a small lake in the Brainerd area, then broadens his report to chronicle the changes being wrought in the lake country's environment by the effects of growing tourism. It makes for both fascinating and disturbing reading.

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MENTIONED IN THE REPORT in connection with an enrichment abatement project on Trillium Lake is Del Hogen, a Twin Cities consultant. Del has worked with us on our water quality projects for more than 10 years, including the one just completed this season.

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IF YOU BOATED THE shoreline this past summer you may have been struck by the number of trees leaning precariously over the lake. A few have given up the battle and toppled into the water. Whenever that happens, at least two powerful forces are at work: Pressure from winter's ice undercutting a tree's grip on the land, and wave erosion from high winds and boat wakes doing essentially the same thing. It's a relentless process, one that each year robs us of a few more beautiful trees as well as unknown quantities of precious shoreline.

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THE DISCOVERY OF eurasian water milfoil in Bay Lake east of Brainerd is a dismaying development. Its presence there is confirmation that the plant is on a northward march. Del Hogen and I toured Ten Mile by boat in early September looking for signs of this pesky exotic. Thank goodness we found none. Next season the Association will have several trained volunteers make regular checks of the lake for EWM as well as other invaders.

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WHILE WE WERE AT IT Del and I spot checked several sites along areas where we had found evidence of contamination in lake water samples taken in 1990 and 1991. This time, no fecal coliforms were detected in any of the samples, leaving us with no firm conclusions as to what was responsible for the negative findings in our earlier samplings. In all likelihood, the TMLA Board will want to continue this or a similar sampling procedure from time to time, so stay tuned.

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JOHN ALDEN AND I attended the Minnesota Lakes Association conference in Minneapolis on October 2-3. We came away with the feeling that our association chose the right path when, more than a decade ago, it funded projects designed to locate and correct contamination sources. We're ahead of the pack.

Boy River Finds Leech After 16-Lake Journey

The following article by Bill Burnson from the June 29, 1977, issue of the Brainerd Dispatch is reprinted at the suggestion of History Committee Chair Willa Shonkwiler-Martin and others.

THE OFFICIAL INVENTORY of Minnesota Lakes, running the alphabetic gamut from Aaron to Zwinggl, lists the names, mapped location and acreage of no less than 15,921 lakes.

Lo, the name of Mud leads all the rest, for there are no less than 261 mellifluously named Mud Lakes in this state. To counter this the inventory lists many hundreds of unusual and highly descriptive titles which often reflected the whimsy and history of our pioneers.

POSSIBLY THE MOST singular and unique of names are borne by a beautiful family of lakes whose flowages, by devious routes, eventually join the Father of Waters and flow thence more than two thousand miles to eventual union with the Gulf of Mexico.

These lakes are named Man, Woman, Baby, Kid, Child, Boy and Girl.

Along the Hackensack-Longville-Boy Lake axis these lakes are well known to summer visitors as well as to proud and zealously protective residents and resorters who carefully refrain from mentioning the fact that tiger muskies abound in most of these lakes.

HISTORIANS, NATIVES and tourists have long been bemused by the possible origins and significance of these names. This cluster of lovely lakes, still rich in every natural resource which was so prized by early French and British traders, was also cherished since prehistoric times by the Woodland Sioux (Dakotas) and by the Chippewa (Ojibway) who drove the Sioux out in the middle decade of the 1700s. Zebulon Pike's 1806-7 Indian census and Schoolcraft's census of 1832, with tribal counts supplied by chiefs of the land, clearly denoted this bountifully endowed area as the territory's Indian population hub.

While such lakes as Leech and Itasca have had their Indian, French and British name origins carefully studied, those of our little family of lakes have been rarely mentioned by historians.

ONE HISTORIAN, Gilfillan, wrote that Woman Lake was so called from women being killed at this lake "by the Sioux during an eruption made by them," with the implication

that Longville's Girl Lake received its name from a similar killing there.

Circumstances relative to what are now known as Boy Lake and Boy River are more clearly etched in history.

THE GREAT ESKE-BUG-E-CASHE, long-time chief of the Leech Lake Mukkundwais and remembered in history for complaining bitterly and at length about promises broken by the Great Father in the East, lived a long life and had a keen memory. Here is a condensation of his story as recorded in Warren's History of the Ojibway Nation.

Between four and five hundred Sioux warriors, with their war fleet of canoes, attempting a rear guard action against Sandy Lake Chippewas (North of Aitkin), embarked upon a flanking war trail in the year believed to be 1768.

BY CANOE AND PORTAGE the devious passage began via the Crow Wing and Gull rivers into Gull Lake. The grand circuit finale was by way of Leech, Cass and Winnibigosh lakes, thence by the Mississippi southward for a planned attack on Sandy Lake Chippewas from the rear. Enroute they killed stray hunters and rice gatherers, including an unwary hunter at Wabedo Lake and a "foolish" hunter and his family at Gauss (Inguadona) Lake.

A fateful event occurred at a lake known to researchers as Boy and Called Little Boy by Eske-bug-e-Cashe and Warren. Here three little boys were killed while picking wild rice, their parents narrowly escaping.

THUS THE GENESIS of the Boy appellation. Now we have Boy Lake and Boy River. More importantly, we have the 16-lake Boy River chain of lakes through which the river flows east, north, and finally west in its wandering, questing search for a southward flow toward the Mississippi.

For the first time in its aeons-old history, Boy River and the chain of lakes it connects are prominently in public view. The river flows through Big Deep Lake where Deep Portage has its contiguous 6100-acre holdings.

DEEP PORTAGE HAS a keen interest in this semi-circle of rivers and lakes, with their widely varying waters and surrounding terrain. So does the Ten Mile Lake Association, which has been a pioneer in monitoring and guarding water quality in their lake.

At the invitation of Deep Portage, fourteen scientists from the Minnetonka-based Freshwater Biological Institute recently spent a "Freshwater Weekend" as guests of Deep Portage officers, friends and supporters. (BOY RIVER, continued next page.)

Boy River (Cont. from Previous Page)

THE SCIENTISTS informally viewed a number of the lake flowages of the system. Deep Portage has offered the use of its facilities to the Freshwater Institute in the belief that on location studies would be extremely valuable for the North Central lake area.

The Boy Lake chain offers many enticing aspects for study and research. Its lake depths range from the 200-foot deeps of Ten Mile to sedge-filled shallows in its lesser lakes. The river meanders nearly a hundred miles but is only 20 miles from its source when at last it enters Boy Bay at Leech Lake.

IN THIS RUN it loses almost a foot to sea level for each mile, falling an official 84 feet between its source and its mouth. By comparison the Father of Waters averages five inches of fall per mile throughout its long course.

In fifty years we have never met the soul who could name all lakes in the chain or identify the thoroughfares and runs between its lakes.

"MOST OF OUR PEOPLE," said Ten Mile Lake Association President Warren Goss, "were not aware of Ten Mile Lake as the source until we published a bulletin on the subject."

Here is the delineation of the Boy River's course as taken from aerial photos, National Forest and U. S. Geological Survey maps, and the observation of area old-timers:

The river takes its rise at a small easterly bay of Ten Mile Lake. U. S. Hydrologists place this at 1,380 feet above sea level, higher than many Appalachian mountains.

HERE IT IS A GENTLE stream falling a scant foot in the two miles to Birch Lake near Hackensack.

Theoretically the river leaves Birch Lake at Hackensack. Actually the DNR dam there is not in use for Birch Lake is below dam level and the river bed has been dry from the past year of drought.

The river falls 15 feet in the mile run between Birch and Poquet Lake which some maps still list as one lake. Here in normal seasons there are genuine rapids as the stream races through the village of Hackensack. Today people plant flowers in the stream bed.

THE LITTLE RIVER goes on to the west side of Pleasant Lake by way of Mud Lake. From Pleasant Lake it angles through lowlands to a lake locally called First Little Boy to

distinguish it from the larger Little Boy Lake near Longville.

As it approaches Big Deep Lake through parts of Deep Portage Reserve the river level has dropped to 1,341 feet while hills alongside lack little of being 1,400 feet above sea level.

FROM BIG DEEP it transverses a swampy unnamed lake to the north. Then it is on through Pick, Child and to water known as Squaw Lake or Bay.

Here it is joined by the flowage which has no agreed upon name. This is the stream which courses through Kid, Baby, Man, McKeown and Child. These connecting streams are mostly known by names of adjacent lakes; thus, Baby Lake Creek, etc.

THE RIVER IS LOSING altitude but gaining volume as it enters Woman Lake at Bungy Bay. In these waters its northward current becomes invisible until it arrives at Girl Lake via Broadwater Bay.

Now it turns south and east toward Rice Lake, bypassing the Little Boy Lake for which many still believe the river was named.

It flows through Inguadona Lake, south to north, and then it is an only slightly meandering six-mile course to the north end of Boy Lake itself.

THE COUNTRY HERE is a level area of swamps, hardwood lands and wetland terrain. The river flows sluggishly northwest for a few miles, wider now, then runs almost due west five miles to Boy Bay, just across from Sugar Point where in 1898 the last Indian-White battle in this nation was fought.

Here its waters mix with those of Leech Lake, the Lac Le Sang Sue of the French. Eventually they will flow from the lake at Federal Dam, the Leech Lake River carrying them eastward to the Mississippi.

It is strange that this remarkably fruitful river and the gems of lakes through which it courses are not more widely known.

IT WAS KNOWN OF OLD. Wild rice has flourished for centuries in its wide savannas and shallows. The Coureurs du bois, independent French traders, travelled its game rich route collecting furs. Fish of every northern species abounded here and the Indians, expert at every form of netting or angling, knew how to take them.

Much of the area is still as beautiful and nearly as fruitful as in olden Indian times.

It is inevitable that we will be hearing more, much more, about Boy River and the Boy River chain of lakes in days and years to come.