



Lake Alice Association Newsletter

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Mission Statement of the Lake Alice Association:

To protect, preserve and improve the integrity of Lake Alice and its eco-systems through education of and communication between concerned citizens.

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Important Topics in this issue

Submitted by Michael Toelle, Newsletter Editor

Welcome to another issue of the Lake Alice Association newsletter. The association leadership continues to work on many important issues that Lake Alice and surrounding property owners will face. Please take some time and read through the newsletter and contact board members if you have questions or can provide support to the association. Your support is greatly appreciated. Topics include:

"Alice in Winterland" event information
2008 Annual Meeting Minutes
Update on Fishing Season Changes

Comprehensive Lake Plan Information
DNR/Lincoln County Contact List

Alice in Winterland

On-the-Ice at Anglers Ln.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009

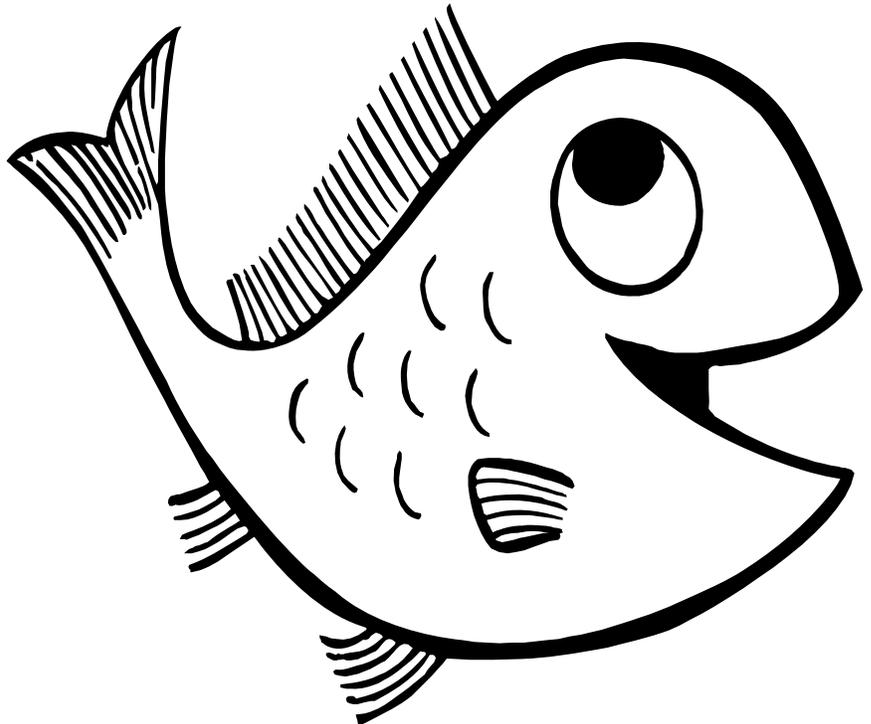
Come join us on the ice for the 11th annual family fishing event on Lake Alice. The Lake Alice Association is currently preparing for the event and gathering raffle and kid prizes. This event is the largest fundraiser for the association for the year. It is designed to be a fun day for family and friends on the ice. Food, refreshments, and prizes will be plentiful.

Volunteers Needed to assist with "Alice in Winterland"

Volunteers are always needed to assist in making the annual fishing contest a success. If interested in assisting with "Alice in Winterland" please call Glenn Mott at 715-453-7378 to sign up for a time slot. If you can be of service in any other way also feel free to call.

Prizes Donations for "Alice in Winterland"

As an organization we are always looking to make our programs a success and conserve as much as we can of the associations money. In order to do that we rely partially on donations for prizes at our annual fishing event. If you are aware of a source we can contact for prizes or if you are willing to make a prize donation please give Michael and Kris Toelle a call at 715-824-5383. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Raffle Tickets to benefit Association

You have probably noticed the tickets included in this mailing. Please consider purchasing tickets and selling to your friends and neighbors. All proceeds will benefit lake projects during this and upcoming years.

Lake Alice Comprehensive Lake Plan

Mike Sigl, Lake Alice Association Board Member

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Lake Alice is almost 100 years old and has never had a Lake Plan. Why do we need one now?

The answer is because this world is always changing. You cannot buy a car for \$500 like the Model T Ford. I can still remember my Dad buying a 1964 Chevy Biscayne for \$2100. Gas used to be 30 cents a gallon. I never thought I would drop my home phone line and just have a cell phone. Nothing stays the same.

Lake Alice has evolved from the freshly flooded Lake, to a body of water in the 70's that was so polluted that no one would keep a fish. The lake was cleaned up, and fishing pressure increased so much that a law was passed this year to have the fishing season conform to all inland lakes starting in 2009.

Invasive species are here, and the State has introduced programs to fight the spread of this threat. No doubt you have heard of the Clean Boat, Clean Water Campaign. Washing your boat when you take it out of the water insures that there aren't organisms on the boat that will spread to the next lake you fish. If plants like Eurasian Milfoil are allowed to spread, they can choke off the lake and make it impossible to navigate. If you can't get your boat out from your dock, can you imagine what that would do to your property value?

It is because of all these new challenges; the Lake Alice Association Board believes that we must go forward with a lake plan to preserve the quality of Lake Alice. The DNR has upped their portion of lake planning grants from 50% to 75%. Although this is a significant increase, it is still a lot of money for an association with our limited funds.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are two ways. First, after the grants approved, our time we put in on this project is used to count toward our portion. It may be monitoring boat landings for clean boats, education of people about invasive species, or helping out with water sampling etc. Secondly, you can make a contribution to the lake plan fund. Remember, one small group cannot do a project like this. It will take the resources of all that enjoy Lake Alice to see this through. Bait shops, motels, resorts, bars, and restaurants benefit greatly from the lakes in the Tomahawk area. Whether you want to preserve the lake for your children, grand children, your business, or your property value, you can help.

Lake Alice Website

Did you know that the Lake Association has its own website. Jani Larson came forward and volunteered to create a website to enable the association to communicate better with its members and other interested parties. Feel free to visit the website at www.lakealice.ws If you have suggestions for information or links that could be included on the website feel free to send them to Jani.

Update on the Fishing Season Rule Change

By board members: Neil Pietenpol, Dave Barrows, Linda Barrows

As of April 1, 2009 the open season on the portion of the Wisconsin River system from the Rhinelander Paper Mill Dam downstream to Kings dam, including Lake Alice, will be consistent with the Wisconsin River from Rhinelander north to Lac Vieux Desert and with most other inland waters in northern Wisconsin.

This rule change was collaboration between the Wisconsin DNR, the Conservation Congress, the Lake Alice Lake Association and many others concerned about the protection of this portion of the Wisconsin River system.

The statewide vote at the DNR spring hearings and the overwhelming community support proved that the vast majority of anglers favored this closure. While a few might want to continue to harvest bass, northern and walleye off the spawning beds in the pre-season, most sportsmen believe that this change was needed to protect the fishery in the long run. Allowing these fish to complete spawning before the season opens will result in a healthier, more robust, bass, northern and walleye population.

What's next? We are hopeful the DNR will do a fish census of Lake Alice in the next few years. Currently, the Lake Association is looking into creating a comprehensive lake plan. As we look forward to celebrating Lake Alice's 100th birthday in 2010, this lake plan would help us accomplish our mission statement "To Protect, Preserve and Improve the Integrity of Lake Alice and it's Eco-systems".

The Lake Alice Association thanks all of you for your support. With your help, Lake Alice will continue to be a thriving resource for the next 100 years.

Lake Alice Association 2008 Annual Meeting

June 21st 11:00 a.m. at Surewood Forest

The annual meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mott.

33 members were in attendance.

Old Business:

- The minutes for the 2007 Annual meeting were handed out.
- Bruce Oradei gave a recap on Invasive Species. We missed out on a grant by 1 point. They went to training in Minocqua.
- Mike Sigl and Neil Pietenpol gave an update on the proposal for changing the rule for open fishing from Regis Dam to Kings Dam.

The rule change has passed the state vote and the conservation congress vote. Several members will be attending the Natural Resources board meeting in Waupaca on June 25th. At this point we are the only 2 registered speakers on this topic (so that means no one will be speaking against it). Once this passes the Natural Resources board the final step is approval by the state. The state has always followed the recommendation of the Natural Resources Board.

Neil reported pushing for slot limits, but was shot down in Madison. They will be doing a survey of Lake Alice in the next 1-2 years. If we qualify they will review it.

-Mike Sigl gave an update on Krull Island. Mr. Krull has passed away and his daughter has the information about purchasing the island. At this time the family has no interest in selling the property.

-Glenn Mott gave an update on the Condo development. Currently the Condo development has been abandoned and the land has returned to farm land. However it has been newly listed at \$825,000. If the property would sell it would have to comply with the new zoning rules if it were to be developed. Bruce stated that the town board is watching this closely.

-Financial Report: 2008 Alice in Winterland information was handed out and reviewed. It was noted that the fish registration was up \$600. Profit was up \$2100 from last year (cold freezing cold) but only up \$300 from 2 years ago.

We will be needing money for invasive species and hopefully the Island.

The board has decided not to have a late summer party to do lack of participation last year.

Mike Sigl made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting and Phil Zipp 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

Election of board members:

Phil Zipp nominated Neil Pietenpol, Glenn Mott and Hank and Andrea Michaud.

Neil Pietenpol nominated Dave and Linda Barrows.

Phil Zipp made a motion to close nominations, Mike Sigl 2nd the motion.

Phil Zipp made a motion to make a unanimous vote for the nominated members. Mike Sigl 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

It was decided to stager the terms so only 1/3 of the board would be up for election on any given year.

Recruit new members:

The board is looking for suggestions to recruit new members. Also perhaps volunteers to do a membership drive. It was suggested to get newsletters to the Lake Alice resorts and have them keep them in their rooms. The current membership list will be posted in the next newsletter so that everyone can see if their neighbors are members and if not try to recruit them.

Financials:

The question was raised as to why the amount deposited from Alice in Winterland does not match the amount of profit listed on the Alice in Winterland summary sheet. This will be looked into.

Raffle tickets:

Tickets have been printed and will be sent to members to sell or can be obtained from any board member. The tickets will be 3/\$10 or \$5 each. It will be a cash raffle. First prize will be \$1000, second prize \$500 and third prize \$250. We are able to sell tickets 9 months in advance of the drawing. It was decided to mail out the raffle tickets to members at the beginning of November. The winners will be drawn at the 2009 Alice in Winterland.

Scholarship winner:

The scholarship winner is Nathan Martin. He will be studying paper science.

Website: There will be a new tab added to the website to renew memberships.

Neil Pietenpol would like to see us get a grant for lake management. We will need a committee to get going on this.

New Law Enforcement officer:

Travis Watruba is the new recreational law officer. His number is (715)536-6272. His email is

twatruba@co.lincoln.wisconsin.us. It was suggested to put together a list of local contacts for the next newsletter.

This would include name, address, email and phone numbers if possible.

Terry Wiese made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike Toelle 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.



Question Answered from the Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting there was a question about the deposits from "Alice in Winterland". Here is the explanation that was sent to the member.

Re: Lake Alice Association financial statement

Glenn Mott said you were questioning the deposit from Alice in winterland. The receipts from everything totaled \$6454.00. We took out \$750.00 for the fishing prize money, there were cash prizes for the Lake of the Torches raffle, 1st place included the weekend stay and \$200 cash, \$300 to 2nd place and \$200 to 3rd place. Which leaves a deposit of \$5004.00. When we counted the money we actually had \$25.25 extra.

At the end of the event there was some food left which some of the members bought and this amount was from that. It should have been included in the receipts under food.

If you have any other questions or concerns please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Thanks,
Andrea

Lake Alice Association Apparel

Did you know the Lake Alice Association logo is available on various clothing items and hats. Sherrie Krohn who is the owner of Oak Ridge Embroidery & Gifts has provided items to members for several years. She is located at N10902 Spring Creek Dr., Tomahawk, WI and her store is open from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday during most of the year. She may also be reached by phone at 715-453-5694 or via e-mail at sherriek@newnorth.net Please show your support for the association by proudly wearing the association logo and supporting your local Tomahawk businesses.

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Membership Renewals

Members may renew for up to five years at one time at a cost of \$10.00 per year. The expiration date of your membership will now be reflected on top of your mailing label.

Renew your membership or pass this form on to a friend and encourage them to become a member of the Lake Alice Association! Complete the following and remit \$10.00 per year for up to five years. Lake Alice Association memberships run from July 1st to June 30th of the following year.

Send membership form and payment to: Andrea Michaud, Lake Alice Association Secretary/Treasurer, N10290 South Pine Rd., Tomahawk, WI 54487 (make checks payable to the Lake Alice Association)

(Membership form)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ to renew my membership for _____ years.

Check box if you want newsletter delivered via email. Email _____

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