

Silver Lake Management District Newsletter

Spring 2021

I regret to inform all of you that Barb Bartel has submitted her letter of resignation. She says that after 35 years on the Board and other things, she has decided that it is time. I have found a person that will step in and fill Barb's remaining term. William "Bill" Herbert has accepted the challenge of filling Barb's shoes. Welcome to the Board Bill.

Communications

The District continues to work to obtain email addresses for members. We are still short around 80 owner emails. The lack of an email for a Silver Lake owner causes you to receive this newsletter via USPS mail. By an owner not providing an email you miss out on general communication items such as Lost & Found (Rafts, Kayaks, etc), Lake surveys being performed on the lake, when Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) harvesting is being performed, and any spot chemical treatments being done such as within Fox Tail Bay last June. Lack of an owner email also incurs incremental costs to the district with printing, labels, envelopes, and postage. For those owners where we have an email address on file, PLEASE let us know if you change your email address so our records stay up to date.

High Water Situation

The lake continues to be above its Ordinary High-Water Mark. As I write this the lake level is close to where it was at freeze up last fall. The weir has been flowing most of the winter. At this point we have not found any other solution than what we currently have. There are no plans to do 'no wake' at this time. As we asked last year, please consider the impact that boating with the high water has on the lake's shoreline. Remember State law requires 'no wake' boating within 100 feet of any shore, dock, pier, raft etc.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil (HEWM)

Milfoil on Silver Lake continues to be a key focus for the Board. Great strides have been made over the last few years. With guidance from our consulting firm, Onterra, the volume of Milfoil in the lake has dropped dramatically. The Onterra report of the work done last year has been posted to our webpage on the Town of Marion website. To see this and other important information, please go to [http:// townshipofmarion.com/lake-districts/silver-lake](http://townshipofmarion.com/lake-districts/silver-lake)

In 2021 we will continue to focus on managing the milfoil in the lake. We have again contracted with Aquatic Plant Management to provide the DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) service. They will be on the lake as soon as it is feasible. DASH has been very helpful in keeping EWM in check. The work that APM did last year resulted in less EWM being removed. This shows that the work being done is doing what we want. Keeping the Milfoil in check without the use of chemicals. We will use DASH for up to six weeks again this summer. Please Observe the DIVER DOWN flags (red flag with white backslash). State Law requires 100' distance away from a DIVER DOWN flag. The DASH boat usually has multiple divers under water harvesting invasive milfoil.

Last summer we did a targeted chemical treatment in Fox Tail Bay. Working with Onterra and the WDNR, we received approval to use ProcellaCOR PE. This treatment was VERY successful. By lowering the volume of EWM in Fox Tail, the entire lake benefits as the chances of it being moved by boats entering and leaving Fox Tail Bay is reduced.

Onterra will continue to do lake surveys. The surveys are very informative to us and the WDNR. Hopefully they will continue to show good milfoil control and that native plants are doing quite well. Reminder, if you feel that you see any EWM or HEWM, please contact a Board member. Even if you aren't sure, ask, contact a Board member.

Lake Study

It has been five years since our last Lake Study. It was done with the assistance of Waushara County. Lake Studies are one of the key rating factors in getting grants. We are planning to release an RFP this Spring looking for vendors that can provide this service.

General

The Town of Marion along with the DNR will continue to provide the water patrol. As far as I know, Micky Weber will again be the officer in charge.

Remember to periodically check the Town website:

<http://townshipofmarion.com/lake-districts/silver-lake/> for important information updates.

Waushara County is again offering the Clean Sweep Program. For more information go to <http://www.co.waushara.wi.us/pview.aspx?id=12728>

Clean Boats/ Clean Waters Program

Mark is glad to report Golden Sands Research Council (GSRCD) has again hired a local student, Anna Peterson, for the Silver and Pearl lakes CB/CW inspector position. Amy Thorstenson (GSRCD) has other CB/CW and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) aide positions available. If you know of any high school or college students interested in summer employment please contact Amy at Golden Sands, phone # 715-346-1264, email, Amy.thorstenson@goldensandsrscd.org

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Tour for Wautoma Schools

We will again host AIS tours of Silver Lake for 7th grade Wautoma students. This event is planned for September 17 with September 20 as a rain date. As always, we will need volunteers with pontoon boats to take the kids and their chaperones around the lake.

COVID-19 requirements may require a 4th pontoon boat and volunteer for the day.

Call Mark Magnusson at 847-828-0272 if you would like to get involved.

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS! This is the SLMD Calendar of Events for 2021

May 29, 2021 – Spring Board meeting at Reediger's Triangle, NOTE 9:00 AM

June 11 & 12, 2021 – Silver Lake Rummage Sale

August 28, 2021 – Annual meeting at 9:30 AM, Reediger's Triangle – Rain Date Aug 29

September 17, rain date Sept 20 – Wautoma Schools AIS training – Volunteer?