



Moon Lake Riparian Association Newsletter

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From the President

Bob Turnquist



We had significant concern that there might be serious difficulties with the Loon and Lake Camera (CAM) due to the loss of my internet provider who is no longer providing service in our area. Fortunately, after switching internet suppliers the camera seems to be performing well. [See annual meeting minute report for more info on internet]. With that good news we have purchased conduit to protect the wire going to the Loon Platform so if our installation goes as expected we should have the Loon CAM functional next spring.

A blurb on trails

With fall here it is time to think of hiking. The cooler temperatures and a decline in flies and mosquitos make fall hiking a great activity.

There is nice hiking on the Land O Lakes Fish and Game Club Ski and Hiking trail just north of Moon Lake. The parking lot is on East Duck Lake Road just north of its intersection with North Moon Lake Road. The East Side Trails are dominated by evergreen trees and the terrain is quite flat.

The West Side Trails go through hillier terrain and the trees are largely hardwoods. During fall colors the West Side Trails are a terrific place to hike. These trails are nicely maintained (mowed).

The Forest Lake Portion of the Land O Lakes Bike Trail is also great place to hike. The hardwoods are brilliant during peak color. The trail is paved so hiking is easy. The trail is handicap accessible. Parking is available in the Forest Lake Boat Landing parking lot, a short distance from the trail.

Consider visiting the Ottawa Visitor Center in Watersmeet to get many ideas on area hikes in the Ottawa Forest.

Great Drives During Peak Color:

- ✓ Highway B from Land O Lakes to Presque Isle
- ✓ Thousand Island Lake Road
- ✓ Forest Lake Road

FUN FACT: Bees can't see red! To attract these pollinators to your flower garden, stick to blue, violet, purple, yellow, and white flower varieties.

Moon Lake Riparian Assoc. Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 17, 2019

4:00-5:00PM Land O Lakes Pavilion

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Turnquist at 4:10 pm. Bob welcomed all to the meeting including Denise Fontleroy from the ISCCW.

Board members present were Bob Turnquist, Dale Sharpee, Steve Sunderland, Frank Kuchevar, Carol Youmans, and Peggy Zorr.

About 20 members were in attendance which was approximately 10 less than the 2018 annual meeting.

Bob mentioned the loss of members this year, Ed "Shorty" Baeten and Ruth Dambeck.

Approval of 2018 Annual meeting minutes was motioned by Mike Riels and seconded by Steve Sunderland, voted and passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Steve Sunderland in lieu of absent Eric Zorr. Checking has \$1510.58, savings has 2398.32. The MLRA Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) fund [to combat future invasive species] has \$4388.12. Checks written to: the State of Michigan, \$20.00; Northern Edge \$50.00 for their continued support of cleaning test boats; ISCCW \$200.00, COOP Lake Monitoring program, \$137.00, Pavilion Rental \$100.00, Loon nest cable test to George Smaglick, \$50.00.

Membership report was given by Peggy Zorr. Prior to the meeting we had 33 paid members. Two more members' dues were collected after meeting bringing our total to 35 paid members of 52. Sally Thomsen made a donation to the invasive species fund of

\$25. Thank you, Sally. Dues are due at the beginning of each calendar year (Jan 1).

Dale Sharpee gave the water quality report for this year. Duration of ice cover was 165 days beginning November 18, 2018 and ice out on May 2. Water level has increased 3.89 feet in 5 years; 6.65 ft in 9 years. The water clarity, 16.5 feet. Let's keep up our efforts to maintain the healthy water of Moon Lake. Dale will be turning over the reins of water quality monitoring to Steve LaPalio. **Thank you, Dale, for all your years monitoring Moon Lake.**

Loon report was given by Carol Youmans. April 4 the Loon's returned, June 1 we had 2 eggs on the nest. Unfortunately, the nest was abandoned. A second clutch was also abandoned or perhaps destroyed by a younger male seeking to claim the female loon.

Bob Turnquist gave an update on the fish stocking of Moon Lake. This year 2019 the DNR released 2325 fingerlings.

Next came a lengthy discussion of the camera, and internet/cable situation. Steve Sunderland and Bob Turnquist are checking into Michigan Broadband to see if it will serve our purposes for the lake/loon camera. Carleen and Steve will summarize [in a Loon Crier EXTRA] options that are available for internet/TV and the loon camera. [Sent via email on Sep 8th].

We also believe we have a solution for the cable to the loon nest...flexible conduit. Longer story short, if we have a lake camera, we will have a loon camera.

Steve and Carleen our resident Loon Crier editors would love to have submissions of stories, news, current events, etc. Let's help make their job easier. Thanks again, you two, for compiling the newsletter.

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Board Member Terms are expiring for the following: Bob Turnquist, Steve Sunderland, and Eric Zorr. Bob was nominated by Steve Sunderland to continue as president, seconded by Frank Kuchevar, voted, and passed. Steve was nominated to continue as VP by Bob T. Seconded by Frank K., voted, passed. Bob T. Motioned Eric Zorr for treasurer, seconded by Steve S. Voted and passed. Each of these gentlemen will serve a two-year term.

Dale S. motioned for Peg Zorr to continue as secretary for one more year of her term, seconded, voted, passed.

Dale Sharpee desired a replacement for his board position. Motion by Steve S. for Steve LaPalio seconded by Bob T., voted and passed for a two-year term.

Board members to continue are Frank Kuchevar and Carol Youmans for one more year of their term. Mike Riels has also expressed an interest in being a future MLRA board member.

Approval of officers, voted, approved.

Approval of dues remaining at \$25/yr., voted, approved.

Next year's meeting to be held at the Land O' Lakes Pavilion, August 15, 2020

Carleen and Steve Sunderland suggested the MLRA have a community garage sale on the day of the LOL community garage sale with proceeds potentially going to the MLRA invasive species fund. The date would be August 1, 2019. Suggestion was approved by the group with more information forthcoming next year as we near the date.

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting, all seconded, approved.

A short talk given by Denise Fontleroy of ISCCW followed adjournment. Denise praised MLRA for their great partnership with Northern Edge Marina. The ISCCW will partner with the Conserve School, meetings to be held at the school. The ISCCW is looking for new members/ volunteers.

Denise was to check if Moon Lake had an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) evaluation done this year. As of this report she did confirm that the evaluation was completed. **Moon Lake's evaluation showed it to be invasive species free! Let's keep up the vigilance.**

Respectively submitted by,

Peggy Zorr

Loon Report

Carol Youmans

Happy Fall Ya-All!



Well hard to say but shortly :(It will be time for our loon friends to leave on their migration to the gulf off the FL coast. I feel like I missed summer somewhere!!

I am sure some of you have been keeping up with our loons but I still wanted to share. Especially seeing occasional floaters (extra visiting loon loons). Have you started to see floating feathers on the lake? They are starting to go through their process of "molting" which can take 2 - 3 weeks to complete. Loons do this 2 times a year, in the spring before they come back to our Moon Lake and then in the fall before they leave for their migration.

Something I really never thought about with our loons but once loons migrate reaching their

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destination at the coast, they have to adapt to life in salt water. Did you know loons have salt glands in their skull between their eyes that remove the salt from the water and fish they eat, and excrete it from ducts in their beak. These birds are so amazing and so interesting, aren't they??!!!!

I received this picture from the Minnesota Non-game Wildlife of an adult loon and a young loon. The youngster is eating a fish from a lake in Minnesota. Just look at the size of this fish! All I say is that this youngster must be very hungry!



If anyone has questions regarding loons, email me. I would love to answer and include them with the Newsletter!

Thank you all,
Carol



FUN FACT: The Full Moon closest to the September equinox is called the Harvest Moon, and it is either in September or October (occurred Sept. 13th this year and will be Oct. 1st in 2020).

[Michigan Loon Preservation Association](#) shared a [post](#).

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Another stark reminder for people to retrieve your fishing line if it gets caught on a log or breaks off! Do NOT just cut and run!



Luckily there was a good outcome for this loon! The hook ended up in the gizzard where the best policy, according to Avian Haven, is to leave it to be ground up by the rocks ingested by loons to grind up their food. There was no sinker and his blood values were good. Because he's a dad with chicks, he was released the next day. Yeah!!



Fall Favorites

More about our new Police Chief...

In the last edition of the Loon Crier we provided contact information for our new Watersmeet Township Police Chief Paul Runcie. Thanks to Dale Sharpee, Alan Piel (and also in talking to the chief), here is some additional info:



Chief Runcie currently works two 24-hour shifts per week and has an additional part-time officer. Prior to becoming Watersmeet Chief, officer Runcie worked for the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Police department as Gogebic County deputy sheriff as well as a security officer at the LVD Casino Resort. He is also certified as a Medical First Responder. In the event of a 911 emergency, Chief Runcie may be the first to arrive and assess the emergency before the ambulance arrives from Iron River. Chief Runcie is happy to speak at events and looks forward to meeting more Watersmeet Township residents.

Watersmeet Township Police:

**8am-5pm Monday thru Friday call
(906) 358-2048**

**Weekends and evenings for non-
emergencies call Central Dispatch
(906) 875- 6669**

For ALL emergencies call 911

Your 2019/2020 MLRA Board:

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Moon Lake Memories:

YAY! How wonderful to have received the following photos and stories from our Moon lake Neighbors! Thank you all for sharing:



A Blast from the Past! Thanks Elaine and Jerry Granat for sharing this photo of your Moon Lake visitor from 2007! I bet he is still roaming around Moon Lake today...how long do bears live anyway?

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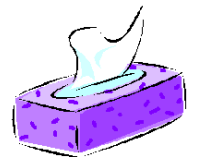
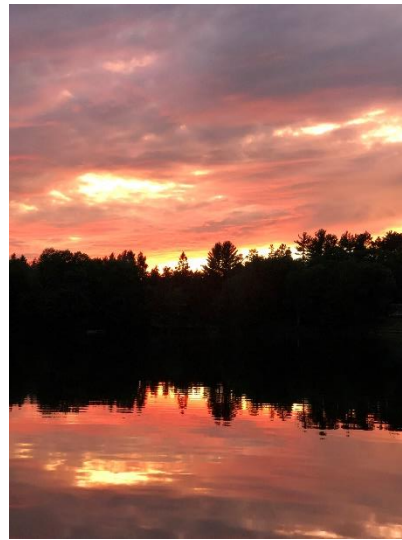


This sign is original from Moon Lake's Shady Lane Resort which used to operate on South Moon Lake Road at the location of Jim and Sue Tonyan's. It was found during renovation and continues to live proudly in their home.

Get out your tissues! This is so sweet. For years, when Sue Tonyan would comment on how beautiful the sunsets are on Moon lake, her husband Jim would say "I painted the sky for you". So, for their 35th anniversary, Jim surprised Sue with this bench. Now they sit and enjoy every sunset together.



4th of July Fun at Prudy Caudill's – Priceless!



Prudy's daughter and granddaughters show off their Moon Lake catch!



Moon Lake Family Recipe Corner:



Send us your “tried and true” recipes that you rely on to please your Moon Lake visitors!

Thanks this time to Marty LaPalio and Prudy Caudill for sending in a favorite recipe of theirs, check them out!

Marty's Moon Lake All- Around Compote:

Any fruit will do, but the best is always wild

2 C. Blueberries, Raspberries, or Strawberries or mixture
1/8 C. wine – your choice, or water
1 Tbsp real maple syrup
1 Tbsp local honey

Combine in pot. Bring to boil, cover and simmer for 20 min, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, let cool. Store refrigerated in a jar. Great on pancakes, ice-cream...you name it!

Prudy's Poppy Seed Bread

I cannot tell a lie! This is really my sister Judy's recipe AND hers always turns out better than mine!

3 cups flour
1 ½ tsp salt
1 ½ tsp baking powder
2 ½ C. sugar
1 ½ C. milk
1 cup oil
1 ½ Tbsp Poppy Seeds
1 ½ Tbsp Almond Flavoring
3 large eggs, beaten
Grease & flour 2 large bread pans. Mix all ingredients. Bake 50 minutes at 350 degrees. Let stand in pans until cool

Enjoy the Autumn Season!

Respectfully submitted,
Steve and Carleen Sunderland