



Lake Soundings

The Gilmore Lake Association Newsletter - Fall 2020



'Celebrate the Outdoors.' Winner of this year's annual July 4 boat parade was Gone Fishing (left). Lady Pirates (right) and Duckie Ship also won prizes.

President's Message

Dear Lake Neighbors,

The 2020 Summer Season was definitely a memorable one! There was much more action on the lake all summer as families stayed closer to home. How lucky we are to have such a beautiful place to enjoy.

I was at the lake for most of the summer and fall and have seen more wildlife here than ever before, especially young ones: fawns, loonlets, turtle eggs, baby snakes, eaglets, baby mice (nesting in my boat!!), and a pesky juvenile bear wandering around. I also sighted a pair of snow geese flying south for the winter a few weeks ago. For a city person, this was really amazing.

We have a number of updates for you in this newsletter as we were not able to hold our Annual Meeting as planned. I want to thank everyone that returned their ballots for the election of directors and the slow-no-wake proposal. We have so many committed members of our Association who support the work of GLA through volunteer time, dues and contributions. Your support is essential to the work of the Association.

I hope you all enjoyed extra time with family and the chance to escape to the lake this summer.

Fran McCloskey, President

Important Dates for 2021

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be Saturday, June 26th at 10:00am at the Minong Town Hall. Annual Picnic to follow (we hope!).

The 2021 Annual Boat Parade will be Saturday, July 3rd (rain date is the following day).

Slow/No-Wake Ordinance Passes

The Town of Minong Board of Supervisors has approved a Slow/No-Wake ordinance, an important step toward requiring Gilmore Lake boaters to operate at slow speeds during periods of high water. The ordinance is designed to protect fragile aquatic ecosystems, minimize shoreline erosion and enhance safety.

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Gilmore Lake Association's Financial Position Remains Strong

The Gilmore Lake Association reported a bank balance of nearly \$26,000 at the end of the fiscal year 2020. The financial report is normally provided during the association's annual meeting, which was canceled last summer because of COVID-19.

Financial highlights follow below. A detailed financial report is available for review. Please email GLA President Fran McCloskey at franmccloskey@yahoo.com if you are interested.

In addition to your annual membership, please consider supporting GLA through AmazonSmile, a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice, such as GLA.

	2018-2019	2019-2020	+/-
Ending Bank Balance	\$23,061	\$25,921	\$2,860
Annual Revenues	\$10,529	\$10,420	-\$109
Annual Expenses	\$8,215	\$7,560	-\$655
Net Spending Activity	\$2,314	\$2,860	
Paid members	86	90	

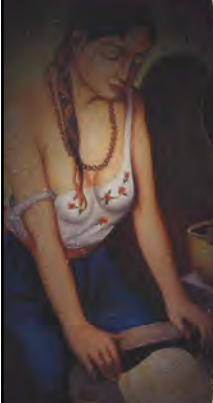
Three GLA Board Members Re-elected

Gilmore Lake Association members re-elected three board members, whose terms were set to expire last June. They are: Dick Johnson, Board Secretary; Bill Huelsman, Treasurer; and Daryl Iverson, Eurasian Water Milfoil Committee and water monitoring.

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Slow/No-Wake from page 1...

Board approval followed a survey of Gilmore Lake property owners who voted in favor of speed restrictions when lake water levels rise at least two feet.

A total of 157 property owners, based on Washburn County records, received a ballot in June 2020 on which they could indicate their preference for a Slow/No-Wake restriction. Eighty-five percent of the returned ballots favored the restriction.

The survey results were as follows:

- Total returned ballots: 55
- Ballots Results: 47 "Yes" and 8 "No"
- Height of water over normal when restriction would be in effect:

- Two Feet: 37 (67% of respondents)
- Three Feet: 3
- Four Feet: 6
- Not indicated: 9



A Slow/No-Wake sign will be posted at the boat landing and notices about when slow-no wake restrictions are in effect (due to high water) will be posted on the Gilmore Lake Association website.

According to Wisconsin state law, Slow/No-Wake means watercraft pilots must move as "slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control."

The Gilmore Lake Association Board is currently working with the DNR to finalize the ordinance.

GLA Creates Cool Tool for Monitoring Water Level of Lake

It was an amazing season of little water fluctuation on the lake, despite a normal level of rainfall. Residents could nonetheless more easily monitor lake levels -- and condition of their docks, boats and other floatation gear -- thanks to a new automated water level monitoring system.

The GLA purchased and tested the new system, which automatically feeds water level data to the lake association website, and it worked well. The system been pulled for the season and will be re-installed next Spring once the ice is out.

The GLA website (www.gilmorelakeassociation.com) has a new page called "Current Conditions" where residents can see current weather in Minong and the Gilmore water level conditions.



Look for more information about this convenient tool in the Spring issue of the newsletter.

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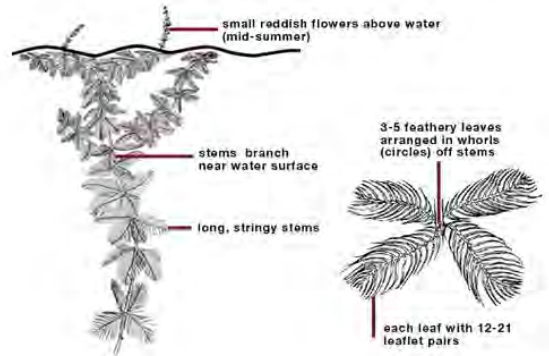
Treatments, Boat Inspections Aim to Keep Invasive Species in Check

Three new beds of Eurasian Watermilfoil discovered and treated

Long-running efforts to prevent and eradicate Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) continued this past season on Gilmore Lake where new beds of the invasive species were discovered.

Northern Aquatic Services provided EWM treatment services in June and the GLA's EWM team, led by Daryl Iverson, conducted additional spot treatments throughout the summer. Three new beds were noted, one in Little Gilmore, one in the shallow weedy area along the southern shore and one in the south end of the middle basin near the narrows along the western shore. All of those areas were treated.

EWM Committee member and fisheries expert John Ney reported that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Town of Minong boat inspectors monitored the Gilmore landing for 348 hours, inspected 593 boats and educated 1,274 people about keeping boats clean and reducing spread of invasives.



All boaters should try to stay out of milfoil beds. In addition, please avoid two shallow areas in the south basin (the "sunken island" in the southwest corner and the shallow weedy area noted above).

Wake boats and other deep water boats, should not be operated in under 10 feet of water when ballasts are full. These boats stir up sediment and cause scarring on the lake bed, which facilitates the spread of EWM and harms water quality.



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