

Greetings from the Lake District.

It's been a hot dry summer and the water quality has been poor this year. The compressor has been running to expectation but has not been able to keep up with the stagnant water the heat has produced. We heard from our water quality expert Buzz Sorge at the annual meeting and state funding has been approved for extensive water testing. We are anticipating federal funding to help with this study. We will be needing volunteers to take samples and mark for the University of Minnesota labs to analyze. If you would like to participate in taking samples, please contact one of the board members. We will be getting the information about sampling procedures after the plan is complete. This study could cost up to \$400,000. Our part of this study could be 20-40 K. Part of this could be offset by volunteers to take samples for the study and work on the study. The DNR has never studied the affect of the water shed coming into the lake. The study will monitor the water coming out of Horse Lake along with the water coming into and out of our lake. Monitoring will be done at various points in the lake as well. With this study they hope to find out where the major source of phosphorus is coming from and if there is anything we can do about it. The Polk county water shed department is involved and are already doing studies on Lotus Lake that flows into Horse Lake. This study will take several years. We will keep you posted on the activity and any solutions that may come of the study.

An ice clean up day was organized this spring and several large bags of garbage were collected and deposited into Dan Michaelis' garbage can. Thanks to those that helped with the clean up and to Dan for letting us fill up his can.

The marker Buoys were picked up in fall and replaced in spring. Thanks to those that help with this task.

A year ago last spring several varieties of water plants were purchased to try to get plants growing again near the outlet of the lake. This spring a survey indicated that none of the plants made it through the winter. We may try this again if study would indicate a more successful result.

We built another 41 fish cribs this winter and added them to three different parts of the lake. The skid that we purchased made the assembly of and placement of the cribs so efficient that the SPF&G purchased another one to make the job go faster. You can see pictures of the operation on the SPF&G website. The fish cribs have attracted a lot of fishermen to the lake. To try to control the pressure on the lake the DNR has polled the local people and changed the fishing rules for Cedar Lake. Next year there will be a 10 pan fish limit. Also, there will be a slot for Walleye. 14 to 18 inch fish will need to be released and you will be able to keep 2 fish under 14 inches and one over 18 inches. If you want to know what's going on during the year you can access our website. [www.cedarlake-wis.org](http://www.cedarlake-wis.org) Thanks to Dan Michaelis for setting this up and managing it.

Dan has kept our website fresh and informative. All the monthly meeting minutes are posted along with the bylaws of the lake and current information. This is all volunteer labor and web space.

We have a new parking lot and lake access in the bay. There is a dock that goes out beyond the reeds for summer and winter access to the water. The Lake District provided \$4500 in funds for this project. Thanks to the Land Trust, SPF&G, Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund, and Star Prairie Township for the work to put this together.

The "No Water Skipping" signs were stolen last winter and new ones were purchased. The stolen signs were found near Hudson and returned but with some damage.

The water skipping activity has been reduced. We believe that the money we spend on the patrol is well spent. We will continue to educate the public on water quality, the value of the reed bed back on the south east side of the lake and why the weed beds are good for water quality and fish habitat. We have a lot of weed growth this year that I've never seen in the lake. PLEASE don't cut your weeds, weeds help keep the lake clean. Weeds mean more fish and a healthier water system.

The Lake Board