

Newsletter
Cedar Lake Protection and
Rehabilitation District

With the coming of summer, the Board is reporting on projects that are in the works or have been completed since the annual meeting.

SLOW NO WAKE AREAS: Last year was the first year the slow no wake buoys were installed. They will be placed again this year at the mouth of the bay and the area near the outlet on the southeast portion of the lake. The purpose of the buoys is to help reestablish weed beds in the bay and reed beds near the outlet.

DANGER WARNINGS: Two marker buoys will also be placed on the south end of the lake marking the location of two large rock piles.

LAKE AERATION: The aeration compressor has been rebuilt and a new electric motor has been installed. Hopefully all of the past problems are behind us. The start up is scheduled for June 1st and shutdown will be in early September. The Board would like to thank Mick Anderson for donating his equipment and Ed Rivard for his labor in helping to remove the compressor from the building.

WATER QUALITY: Members of the Board met with DNR personnel Buzz Sorgy, Jeremy Williamson, Paul Garrison, and others regarding the water quality of the lake. Buzz Sorgy, who is the Water District Manager for this area, stated that he will be submitting a grant to the Wisconsin DNR and U.S. Corps of Engineers before May 1, 2006. The amount applied for will be at or near \$400,000. Preliminary figures regarding cost to the Lake District are at \$20,000 to \$30,000. If the grant is approved, the project would start in 2007 and be completed by 2009. Buzz will speak at the Annual Meeting in August 2006 to explain their plans and discuss the Lake District expenses. The following agencies will be involved in this project: Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Scenic Rivers, University of Wisconsin, Polk County

Land and Water, St. Croix County Land and Water, Star Prairie Township, and Alden Township.

LAKE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT: With little snow cover this past winter, there was not much snowmobile activity on the lake. The Board placed a sign in the bay area and also by the outlet explaining the water skipping ordinance. Three additional signs will be posted next winter. One will be located near the inlet, another by the outlet, and the third will be in the bay area. The Board adopted this ordinance hoping that the reed beds would reestablish in these areas.

FISH CRIBS: Twenty additional cribs were constructed in February. They are located north of where last years cribs were built. This brings the three year total to 88. Due to the thin ice conditions, the cribs were built on or near the shore in the bay area. The Board hired Bob Swanda to construct a sled which was pulled by an ATV to move the fish cribs to their locations. It worked great, and the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association has also ordered a sled. As in the past, the Lake District and the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association did a 50/50 cost sharing of this project. A big thank you goes to the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association as well as to Marty Engle from the DNR for all of his input. Thanks also to Chris Polfus for storing the sled in his pole building.

STAR PRAIRIE LAND TRUST: The Land Trust will be developing a parking lot with a handicap accessible dock in the southwest area of the bay this spring. The Lake District budgeted \$4,500 for the Land Trust in 2006.

LAKE ASSOCIATION NOMINEES: Dennis Early's term as the St. Croix County Commissioner and Bob Goodlad's term as the Polk County Commissioner will end this year. According to the bylaws, any three electors may nominate additional candidates by submitting written nomination papers to the Secretary at least 70 days prior to the Annual Meeting to be held August 5, 2006

LAKE DISTRICT WEBSITE: If you would like to review the monthly meeting minutes, read the bylaws or check on happenings around the lake, check out our website. The address is <http://cedarlake-wi.org>. Dan Michaelis has done a great job of keeping it up to date.

PONTOON PARADE: The pontoon parade is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th at noon. The parade will start and end at the sand bar on the east side. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate this event. If interested, please contact any Board member.

Have a safe, enjoyable summer!

The Lake Board