

# WATERVILLE LAKES ASSOCIATION

Saturday, October 14, 2023. 9:00am.

## Call to order at 9:10am

- Members present: Andrea Berg, Chrissy Christenson, Deon Ford, Scott Hudson, Pete Shutrop, Tim Smith, Cory Culbert
- Adopted agenda – No additions

## Discussion

- Infestation of Eurasian Milfoil and other weeds in Lake Tetonka
  - Planning for 2024
    - How do we move forward to be successful
      - Cory doesn't think we're at the point where we have to decide what areas do or don't get treated for milfoil, our permit from the state should cover it
      - Cory has maps that show the concentration of types of weeds in areas
      - Worst for spots for milfoil last year were far West and East ends and near the beach
      - More farm tile is going into lake each year, County is not restrictive, it's a slow process to deal with
      - French Lake is experimenting on aeration to help with algae
      - Fish Farm - how does the fish excrement affect our lake?
        - Cory thinks it has a minimal impact
      - Rip Rap can be sprayed with "Rodeo", the water version of "Roundup"
        - Is non-toxic to aquatic animals, Roundup is toxic if in the water
      - Is there a possibility to partner with Universities to research or work on our lakes, water quality, monitor phosphorus, etc?
        - Scott knows of other lakes that have pursued this option
  - Cory – There aren't long-term solutions for milfoil
    - Cory works with other lake associations that have been successful
    - Treatments are effective, but must be maintained year to year
    - Need to determine what types of weeds to treat for each year due to limited littoral acres we are allowed to treat
    - Shallow water increases littoral acreage – DNR limits treatment area to 15%
    - Cory believes harvesting acres are in addition to the 15% of chemical acres
    - Harvesters help but should be in conjunction with chemical treatment
    - Aquacide is a good product to use around docks, requires a DNR permit
  - Deon will send out a picture of milfoil to membership
  - Lake Elesian weed eradication history, how did they do it?
  - Corey Culbert has a proposed treatment
  - Scott suggested ProcellaCor – he will email, Deon will forward to Board members
    - Is more expensive, but longer lasting results (3 years) than "24D"
    - Cory can't purchase it from the manufacturer, they restrict who can purchase
    - Pete will talk to his distributor to see if they can work with the manufacturer
    - There aren't other products that are as effective with three-year control
  - Pete mentioned a treatment
    - Milestone – to use for land, not water
    - Costs \$360/gallon
    - 3oz per acre but has more control of spray area
  - Andrea mentioned Alum
    - Cory says it's done on small lakes, closed areas
      - Doesn't work on lakes with external phosphorus coming in

- Our lakes probably wouldn't be good test cases due to large size of lakes
- Probably not good benefit for the cost
  
- Lawns to Legumes – Tim Labs
  - He will be working on a grant
  - See attached information
  
- Recap Pontoberfest & Apparel Sales
  - Broke even financially
  - Information is provided on treasurer's report
  
- Financial Donations – Chrissy
  - Money still came in during Covid
  - Lions and other organizations helped
  - Fundraising we do doesn't produce large margins
    - Winter Blast \$1,200
      - Del has "resigned" from this event, he had comedy connections
    - Pontoberfest broke even
  - Ideas than comedy night
    - Scot will research high-margin fundraising options
    - Food booths at Bullhead Days or Hot Summer Nights?
      - Would need to be unique food that others don't sell
      - Bullhead Days planning is already in process so we'd need to make a decision soon if we want to participate
    - Partner with Lions for specialty BINGO
      - Guns, Fishing, Purse, Yeti, etc
    - Work with Bill to do a burger event
  - Can we incorporate education into fundraising events?
    - Can we work with other organizations' events?
    - Other ideas for fundraising opportunities?
  
- Chrissy proposed adopting new logo, approved

**Meeting adjourned at 11:10am**

**Next Meeting: January 13, 2024, 9:00am, Waterville Event Center**