



Hello Members

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The temperature is changing and I think winter is seeking in on us. I noticed some ice here and there on some of the creeks and ponds that are protected from the wind and in the shade. It won't be long before ice starts to form on Minnewawa so please be sure to be careful and check the ice thickness before venturing out!

1. We had a great 2011 season. The new BBQ event at Bann's and the Annual Labor Day Garage Sale were each a great success. We will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BBQ at Bann's on August 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 so mark your calendars and please plan to attend. It will be a great time and wonderful way to meet other LMA members.
2. The annual Highway Clean Up was to be held after the board meeting in October but due to down pouring rains, we had to cancel the clean up. We will be holding the clean up this May so mark your calendars. The web site will be updated soon with a new, tentative 2012 calendar of events. Some dates may need to be changed but we try to keep the calendar as accurate as possible.
3. The harvester survived another season with a few repair items that were taken care of during the season or will be worked on over the winter into next spring. We did replace all the conveyor material on the front cutting head during the harvesting season. Much of it was the original conveyor and was in need of replacing. We need to replace a large amount of the front cutting head material. The steel is rusting to a point of failure and needs to be replaced. Unfortunately, due to the age of the machine, many of the parts are not being made anymore. We do have some resources in the local community that may be able to help manufacture the parts needed. One of the primary motors that powers the left side paddle wheel is failing and leaking hydraulic fluid. We need to also purchase a new barrel of hydraulic fluid for the harvester. The above listed items are repairs that come up on a machine with approximately 15,000 hours on it and was manufactured in the 1980's. The total cost of the off-season repairs for materials alone is approximately \$3300.00. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the repairs, please mail in a check to the LMA or visit the web site for a pay pal link.
4. The DNR conducted a walleye survey in September. This survey unfortunately did not show an increase in the number of young walleye. We are still working with the DNR and will be receiving a stocking of 2.3 million walleye fry this up coming May. Along with a full lake survey this up coming year, there will be an additional walleye survey next fall. Once I receive the survey data, those results will be shared with the membership!
5. The purple loosestrife, that was found in the channel between Horseshoe Lake and Lake Minnewawa this past late summer, was treated and eradicated. The DNR has sent a brief description of the plant, a photo, and further contact information that will be included with the Memorial Day handouts to the membership and entire Lake Minnewawa community. Early detection and treatment is the only way to control this invasive plant! Please keep an eye out for this plant!
6. And last but not least, please support the local businesses and groups that help the LMA. When you are at their establishments, please thank them for their support. Current 2011 members are Bann's, Christian Reality North, Country Meadows Inn, Freeman Electric, Horseshoe Inn, Shamrock township, Sportsmen's' Club, Tamarack Sno-Flyers, Willey's Sport Shop and Spirits and Willey's Marine.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 763-767-4842 or check the website for all the board member contact information. Please have a safe and enjoyable winter! See you next spring!

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Lake Minnewawa Association