



Hello Members

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

It is one of the oddest winters I can remember. There have been winters in the past with very little snow but this is crazy. The grass is still showing through the snow in my yard. I believe it is snowing up at the lake today. Please be careful out on the lake. The ice heave from earlier this winter between the Sheshebee Point landing at the narrows and Warner's Pont is still there and appears as if there is thin ice due to the water and wet snow I saw along its edge over the weekend. The ice has thickened up and I noticed cars and trucks driving on the lake. As always, be careful, as no ice is truly safe ice.

1. The Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club will be holding its annual fishing contest on February 11, 2012 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. This is a great time and supports a very generous, local club. Please see the web site for a link to the announcement.
2. January is tax time and no one likes giving Uncle Sam more than his share. Why not make an additional donation to the LMA! As a reminder, the Lake Minnewawa Association is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Please feel free to contact Vice-President Pat Rath or myself if you have any question on how to donate or need information for tax deductions
3. Some of you may be aware that the ice has done a number on the shoreline in certain areas of the lake (mine included!). I have contacted the DNR on the issue and the procedures required for lakeshore owners to repair the damage. As I get more information, I will pass it along. Until spring, there is not much anyone can do. It is amazing what the ice can push around. Please check your neighbor's shoreline and any items you may have near your shoreline. I noticed some dock sections, paddleboats, and boatlifts raised up by the ice and I would hate for anyone to loose these items with the spring thaw drops the ice heave and things settle back towards the lake.
4. This 2012 season, the LMA will be sending out information on the Purple Loosestrife plant found in the channel going to Horseshoe Lake. With this item, we will have pamphlets on the correct use and transportation of firewood, that burning garbage is not allowed in the State of Minnesota, and for those with shoreline damage, ways to restore and repair their shoreline habitat.
5. A big down fall of having so little snow is that the weeds will be getting the sunlight they need to survive the winter. Normally they die back over the winter season due to the lack of sunlight. We are anticipating a very busy 2012 harvesting season so we are looking for some additional help driving the truck and trailer for the harvesting season. The harvesting season begins June 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 and ends September 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. This is a paid hourly position that is basically full to part time. Weekly work schedules are based on the weather / wind. We are looking for someone qualified to drive our large commercial style truck and trailer. Please contact me if you are interested or need more details.
6. If you are up at the lake, PLEASE make an effort to support our local businesses. This winter is making it difficult time for our local businesses and we need their help and support in the summer season. Consider going out for lunch or dinner and doing some of your shopping up North. When you are at their establishments, be sure to 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. See everyone in the spring!

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