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Newsletter (both via Constant Contact) Responses: April 1 - 11

T.L.

I have been a property owner on the Minong Flowage for the past 11 years. I noticed when the chemical treatment program began a number of years ago that there was a reduction of EWM particularly in the Stumps Bay area of the lake where the chemical treatment had been applied. Interestingly enough due to the rice bed issue, the chemical treatment was curtailed for the final year of application. By default the dam repair was scheduled and the drawdown lasted through the winter freezing. Last summer after the winter drawdown I noticed a significant reduction in EWM in the entire lake. Your data suggests that the acres of EWM reduced down to the 15 acre amount from a peak of 300 acres. It appears the drawdown of the lake was a significant boost to the killing of the EWM. My thought is that maybe we should be considering a periodic drawdown in late fall until spring to aid in the control of the EWM. This would be more cost effective and if nothing else might minimize the amount of chemical treatment needed. I appreciate your consideration of this possibility.

S.P.

Wow, lots of information in this report! It was interesting to read. We live just downstream from Smith Bridge and had milfoil growing in our mini-channel last year. I will try to manually pull some of these plants when they show up again this year. I'm concerned about the situation, though, as our channel is only 4 feet deep and is susceptible to becoming clogged with EM. It really helped a few years ago when private landowners were able to pay for treatment on their frontage. Do we know if this option will be available in the future should it be necessary? The wild rice in front of us came on very strong last year again. It was similar to what was there when we bought our place back in 2000. It appears that the drawdown helped the rice as much as it hurt the EM.

I was glad to see that more drawdowns are a possibility in the future should it be warranted. This seems to be the best inhibitor to a takeover of the EM in the Flowage. Would we be responsible for compensating the power company if we did that? That never seemed right to me as there is more at stake here than their bottom line.

Thanks for sending this out! Thanks also for the work that went into it.

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To: "David Blumer" <dblumerleaps@gmail.com>
Cc: "dan maxwell" <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>, "MFA - Johnson, Steve" <sjj8549@gmail.com> <sjj8549@gmail.com>, "Mark R Sundeen - DNR" <Mark.Sundeen@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 10:27:58 AM
Subject: RE: Wed. April 15 1-3 p.m. Minong Flowage Stakeholder Meeting

Hi Dave! Several people, including myself, are interested in seeing an updated version of the APM Plan. There is concern that comments have been shared, but uncertainty if they have been acknowledged and integrated into the Plan. In order to make Wednesday's meeting as productive

as possible, could you please share an updated Plan that addresses the March round of comments? Also, it'd be helpful if you could compile and share a list of all the comments received. Feel free to remove names and just provide a consolidated list with all comments. I think these 2 action items will promote open communication.

Any chance you could do so **before** the meeting?

Thanks!

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From: David Blumer [<mailto:dblumerleaps@gmail.com>]
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To: Toshner, Pamela J - DNR
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Subject: Re: Wed. April 15 1-3 p.m. Minong Flowage Stakeholder Meeting

Hi All,

A second draft version of the APM Plan completed after input from the January meeting, was distributed to some of the folks on this list back in mid-March. Two documents are attached to this email for your convenience. The first is the larger APM Plan distributed in mid-March, and a smaller document of just the Goals, Objectives, and Action Items in the APM Plan.

Dave Blumer, Lake Education and Planning Services, LLC

On Tue, Apr 7, 2015 at 8:21 PM, Toshner, Pamela J - DNR

<Pamela.Toshner@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hello!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the doodle poll. We will meet next Wednesday April 15 at the Spooner DNR Service Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m. A draft agenda, previous meeting notes, and the draft/tentative aquatic plant management planning (APM) presentation Dave Blumer shared in January are attached. Please let me know if you have any agenda items you'd like included.

Many of you should have copies of the 2015 chemical control permit application and draft 2015-2019 APM Plan. If you would like a copy of either of these, please let me

know. Finally, please come to the meeting prepared to share specific feedback, if you have it, in regards to the permit application and plan. This feedback could be shared in written format or via telephone, too, if that's preferred. Note: both the permit application and plan are in a review stage – neither has been formally approved.

Thank you all! Minong Flowage APM is special challenge. We've got many interests at the table, have collected some cutting edge science, and worked through many complexities. Your time, effort, and devotion to the Flowage and its many resources are very much appreciated.

See you next week!

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Chuck's Reply to EWM Hand-removal Projects

From : Charles Chesney <cfchesney@comcast.net>
Subject : Chuck's Reply to EWM Hand-removal Projects
To : 'Dan Maxwell' <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>
Cc : ppatches@comcast.net, cfchesney@comcast.net

Wed, Jun 17, 2015 02:18

Hi Dan,

It is great news that there is very little EWM in the Minong Flowage!

I've read both contracts and they are well drafted and seem appropriate to me (not being an attorney). As you have seen, there appears to be a moderate amount of EWM in the Cranberry Narrows/Flowage between County Road T and the outflow of Cranberry Lake. Hopefully, these contractors will be able to remove some of it and allow you to evaluate their procedures and effectiveness. Unfortunately, I will not be in Wascott during your planned schedule for these projects.

It is interesting to me to learn that Steve Scheiffer has told you that herbicide treatment in Cranberry Lake should occur within the next few days. I hope that it does, but apparently there is no plan to manage EWM in the Cranberry Narrows. Thus your back-up plan to attempt for removal of EWM plants there will be very helpful.

We appreciate you efforts and hope all goes well.

With best regards,

Chuck.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:34 PM

To: Andrew@AquaticPlantManagement.com

Cc: MFA - Berg, Matt; MFA - Blumer, Dave; MFA - Bruzda, Peggy; MFA - Budden, Bob; MFA - Johnson, Jean; MFA - Johnson, Steve; MFA - Johnson, Wayne; MFA - Moline, Dave; MFA - Pearce, Dawn; MFA - Peck, Bill; MFA - Youngquist, Doris; DNR - Toshner, Pamela; bwhite@nomadonline.com; CfChesney@Comcast.net; FrogCreekRick@Yahoo.com; EjCodner@Gmail.com; Scheiffer, Steve; Larry Carlson

Subject: Minong Flowage EWM hand-removal project

Greetings, Andrew McFerrin: I trust all is going well for your projects this summer. Our project is less than two weeks away so I am summarizing my thoughts on this email to insure that you and I are "on the same page".

1. **Contract:** You should have a copy of the contract I signed and sent to you on May 13th. I am still waiting for a copy with your signature. Please forward a copy to me soon, or bring a copy when you come to our site.

Re: Questions regarding 2015-19 Minong Flowage Aquatic Plant Management Plan presentation**From :** David Blumer <dblumerleaps@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 29, 2015 07:50 AM

Subject : Re: Questions regarding 2015-19 Minong Flowage Aquatic Plant Management Plan presentation

1 attachment

To : Greg Frederick <greg@thatpickleguy.com>, Dan Maxwell <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>

Hi Gary,

Finally have a few minutes to respond to your email. In the area of Serenity Bay that you are referring to EWM is typically more sparse than in other areas of the bay. EWM gets thicker as you head east around the curve of the bay and up into the northern third of the bay. The southern portion of Serenity Bay is just deep enough to keep the level of EWM down. It will grow in close to shore, so you may be doing some raking to keep a beach or dock completely open. Serenity Bay is also one of those places on the lake that is watched pretty close for EWM. When it gets bad the area generally gets treated with herbicides early in the spring.

Where your property is located is nice as it is immediately adjacent to the underwater river channel that moves from Serenity into what we call the North Basin. That channel keeps a path through the area that just about always stays clear of EWM. The little pointed finger bay that extend south on the west side of E. Pound Road does get a lot of EWM in it, but it too is watched pretty closely.

The stumps are not a big issue as you should not be planning on skiing or tubing or fast boating in Serenity Bay anyway. There are much better places on the lake for that. A lot of stumps came up with the drawdown and refill and yes a lot of woody debris ended up on that shoreline the place you are looking at is located.

That was a one time occurrence, at least to the extent that happened after the drawdown. There will always be woody debris that washes into that shore, but nothing that would prevent me from purchasing the home/lot. On Serenity Bay, the location you are looking at is probably about as good as it gets.

As you go further south in the Minong Flowage into the Central Basin and the deeper water closer to the dam, there is less EWM and less woody debris. Still the location you are looking at, is not bad.

Shoot me another email if you have more questions, and I will either give you a call, or arrange for a time for you to call me.

The Minong Flowage is a neat body of water, They have a terrific lake association that is doing a good job staying on top of things. EWM is way down in the Flowage right now, talking dozens of acres instead of hundreds of acres like it was a few years ago. With good management we hope to keep the level low. Join the Lake Association, as it is an outstanding group that care deeply about the Minong Flowage.

Dave

On Sat, Jun 27, 2015 at 5:27 PM, Greg Frederick <greg@thatpickleguy.com> wrote:

Hi David – I found your presentation on the Aquatic plant management for the Minong Flowage on the internet and just completed reading through it. I am thankful for your attention to detail and education so I am hopeful I can contact you as I have a couple questions regarding the Minong Flowage and your report.

I am looking at possibly purchasing some property on the Minong Flowage off of a road called E. Pound Rd. which is located toward the South West side of also referred to as Serenity Bay or Stump Bay. Therefore I am wanting to understand more about this part of the lake and the aquatic plants located there.

This general area or body of water is Serenity bay (Stump Bay) shown in your presentation on PAGE 6 (22 in Green) -PAGE 11 (Bed 7-15MOD) – PAGE 23 (With red lines).

I am wondering if this body of water or bay it has a considerable EWM problem or any other aquatic issues? I tried reading your presentation and since I am not familiar with the aquatic plants I thought I would direct question to you.

I also am wondering about the Stumps as you had a slide on PAGE 18 (which referred to the Shallow Water Stump Field) – I heard many of the stumps were either cut down or that they dried out and released themselves when the Dam was lowered in 2013. However I am curious as to find out about the stumps in this bay too since you referred to the shallow water stump field.

If you would be so kind as to email me back with your contact # and I time I can call you or you can call me @ 630-428-3203. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to speak directly to you, also if you could respond back via email with any answers to some of my questions listed above.

Thanks so much – Greg Frederick



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Mon, Jun 22, 2015 10:14 AM

Subject : Fwd: Minong Flowage Membership**To :** Dan Maxwell <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>, MFA - Moline, Dave <dgmoline@gmail.com>, MFA - Budden, Bob <robertbudden@gmail.com>, MFA - Johnson, Wayne <waynewascott@yahoo.com>, Peggy Bruzda <pbandsj@hotmail.com>, MFA - Peck, Bill <eagan-pecks@q.com>, Steve Johnson <sjj8549@gmail.com>**Cc :** Dave Blumer <dblumer@sehinc.com>

I thought that you should read Halan's thoughts about the annual meeting and his appreciation of the associations hard work.....always nice to read the positive.

From: "Harlan" <hjohnson24@aol.com>**To:** dpearc26e@centurytel.net**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 1:25:57 PM**Subject:** Re: Minong Flowage Membership

Hi Dawn, thanks for the note. It was a good Flowage Assoc. meeting on the 13th, very informative. I like that we have documented, scientific data behind our lake management decisions.

I'll mail a check to Peggy for our membership.... I think I'll just do the \$100 5 yr deal.

Thanks for all your volunteer work over the years on the MFA. Us lakehome owners really do appreciate the association's dedication and hard work.

Cheers!

Harlan Johnson

-----Original Message-----

From: dpearc26e <dpearc26e@centurytel.net>**To:** hjohnson24 <hjohnson24@aol.com>**Sent:** Thu, Jun 18, 2015 10:02 am**Subject:** Minong Flowage Membership

Good Morning Harlan,

Sorry I didn't get a chance to catch up with you last Saturday - time gets busy especially when I am about to turn over the membership. Also, you were on the membership list but I had done some updating to the list and forgot to sort it so you were in the "H's" not the J's.....sorry, sorry, sorry. Your dues are due this year. You can send your payment to: MFA, PO Box 167, Minong 54859 and Peggy will pick up and process them.

I want to THANK YOU for your support of the association over the years and I enjoyed our conversations too. Have a good season on the lake and maybe we will pass each other soon.

Dawn Pearce

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Re: Cranberry Lake**From :** Dan Maxwell <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>

Sun, May 10, 2015 10:11 AM

Subject : Re: Cranberry Lake**To :** Steve Schieffer <ecointegservice@gmail.com>

Good morning, Steve:

Although I get the sense that they are "reluctant leaders", the names I have are:

- Bob Fritzke - BobCranLake@Gmail.com
- Larry Carlson - Larry.Carlson@Co.Ramsey.MN.us

I have not talked directly to either of them. Just brief emails.

- Rick & Theresa Maas live on the Minong Flowage, but manage the Up North Resort on Cranberry. I haven't had any direct communications with them, but they got our most recent email. FrogCreekRick@Yahoo.com
- Dick & Rosemary Emanuelson moved to Danbury.
- Dave and Marla Olson were referred to me somewhere along the line. I thought I had some form of response from them, but can't lay my hands on it. I think they are on the Cranberry Flowage OlsonMarine@FrontierNet.net
- Ellen Codner is another name that I thought had responded to me, but I can't find anything in the file. She was listed as the webmaster for the defunct association. EJcodner@Gmail.com

For our most recent newsletter, we gathered about 60 names with property ownership on the Cranberry Flowage and a few on Cranberry Lake. We didn't get any particular reaction from that effort.

I would like to spend 10 - 15 minutes on the phone with you on some AIS control activities that could involve Cranberry Lake. Please call the number below at your convenience. It is usually easiest to catch me between 7:30am and noon on most weekdays.

Best regards,
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From: "Steve Schieffer" <ecointegservice@gmail.com>**To:** "Dan Maxwell" <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2015 8:31:08 AM**Subject:** Cranberry Lake

Dan,

Did you ever get anywhere with the Cranberry Lake/Flowage Association? I am trying to get a hold of them, and the only contact I have is a Carlson (don't recall first name) and he is not answering emails. I have delineated some areas of EWM to treat again, and the applicator nor I can find anyone.

I apologize for taking your time over this, but I didn't know who else might know someone.

Thanks,
Steve Schieffer

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Re: Minong Flowage and Cranberry Lake planning**From :** Steve Schieffer <ecointegservice@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 02, 2014 04:24 PM

Subject : Re: Minong Flowage and Cranberry Lake planning**To :** Dan Maxwell <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>

Dan,

Thanks for your contact and I will try and answer your questions. However, I am not sure who to contact as I have had the same issues with trying to get a treatment permit (no responses) and that was to the two you listed.

First, I will tell you that we have a cabin (my brothers and I) on Cranberry Lake. This is how I got involved and it just so happens that I also own a consulting business helping organizations manage their lakes. Cranberry has been an interesting situation and I have suggested they consider working with you or even consolidating in the past, but that has met resistance. They just don't have the volunteers or the \$\$ to sustain any kind of a organization capable of managing the issues on their lake.

There was a woman named Rosemarie Emanuelson (sp?) that was the president of the newly formed association several years ago. They got a rapid response grant and I did a plant survey and APMP for them pro bono. They had a shoestring budget but got through. Rosemarie as a real go getter and was adamant (reason unknown) for Cranberry to remain separate from the flowage. They then got an AIS grant and again got through a few treatments, but more recently did not get funding for any AIS grant. During the grant time I provided the pre and post treatment surveys pro bono. More recently, Rosemarie has moved away and I have no idea who is leading the organization, if anyone. They didn't treat during the drawdown, but last spring I mapped out the EWM and they treated. I think Dale Dressel worked out the permit, but I don't know who signed. I didn't work on the permit because I couldn't figure out who to contact. I know they had some \$\$ in the bank, but I think they may be hurting financially. The treatment did occur and was quite successful...we will see what 2015 brings.

In the meantime, I think they should reconsider consolidating with you. I am not sure what your motivation would be other than if Cranberry is managed well, than that can carry over to the flowage. However, financially it is going to be an issue for you because I gather they don't have many funds. Maybe with good leadership you could get more to join an Association, but I know that has been a real struggle in the past. I will be willing to continue providing services at no charge (we are probably due for a new plant survey), but I can't offer that for the flowage as it is too big. I know the consultants you have worked with quite well and should do a good job for you. I may suggest a different manager consultant (instead of SEH) if you are interested...she is the best around and a crackpot grant writer.

Having said all of this, the two people I know for you to contact are the two you listed Carlson and Bob (I can't recall his last name) who used to own the Chipmunk Bar/Campground (just sold a couple years ago). I have had trouble getting responses from them. Unfortunately I have no time to take a leadership role and facilitate this as I have consulting, I teach also, and I am president of the lake district I live on...so can't take anything more on...sorry.

Let me know if I may be of more help. I plan to survey this spring and see if they have money to treat the beds. Last fall I found very little EWM in the flowage portion of Cranberry...we will see what the spring brings. If I can work it out, I may update the plant survey this summer, but that is starting to fill up...we will see.

Take care,
Steve

On Tue, Dec 2, 2014 at 1:30 PM, Dan Maxwell <dan.maxwell@comcast.net> wrote:

Greetings, Mr. Schieffer:

Pursuant to my voicemail to you earlier today (left on number: 715/554-1168), I am seeking the best contact person(s) for lake management planning activities on Cranberry Lake/Flowage.

We, the board members of the Minong Flowage Assoc., are in the process of developing our Lake Management Plan for 2015+ and it seems logical to us to maintain close contact with Cranberry folks due to the fact that Cranberry's parameters feed directly into the Minong Flowage.

The question is, who is the person(s) for us to communicate with throughout this process.

Any advise, or referrals, you may be able to provide will be genuinely appreciated.

Milfoil identification

From : Delon Schroetter <dt.minflow@centurytel.net>

Mon, Jun 29, 2015 03:41 PM

Subject : Milfoil identification

To : Dan Maxwell <Dan.Maxwell@Comcast.net>

Hi Dan,

I'm not very proficient on this machine and I have a situation I'd like to discuss with you. Soooo would you please call me so we could discuss quickly. It is about weeds by my dock--identification of. I live on the east shore, straight east of Picnic Island.

(ps: I'm the guy with the Can-Am Spyder. I met you at the last Lake Assn. meeting)

Thanks,
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Hazard markers

From : Dan Maxwell <dan.maxwell@comcast.net>

Thu, Jul 09, 2015 11:17 AM

Subject : Hazard markers**To :** Jeff <jeffwillox@gmail.com>

Greetings, Jeff:

First, and foremost, I apologize for my delayed response to your message. It has simply been a very hectic pace for me these last few weeks.

In regards to marking hazards on the lake. The subject has come up occasionally, but not pursued to any degree. Not so much for lack of interest, or importance, but for lack of man-power to adequately investigate the issue and develop an actionable plan.

During informal discussion with assorted public and private folks, I've come to the short-term conclusion that the MFA as an organization should not formally initiate the marking of such hazards without first vetting all of the pros and cons of doing so.

A public employee once mentioned that if an organization starts marking hazards, it might be presumed to be legally responsible for the issue and thereby become a target for a lawsuit if it hadn't thoroughly marked **every** hazard on the lake. Even if the suit is without merit, we'd have to employ resources to defend ourselves. For example, Mr. John Q. Public visits our lake for the first time and sees some "formally marked hazards", he might conclude that all of the hazards on the lake are marked and therefore assume that he can roar across the lake as long as he avoids the marked items. A mishap with an unmarked hazard could be deemed the fault of the MFA due to not marking **that** hazard.

In addition, the proper floats would need to be identified and purchased. The ongoing issue of managing them each spring and fall may seem like a small item, but somebody has to do it, and do it well.

I'm sure there is plenty of information out there to guide us on such an issue. At this point in time, we don't have anyone offering to research the subject and offer a plan. Hopefully, that person will step forward and offer some insights and effort. If nobody steps forward, I would likely make the effort, but it will be awhile before I can do so.

In the mean time, what can be done?

I can only tell you that if I had hazards in the vicinity of my dock, I'd attach some sort of float to it, but I'd be doing it as a private citizen, not in the name of the MFA.

Best regards,
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From: "Jeff" <jeffwillox@gmail.com>**To:** "Dan Maxwell" <Dan.Maxwell@Comcast.net>**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2015 1:26:43 PM**Subject:** EWM

Hi Dan -

We've had a place on the flowage since 2001 and havent really participated in the associations activities beyond membership fees.

I did have a question about use of association funds and whether any discussion had ever taken place to use these funds to better mark known stumps and/or debris fields on the flowage.

I know of several specific stumps and areas myself - having knocked out my lower unit, several props, and other miscellaneous damage (skag, bellows, etc) a number of times. Lots of my neighbors too have experienced similar damage.

I understand floating debris cannot be marked, but known stumps and specific sides of channels could be - very easily and inexpensively i would think?

Thanks in advance for your incite.

Jeff Willox
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