

July 10, 2021

Skogman Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting

Presenter: Steve Owens President

Meeting at New Hope Community Church with coffee, juice and donuts provided by Shari VanAlstine

- We had a good turnout for the meeting and picnic. Nineteen residents attended.
- Dan McEwen from LIMNOPRO Aquatic Science with assistant Ethan provided a great presentation on Invasive weeds such as curlyleaf pondweed (CLP) and eurasian water millfoil (EWM) and its effect on Skogman Lake. Currently, Skogman Lake has a lot of CLP.
- The aquatic plant point intercept survey done earlier this year identified 17 sites, or 23 acres that should be treated for CLP. Only 4 of these areas or 4.8 acres were treated due to the limit of \$5000 the board could approve. (See later remarks about this subject.) Diquat use is prohibited on Skogman Lake due to effects on Walleye so we had to use Aquathol which is more expensive. The board made a special request to the DNR for Diquat use but was turned down. LIMNOPRO will be conducting another survey to check for EWM this year.
- Some residents mentioned that the application for individual AIS treatment is later than normal this year. The reason being is that each resident needed a new permit this year due to a new company doing the treatment. Next year this should not be a problem.
- There was discussion on why LIMNOPRO was selected over Lake Management. The board made this decision due to the way the chemical is applied. In the past the chemical was sprayed over the top of the water, whereas LIMNOPRO uses drop hoses which disperses the chemical under the water, about 2 to 3 feet above the lake floor.
- When decisions on treatment:
 - We should first treat the areas that are used alot by boaters and recreation.
 - Treat shallow areas vs. deeper water. It's less expensive.
 - Treat CLP and EWM early, then EWM again later
 - Treating the same area twice does not double our treatable acreage which is capped at 20 acres.
 - Consider treating EWM with a chemical that will kill it permanently, but is more expensive.
- Remember to encourage all to use lead free fishing tackle as lead is a major cause of Loon poisoning.

- Members voted to approve that the board could approve expenditures up to \$15,000 for all future use to control AIS.
- Members voted and approved to keep the property tax amount for AIS treatment, currently \$150.00 per year.
- Darrick Wotachek, Wetland Specialist/Planner from Isanti County provided handouts on buffer zones, rain gardens and storm infiltration practices. Diana Gagnon provided information on how we, as individual homeowners, can control the rain runoff into the lake to slow down the high phosphate rate of Skogman Lake; like, don't overwater your lawn, plants and flowers. Don't use fertilizer anywhere close to the lake. Don't use fertilizer when the 2nd number is above zero. See Diana's rain garden on the southwest side for an example. If you want further information, please contact Mark Funfar, who is the Lake Steward for Skogman.
- Treasurer report: Balance of \$24,543.50 as of June 1. Note: We can only use LID funds for weed control in the lake.
- Shari updated the Skogman Lake map and provided handouts for everyone.
- Members can still sign up for individual shoreline treatment that did not sign up earlier. Contact Limnopro.
- Next Annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2022.
- These meeting notes will be sent via email and mailed to those I don't have email addresses for. If you have an email address, please email me at mfun63@gmail.com so we can take you off the USPS list and save some money for the LID. Saves me time also. Thank you.
- If anyone is interested in becoming a Skogman LID Board member, please contact one of the board members.
- Steve thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned. Thank you Dan McEwen and Diana Gagnon for the presentations.

Hope to see you on the lake.

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Attachment: Skogman Lake Map

cc: Isanti County Government Center