

FALL 2022 OSPREY LAKE NEWSLETTER

TREASURERS REPORT

September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

Our checking account balance as of September 1, 2022 is \$15,769. This is slightly up from last year. Two factors positively impacting this balance were a grant from the WI-DNR for surface water planning and generous gifts in memory of Wayne Dannehl who passed away this past year.

Contributions from members totaled \$6,490. **Thank you for your generous support!**

Following is a summary of income and expenses for September 2021 through August of 2022:

Expenses	LEAPS (Lake Mgmt Contract)	\$8,080
	Travel	\$145
	Postage/Mailings	\$131
	Misc.	\$135
	Total	\$8,491
Income	OLPOA Member Contributions	\$6,490
	WI-DNR Surface Water Planning Grant	\$2,866
	Total	\$9,356
	Net Gain	\$865

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Giere, OLPOA Treasurer

FISHERIES

From Max Wolter WDNR fisheries biologist:

- The DNR surveyed Osprey Lake on September 13 to check on status of the muskies they planted last fall and their ongoing efforts to reintroduce walleyes into Osprey Lake. The walleye catch was still poor, but some good news. The survey documented some survival of the stocked muskellunge from last year! They captured a very healthy looking ~19" fish and they believe they saw several others that they were not able to capture. Seems the musky are off to a good start in the lake, and we are hoping it's the beginning of a new and interesting component of the Osprey Lake fishery. Given that we documented some success, we will plan to keep it on the stocking request list for the next time eggs are pulled from the Couderay drainage (same drainage as Osprey Lake).
- DNR plans to stock about 2100 Extended Growth Walleyes (6-8 inches) this Fall.
- We are still on track to revise the panfish regulations in 2024. According to Max: "we are advancing and looking good. I don't see any reason to suspect it will be denied at any stage."

BEAVERS

Despite our success with trapping beavers last year, the beavers are still abundant and have been very active at the southern end of the lake. We will again hire a trapper this fall to help further reduce their population.

SECCHI DISC READINGS

We began secchi disc readings this July. Basically, a white and black disc gets lowered into the water and then you measure the depth of the water that the disc is no longer visible. Thus far our average depth reading is around 15 feet, which classifies our lake as oligotrophic, or unenriched with few nutrients. This reflects, in part, the effective way property owners are not enriching the lake with nutrients.

DANNEHL DONATION

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of Carole Dannehl and her daughters, Denise and Diane. Wayne passed away in June and they have decided to donate the proceeds of Wayne's memorials to OLPOA for usage to continue to preserve the natural quality of Osprey Lake. THANK YOU!

LAKE ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

Please remind your guests, children, and grandchildren that:

* Noise travels a long way over the lake; please keep it down after 10:00 PM.

* Osprey Lake has a "no wake" ordinance in effect from 6:00 PM until 10:00 AM. During that time, no boat or jet ski may be operated at any speed which creates a wake. During the period of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, when wakes are allowed, remember the State laws: 1) Motorboats must operate at no wake speed within 100 feet of the shore or any rafts. 2) Jet skis must operate at no wake speed within 200 feet of the shore.

2021 PROPERTY OWNERS SURVEY

The complete survey and results can be found on our website under "Documents". For the question: "Which recreational activities are most preferred by you?", the responses were:

16 mentions	Wildlife viewing Kayaking, canoeing or paddle boarding
15 mentions	Fishing Swimming Rest and relaxation
10 mentions	Pontoon riding
8 mentions	Water skiing or tubing
2 mentions	Speed boating
1 mention	Jet Skiing Sailing.

Clearly, most property owners prefer and participate in "Quiet Lake Recreational Activities."

INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATES

This fall a property owner discovered a small patch of Purple Loosestrife, terrestrial non-native plant of wetlands, on the edge of their property. Upon further exploration, we discovered several significant areas of Purple Loosestrife throughout the south bay where the boat landing is located. Thanks are owed to Jim Rogala who spent several hours pruning the flowers (which contain the seeds that spread Purple Loosestrife) in an attempt to prevent future spreading of Purple Loosestrife. Purple Loosestrife has the ability to crowd out other forms of vegetation and this is its' threat. At this point, we are trying to co-ordinate a treatment plan with Lac Courtes Orielles Conservation Department because most of the infestations are on reservation property and not subject to WDNR regulations.

Our major problem is Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), we have several significant patches throughout the lake and numerous single or small plant infestations in 6-to-8-foot depths. We are working towards applying for a WI-DNR grant to help fund the treatment of the larger EWM patches with herbicide next spring. The smaller patches and plants will need to be removed by hand. One part of the grant request is a requirement of an accurate map of all EWM plants in the lake. To fulfil that requirement, we have hired Matt Berg of Endangered Resource Services to map our lake and anticipate that will have been done in early September.

In 2023-2024, our Management Plan includes treating the major patches of EWM with Procella Core in 2023 and no chemical treatment in 2024. Additionally, we will need to hire divers to help hand pull the smaller patches of EWM on the southeast side of the lake, along with a few of the smaller patches in other parts of the lake. For a more in-depth discussion on our plans, please join us for a **ZOOM meeting on October 6th at 7:00 PM** where we will outline and update our plans and the status of our grant applications. We will provide the Zoom link prior to the meeting.

We'll keep you posted on our progress and plans as they become clearer.

2023 IS AN ELECTION YEAR

2023 all board positions are up for election. Both Jeff Schneider and PJ Schaefer have served for over 10 years and would welcome some "new blood and fresh ideas". If you are willing to serve in some capacity, please let any current board member know.

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Please contact: PJ Schaefer at 715-210-0205 or Jeff Schneider at 715-781-5754