

The Ripple

Newsletter of the Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association
Spring 2012 Edition

Annual Meeting—Saturday, June 16, 2012—Fifty Lakes Foundation Building

Agenda:

- 8:30 – 9:00 Coffee and refreshments
- 9:00 – 9:30 Business meeting
- 9:30 – 10:30 Program – Speaker Greg Van Eeckhout

Program Summary

Our speaker Greg Van Eeckhout is a Watershed Project Manager for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). He will speak to us about the ten-year study that will be conducted by the MPCA of the Pine River Watershed. The City of Fifty Lakes is located in the Pine River Watershed. He will also comment on the study that will be conducted on Kego Lake that is located in Fifty Lakes. Kego Lake was placed on the Impaired Waters List in 2010 by the MPCA.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

We have all heard a lot about the topic this year. The state is taking a more active role in education and enforcement of AIS. The FLPOA has this as one of our most important goals for this year. It was our intent to conduct watercraft inspector training following the annual meeting. But with the new required training and the time that is involved we were not able to schedule this training. There is a training session that is scheduled in Ideal Corners on June 13, 2012. The training takes about three hours and needs to be conducted by DNR personnel. If there is anyone who is able to participate in this training please contact Judy Miller or Ken Neihart for more information. The FLPOA will attempt to schedule a training session in Fifty Lakes at a later date if we have a group of interested volunteers.

Website

Minnesota Waters who is the current host of the FLPOA website has ceased operations as of May 18, 2012. The information that we have received regarding our website is that it will be operational till the end of May. The association is currently exploring our options for a new website host. Please stay tuned and we will notify the membership as soon as we find a new website host.

Volunteers

We are an all-volunteer organization. To be successful we need help from many people. I want to thank all the volunteers that give of their time to allow the FLPOA to function and accomplish the tasks at hand. Last year we also asked for financial help from our members and we received a \$5000.00 grant from the Initiative Foundation because of that member support. THANK YOU to all who contributed. This year we are asking for some people to come forward and give some of their time to help us work on some tasks at hand. A couple of specific tasks/jobs we need help with are watercraft inspectors for the public accesses, newsletter editor or help in any area you maybe interested in.

This is your association, we all need to work together to make it function.

Accomplishments/Projects from 2011

Completed Lake Management Plan for East and West Fox Lakes, received \$5000.00 grant, conducted a successful fund raiser, participated in three water quality programs, added another set of AIS signs on CW County #136, coordinated AIS surveys at public watercraft accesses, placed AIS information bags on boat trailers at public watercraft accesses, conducted education program using

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our website, newsletter and participating in Fifty Lakes Days, worked with other property/lake associations in the area, coordinated vegetation surveys in some of our lakes, completed action plans for our lakes, etc.

Most of these projects/tasks are still ongoing for 2012.

Membership

If your membership is current thank you for your support. If you are not a member or your membership is not current please consider joining or renewing your membership. This is your association; the association needs your support.

We also need your email address, we want to go paperless and use the internet as a means of communicating with you. If you don't have an email address please make note on the membership form and/or call a FLPOA board member.

Thank you,
Ken Neihart, President FLPOA

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