

**Board Members:**

**President:**

Bill Doeden

[wgdoeden@comcast.net](mailto:wgdoeden@comcast.net)

**Vice President:**

John Ney

[jney@vt.edu](mailto:jney@vt.edu)

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Russ Robinson

[russrobinson@centurytel.net](mailto:russrobinson@centurytel.net)

**Directors:**

Burt King

[bking001@centurytel.net](mailto:bking001@centurytel.net)

Tom Bergemann

[bergemant@gmail.com](mailto:bergemant@gmail.com)

Dick Johnson

[silverwing83@gmail.com](mailto:silverwing83@gmail.com)

Jim Holmes

[jrholmes@charter.net](mailto:jrholmes@charter.net)

# LAKE SOUNDINGS

The Newsletter of Gilmore Lake Association

Greetings from Jim Holmes

## Fall 2008

At our September board meeting I asked that the board vote for another person to be President. I joined the Lake Association board in 1994 and was elected President in 1997. It has been an interesting past eleven years, to say the least! In 2004 our family celebrated having our cabin on Gilmore Lake for one hundred years. There have been many changes to the lake in the last eleven years. Lots of new cabins in places where none were before, more people enjoying both boating and fishing, and the worry about the lake having to put up with the threat of milfoil.

The present board is a very good one. We are lucky to have John Ney as our Vice President to fill out the grant applications for money to help keep milfoil at bay. Russ Robinson is our Secretary/Treasurer and a good one. Bill Doeden is our new President and also the head of the Rapid Response Committee. The remainder of the board is made up of Tom Bergemann, Dick Johnson, Burt King and me.

In closing I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and help I have received over the years. I hope to see you all at next year's picnic.

Jim Holmes

**Disclaimer:** *The materials, information and references provided in this newsletter are provided "as is". While every effort is made to ensure their accuracy, no warranty, expressed or implied, is given with respect to them.*

## **\$\$\$ NEW LOOK \$\$\$ WITHOUT THE COST**

The Gilmore Lake Association board has been looking at ways to communicate with Association members in a more effective and timely manner while minimizing costs. As you know the storm that struck the lake in July resulted in significant damage to both property and trees around the lake. People were clamoring for information. Thankfully, many members had provided their email addresses to the board which enabled board members to provide them with information and as well as pictures of properties around the lake that Jan Filer had taken.

With that experience in mind, we are in the process of developing a simple website that will provide current information on lake-related matters in a timely manner. (Site development is being done by volunteers and there are no costs associated with it). We are also considering using both the website and email in the future as vehicles for distributing this newsletter to members where appropriate. This will help contain printing and postage costs and allow these monies to be used to help build the cash reserve needed to address any invasive species issue that may arise.

We encourage all members who have email to be sure to provide your current email address to Barb Robinson at [ribald@centurytel.net](mailto:ribald@centurytel.net).

## **BOAT LAUNCH UPDATE**

On Monday September 8, 2008 GLA Board member, John Ney, along with several other board members, attended the monthly Minong Township Board meeting. At that meeting John addressed the issue of the disrepair of the boat launch on Gilmore Lake caused by the windstorm in July and the need for the township to clean it up. Because of fallen trees in the boat launch area, boaters were forced to park their trailers along Narrows Trail road. John asked the board when they planned to clean it up. Skip Fielder, President of the Township Board, agreed to take a look the next morning. Apparently Skip agreed with John's assessment because township crews were out at the boat launch clearing downed and/or damaged trees. However, there are still several trees hanging over the launch area that need to be removed. The township has been trying to contact the owners of the adjacent property to get their permission to remove those trees.

## **NEW GLA OFFICERS ELECTED**

At the September GLA Board meeting, Jim Holmes said he wanted to step down as President of the Association but still wanted to sit on the Board. His resignation as President was accepted. The Board then elected Bill Doeden as President, John Ney as Vice President, and Russ Robinson as Secretary/Treasurer. Jim's guidance as President will be missed but with his presence on the Board the transition will be smooth. Thank you, Jim for your time and efforts on behalf of the association.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

If you have lost or found something of value, please contact Barb Robinson at: [ribald@centurytel.net](mailto:ribald@centurytel.net). I will forward the information to the members via e-mail. Or visit our developing website at: <http://sites.google.com/sites/gilmorelakeassociation>.

## **NORTHWOODS BACK YARD**

Lynda Giroud has asked that we get the word out about Lyme's Disease. Her husband, Brian, contracted the disease last summer and through quick treatment has made a full recovery. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium, *Borrelia burdorferi* and is transmitted to humans by an infected black legged tick. This tick is prevalent in early Spring and late August to September. And, yes, we do have them here in the Northland along with other tick types. There are several ways to reduce contracting the disease. Here are a few:

1. Do tick checks on everyone who has been out and about in the woods including the family pet (dogs can get Lyme disease too).
2. Use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and long pants.
3. To get more information about Lyme disease, its symptoms and treatment go to: [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/lyme/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/lyme/index.htm)

## **CORRECTIONS**

Please note these corrections to the information on the boating regulations which appeared in the Spring newsletter:

A. It stated that motorboats and personal watercraft are restricted to slow-no-wake speeds within 200 feet of a shoreline. This regulation applies only to personal watercraft not motorboats. The regulation which applies to motorboats state “motorboats must observe slow-no-wake speeds within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, or buoyed restricted area”.

B. “Little Gilmore” was erroneously referred to as a lake of 50 acres or less, subject to a slow-no-wake regulation. The DNR has stated that the 50 acres or less lake designation does not apply to “Little Gilmore” because it and Gilmore Lake are officially one large lake.

For more in depth information about Wisconsin boating regulations you can log on to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/informationdocs/BoatingRegs.pdf> .

## **COME TO THE FAIR!!**

Mark it on your calendar. Saturday, July 25, 2009 at the Minong Township Hall. The Minong Township Lakes Committee will be hosting an information Lakes Fair. More information to follow.

## **GLA NEW NEIGHBORS**

We have several new faces around the lake this year.

1. Clint and Jennifer Schneider purchased a lot on the west side of Gilmore Lake and hope to build in the near future. They are from Plymouth MN and have two children, Casey and Nick.
2. Chrys Gross and Linda Theis purchased a property on the east side of Gilmore Lake. They hail from the Twin Cities.
3. Dick Johnson and Sharon Shelton purchased the Engelman property on the south of Gilmore Lake. They are also from Plymouth MN.

These new faces are also new members to the Gilmore Lake Association. Welcome new neighbors and new members!

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS/LINKS**

If you see something that you feel is dangerous or illegal on the lake, please contact the DNR Warden: Dave Swanson at 715-466-5428 or 645-0053. You can also leave a tip at: 1-800-TIP-WDNR. Dave has assured the Association that he will respond in a timely manner. The Association is NOT a policing organization but we can help direct you to someone who can take care of the situation.

ATV Club – Minong/Wascott Area Trails Club: [www.minongtrails.com](http://www.minongtrails.com)  
Washburn County – [www.co.washburn.wi.us](http://www.co.washburn.wi.us)  
Northwood Schools – <http://northwood.k12.wi.us>  
Wisconsin Towns Association – [www.wisctowns.com](http://www.wisctowns.com)  
Village of Minong – [www.minong.us](http://www.minong.us)  
Town of Minong – [www.townofminong.us](http://www.townofminong.us)

For a more complete list, visit our developing website at:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/gilmorelakeassociation>.

## **NEW BURNING PERMIT REGULATIONS**

Starting in 2008, burning permits are issued as annual no-cost permits. You can obtain a permit from a Ranger Station or Emergency Fire Warden. Burning restrictions are updated each day at 11am. You must check everyday before burning. To get this information you can either call: 1-888-WIS-BURN or log on to: [www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire). Information about what you can and cannot burn with this permit are on the permit itself or you can call the above number or log on to the above site for more information.

## **GILMORE LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

On June 28, 2008 President Jim Holmes called the meeting to order. The following is an overview of the business conducted at the meeting.

\*Unanimous approval to raise the annual dues from \$20 to \$25.

\*Report from John Ney on the EWM project. To date no EWM found through monthly monitoring.

\*We have a 2008 grant from the DNR to replicate the 2007 work. Bill Doeden provided an overview of the EWM rapid response plan.

\*Three new board members were elected:

Burt King

Tom Bergemann

Dick Johnson

## **GILMORE LAKE ASSOCIATION NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Board would like you to join in welcoming the three new board members.

**Burt King** lives on Little Gilmore and is a year round resident of the lake.

**Tom Bergemann** lives on the main part of Gilmore Lake and is a resident of the lake most of the year..

**Dick Johnson** has a home on the south end of Gilmore Lake and lives in Plymouth MN. Dick is both a new board member as well as a new resident of the lake.

Once again, Welcome and thank you.

## **GILMORE LAKE OLD AND NEW**

If you have some history about the lake or your property that you would like to share with the members either through pictures or text, please contact Barb Robinson at [ribald@centurytel.net](mailto:ribald@centurytel.net) or call her at 715-466-4152.

## **WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

The new website is still in the developmental stage but can be viewed at: <http://sites.google.com/site/gilmorelakeassociation>. Work on this site is being done by volunteers and is a work in progress. Please feel free to visit the site. If you have any comments or suggestions, please direct them to Russ Robinson ([russrobinson@centurytel.net](mailto:russrobinson@centurytel.net)).

## **EWM/AIS COMMITTEE NOTES 2008**

By John Ney, Chairman

The 2008 project to prevent Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) from becoming established in Gilmore Lake is now complete. As in 2007, the project included components of boat inspection, education, and lake monitoring. The boat inspection totals (2007 numbers in parentheses) were **hours of inspection:** 380 paid and 24 volunteer (380 + 43); **boats inspected:** 673 (557); **persons contacted at boat landing:** 1540 (1191). Jim Hoyt was our sole paid inspector and is now well known to most of us. Jim was always reliable, personable, and helpful, doing a lot of extra work to keep the landing spruced up. Jim also intercepted one boat (from Nancy Lake) with EWM clinging to the anchor rope. We hope to have him back next year. And thanks to our volunteer inspectors: Bill Doeden, Howie Guttschow, Mick Kjelstad, Marta McCormick, John and Cathy Ney.

The boat inspection program is also a key part of our educational effort. In 2008, the great majority of boaters had taken steps to remove aquatic vegetation (it is now illegal in Washburn County to transport a boat and/or trailer with any aquatic vegetation on them) and also empty their live wells and bilge water, as required by DNR regulations to prevent the spread of the fish disease VHS. Education to recognize and report possible EWM was also featured at the 2008 annual meeting/picnic.

Finally, monthly lake monitoring May-September of our aquatic vegetation detected no EWM in Gilmore Lake. Thanks to Burt King and Russ Robinson for their diligence along with Ron Tracy and Kathy King.

All good news – so far. The 2008 project was funded by \$2,700 from a DNR grant matched by ~\$600 from our EWM fund plus volunteer time. We will apply for a DNR competitive grant funding for 2009. The Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program administered by the DNR has been increased from \$1.5 million to \$4.3 million/yr statewide. However the maximum funding cap for AIS projects has been increased a like percentage, and the list of potential grantees has been greatly expanded to include universities, technical schools, NGO's, state as well as federal agencies and even hydroelectric utilities. Thus the impact on the availability of future grants is uncertain.

The biggest unknown is whether EWM will ever show up in Gilmore Lake. If it does, we must be ready to initiate control steps immediately, and at considerable expense. Bill Doeden previewed our Rapid Response plan at the annual meeting. Expect more on the plan in the Spring newsletter.

The Association would also like to extend a special thanks to those members who contributed extra money to the EWM/AIS project.

## **EWM/AIS SAMPLING PROJECT**

By Burt King

Monitoring for EWM is a simple process. All that is required is a boat, a “two-headed” lawn rake with a rope attached (and most of the wooden handles removed) and

a “First mate” to share 2 ½ to 3 hours of time on Gilmore Lake. The contents of the rake are then examined for any evidence of EWM. While one notes the sampling count and location on a map, the other throws and pulls the rake, hopefully containing non-invasive aquatic plants only.

Each month from May through September during the 2008 monitoring season, 30 to 32 sampling locations were checked for EWM. At each location there were two “pulls” with the rake. This procedure was used in 2007 as well. In both sampling years, no EWM was detected! In May 2009 will be the third year of monitoring for EWM and hopefully with the same results. Burt King, Russ Robinson, Ron Tracy, and Kathy King assisted in the monthly monitoring.

### **MINONG TOWNSHIP LAKES COMMITTEE (TMLC)**

By Russ Robinson

In April of 2008, a new committee for the Town of Minong was established to represent the interests of the township's lakes. The Chairperson for this committee is Sam Lewis of Nancy Lake. There are approximately a dozen members currently serving on the committee with no more than two representatives from any lake. The committee also has Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) representatives from both the Washburn County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

John Ney and Russ Robinson (Secretary TMLC) represent Gilmore Lake on the committee. The committee plans to address lake issues to the town board related to education, Invasive Species, watershed management and improvement/control of lake access. The committee meets monthly from April through September and at other times as needed. The committee's first major project is a planned educational Lakes Fair scheduled on July 25, 2009 at the Town Hall. This Fair is planned as a free, family educational event. The Spring newsletter and Gilmore Lake Association website will have more information about the Fair as we get closer to the fair date.

### **GLA Membership Committee**

By Barb Robinson

In recognition of the need to involve more property owners in the activities of the Association, a membership committee has been established to make a concerted effort to increase membership. Tom Bergemann, Fran Bogner, and I are working through the list of people who own property on the lake. In doing so we're also trying to get as many email addresses as possible. We will contact property owners through e-mail, calling them, mailing a special notice, knocking on doors and using the kiosk at the boat launch. To date we have 148 property owners on the lake of which 83 are paid members. If you know someone who is not a member, either give us their information or ask them to contact one of us.

Tom Bergemann: [bergemant@gmail.com](mailto:bergemant@gmail.com)

Fran Bogner: [happyrock@centurytel.net](mailto:happyrock@centurytel.net)

Barb Robinson: [ribald@centurytel.net](mailto:ribald@centurytel.net)

**GILMORE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

**The Gilmore Lake Association is committed to protecting our lake and your investments through its efforts to prevent EWM from entering the lake and detecting it in its early stages when it can best be treated if it does get in. These efforts are both costly and time consuming. By joining the Association, your dues help support this work. Fill out the form below and mail it along with your check or money order for \$25 to:**

**Gilmore Lake Association  
P.O. Box 188  
Minong WI 54859**

**PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR 2009 MEMBERSHIP IN THE GILMORE LAKE ASSOCIATION!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 GLA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Lake Area Road Cleanup	May 16, 2009
GLA Spring Board Meeting	May 16, 2009
Annual GLA Meeting/Picnic	June 27, 2009
Annual Lake Parade	July 4, 2009