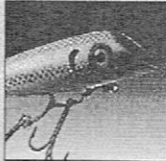




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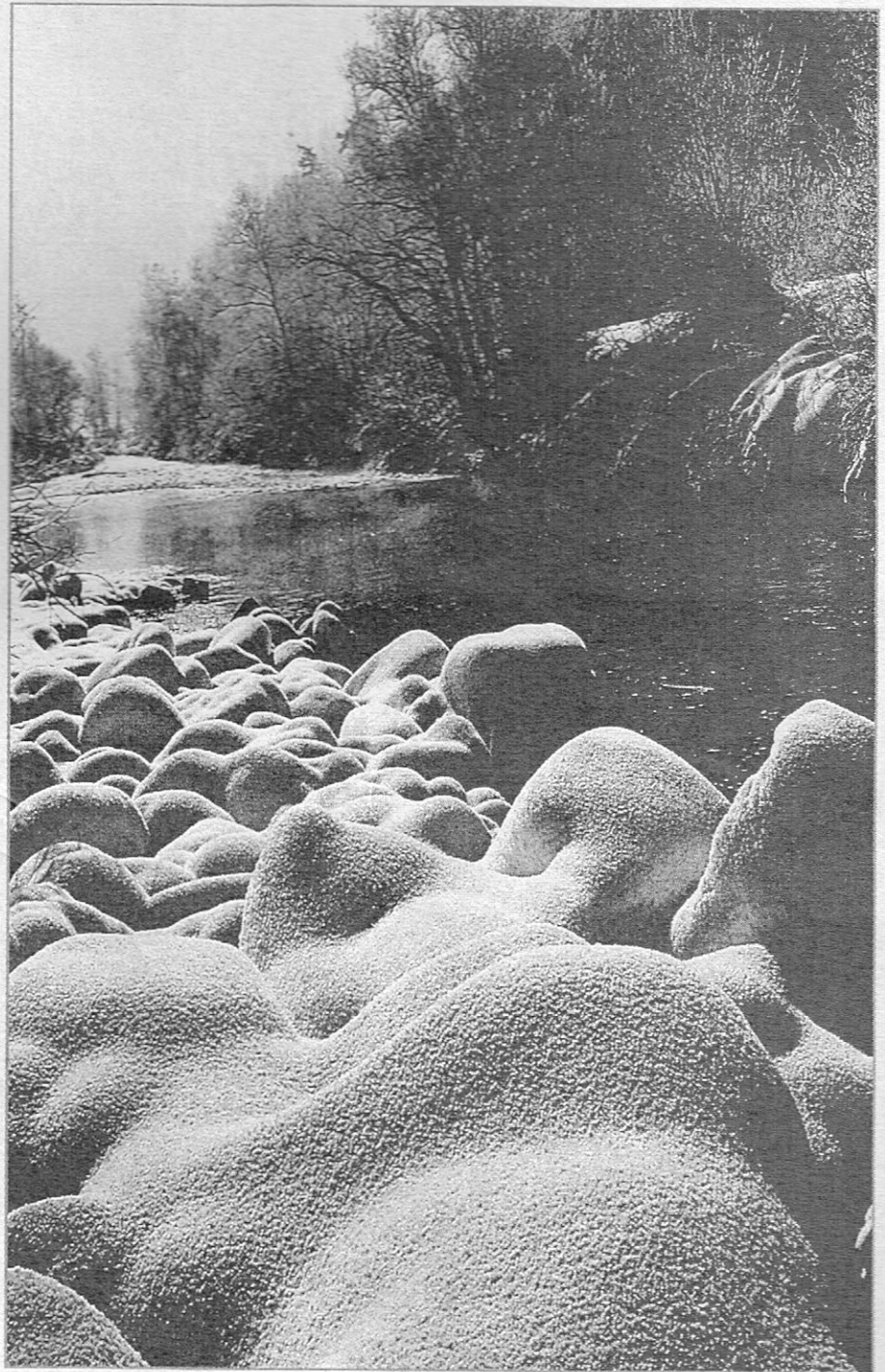
DATES TO REMEMBER

Adopt A Highway: We will be cleaning Highway 48 ditches from Highway 6 to the end of the paved road at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23; Saturday July 4; and Saturday, September 5, 1998. Be sure to wear gloves (and boots if rainy).

Contact Ron Nichols at 218-792-5386 for more details.

Boat Monitoring: The public access ramp will be the location for monitoring boats entering and leaving Lake Washburn during the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends during 1998.

For more information contact Cleone Riener, 612-483-4497 or George Fortmeyer, 218-792-5416 or 612-631-0154.

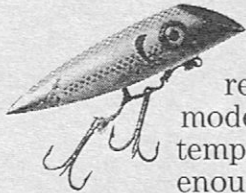


El Niño Spring?



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pat Behning



It has been a winter to remember: moderate temperatures, yet enough snow and ice to enjoy many outdoor activities.

As the warm months approach we look forward to spending more time at Lake Washburn with all it has to offer during the boating and fishing season.

I encourage all lake property owners to become members of Lake Washburn Association. Enclosed in this mailing you will find an informational brochure about LWA. A membership form is a part of this booklet. Please use this form and return it in the

self-addressed envelope, also to be found in this mailing. You are important to the success and strength of the association. Thank you for your prompt response.

March, 1998 has been selected as the date to begin the initial stages of Cass County's ENHANCED 911 SYSTEM. The purpose of the new system is to speed response time when emergency situations call for law enforcement officers, fire-fighting vehicles, ambulances or first response service.

Before the plan can be implemented, it must be accepted by the U.S. Postal Service and the telephones companies operating in the county.

The plan will go into effect gradually, beginning with Pequot Lakes and expanding to Pine River, Backus, Hackensack, and finally countywide.

During 1998 the Minnesota State Legislature is scheduled to study personal watercraft (PWC) regulations and property tax reform for educational spending. These issues are of concern to lake property owners and residents. Your local legislators need to be made aware of any thoughts you have on these topics. You may reach your representative and/or senator by phone or letter. Remember your voice does count.

The first General meeting of LWA will be on Saturday, June 13, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the Outing Town Hall. Hope to see you there.

Pat Behning

1998 LWA OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

The following are the 1998 LWA Officers and Directors. Please feel free to call and talk with any of them with you concerns about Lake Washburn and the association.

Officers:

(All 1 year terms)

President:	Pat Behning	218-792-5111
Vice Pres:	Ron Nichols	218-792-5386 / 515-278-4459
Secretary:	Don Peterson	218-792-5257
Treasurer:	Marje Anderson	218-792-5317 / 612-241-8333

West Washburn Road
Peninsula Road
Longwood Point
Eastburn Road

Directors:

1 Year Term:

Fred Borgwardt	218-792-5740
Harold Hegman	218-792-5442

Longwood Point
Plummer's Point

2 Year Term

Rolie Hron	218-792-5517 / 612-934-8050
John Rask	218-792-5390
Cleone Riener	612-483-4497

Peninsula Road
Longwood Point
Fehr's Road

3 Year Term

George Fortmeyer	218-792-5416 / 612-631-0154
LaVon Heston	218-792-5455 / 515-282-6432
Mark Hegman	218-792-5499 / 612-920-2392

Fehr's Road
Birch Bay
Peninsula Road





AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

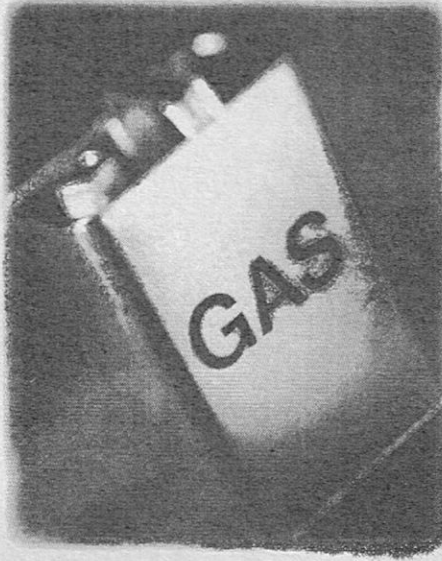
by Mark Hegman

The General Meeting was called to order by President Pat Behning at 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 1997 in the Outing Town Hall. Mark Hegman read the minutes of the June 14 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Marje Anderson reviewed the financial status of LWA. Since January 1, our net worth has increased to \$9,005.03. This represents an increase in the association's net worth of \$1168.59. As of this date, the association has 214 members. Our primary income comes from the dues and extra contributions of our members. The various sponsorships solicited for the newsletter generated an additional \$425.00. Disbursements during the year have primarily been postage and duplicating costs associated with the newsletter. We also made a total of \$200.00 in contributions to local ambulance, fire, EMT and flood relief. The treasurers report was approved.

Old Business:

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Ron Nichols reported that the Labor Day cleanup would take place on August 30 at 9:00 am. He asked members to sign up for this project. He indicated that the last cleanup produced only 9 participants, which amounts to about 5% of the membership.
BOAT MONITORING: Celone Reiner asked for members to sign up for the Labor Day (Aug. 29-30) weekend. Twenty five boats were checked over the July 4 weekend. Pat Behning noted that everyone should take a turn for 2 hours to help. It was mentioned that Ruth Lake has developed milfoil problems.



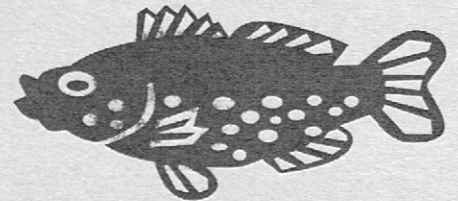
New Business:

GASOLINE AVAILABILITY ON LAKE: Pat asked if there was an interest in having boat motor fuel available. It was mentioned that to a degree, there is some gas available at Fehr's Resort. Pat indicated LWA would not pursue this matter further due to apparent lack of interest.
TOWNSHIP ROADS: Pat indicated that a detailed report would be included in the fall newsletter.
WATER SAFETY: Ron Nichols spoke to the subject of irresponsible boaters and watercraft. He said the sheriff's office indicates that the best means of apprehending these abusers is to get the boat's/ watercraft's ID# or take a video and report the incident.
CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: If you did not receive your copy of this pamphlet, call Bill Korman. They are attempting to get information from everyone.
FISHING: Gary Gabel stated that he and Ron Nichols met with the Brainerd DNR regarding the fishing on the lake. A 1994 census showed all species to be way below the mean. Apparently the DNR plans to stock the lake both this fall and again in the fall of 1998. Several questions from the

membership indicated that this subject is of great interest to our membership. "Why is the fishing down in our lake?" "Are there environmental or pollution matters that are affecting the fish population?" "When was the lake last stocked?" (apparently in 1989-90). "How much will it cost us to get our lake up to par on fish species?" "Since the Cuyuna Range Club raises fingerlings, can our association buy them from Cuyuna?" "Do we need more clout with the DNR?" "What about old rearing ponds right here on our lake?" These and other questions came up during the meeting. Ron Nichols suggested that we develop costs and ways of getting involved with the DNR. This information could be presented at our next General Meeting in June, 1998. Pat Behning noted that we may need more membership involvement if we are to be successful in taking on these fishing issues.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS: Don Peterson presented the slate of candidates. The current incumbents have agreed to serve again as President and Treasurer. Gary Gable was nominated for secretary. The three nominees to serve as directors for three years terms were: LaVon Heton, George Fortmeyer, and Mark Hegman. The membership moved and seconded that all nominees be elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Note: Gary Gabel has since requested he be removed as secretary for personal reasons. Don Peterson has been appointed to take his place for 1998 as secretary.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

by Marje Anderson

LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT 1/1/97-12/1/97

INCOME:

Dues:	\$2320.00
Donations:	
Ecological Fund	160.00
Hydrolab	15.00
General	165.00
Other:	
Sponsors	425.00
Ice Cream Social	110.00
Interest on Money Market	20.48
Interest on CDs	71.79

TOTAL: \$3287.27

DISBURSEMENTS:

Association Dues	51.00
Bank Fees	12.00
Post Office Box Fee	12.00
Copy (Newsletters)	1153.14
Postage	662.43
Supplies	106.28
Food	76.46
Donations	
Outing Fire Department	25.00
Outing EMT	25.00
Remer Ambulance Department	50.00
1997 Flood Relief	100.00

TOTAL: 2273.31

NET INCOME: 1013.96

**PREPARE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN**

It is a good idea to develop a plan of action for you and your family to be ready for any type of disaster that could strike.

Household emergency plans should be kept simple. A disaster is extremely stressful, so the best emergency plans are those that are easy to remember.

Identify family meeting places in case you are separated. Choose two places, one right outside your home and the other in a building or park outside your neighborhood. The first site is where everyone should meet in case of a sudden emergency, such as fire. The second is in case family members cannot get home. Everyone should be clear about these locations.

Be familiar with escape routes. Depending on the type of disaster, it may be necessary to evacuate your home or neighborhood. Plan several escape routes for different contingencies.

Maintaining a link to the outside can be crucial. Keep a portable, battery-operated radio. Be sure to keep extra batteries on hand and make sure family members know where the radio is kept.

Post emergency telephone numbers (fire, police, ambulance) by the telephone.

Teach children how to call 911 for help.

Teach household members how to turn off utilities.

Develop an emergency communication plan. In case family members are separated from one another, develop a plan for reuniting after a disaster. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the family's contact. Make sure everyone knows the phone number of the contact.

FROM: *SURVIVING THE STORM*
Published by the Federal Emergency
Management Agency

LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 1/1/97-12/1/97

INVESTED CASH	1/1/97	12/1/97
CD #23934	\$2204.37	
CD #26203	1275.74	
CD #28648	1076.99	
CD #29051*		\$3480.11
CD #29063		1022.81
CD #29069		1000.00
CD #21895*		1101.56
TOTAL:	4532.69	6604.48

* CD #23934 & CD #23203 were redone as CD #29051 & CD #28648 was redone as CD # 21895

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1770.69	\$ 592.38
MONEY MARKET	1533.06	1653.54
TOTAL	3303.75	2245.92
NET WORTH	7836.44	



BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

At the fall meeting the following Board responsibilities were distributed:

Marje Anderson	Deep Portage Camp, Treasurer
Pat Behning	Newsletter, Nominating Committee, MLA Representative, President
Fred Brogardt	Programs, Ice Cream Social, DNR Contact, Natural Resources
George Fortmeyer	Boat Monitoring
Harold Hegman	Auditing
Mark Hegman	Hydro Lab
LaVon Heston	Sponsors/Advertising
Rolie Hron	Assist in all areas as needed
Ron Nichols	Adopt-A-Highway, Catch and Release Program
Don Peterson	Secretary
Jon Rask	Buoys, DNR Contact, Natural Resources
Cleone Riener	Boat Monitoring, Hydro Lab

All board members will work to promote membership in the Lake Association.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Our final membership count for 1997 was 218 members, or 66% of the 328 Lake Washburn property owners. Let's all work to make 1998 a record year for membership. As you send in your membership dues encourage your lake neighbors to also become members and to join in working to keep the lake the great place it is to recreate and live.

Following is a 1997 breakdown of members according to lake areas:

Birch Bay/Bear Paw/Hwy 48	14 of 29 possible – 48%
Fehr's Road/Lois Lane	41 of 68 possible – 61%
Eastburn Road	21 of 37 possible – 56%
Longwood Point	28 of 44 possible – 63%
Peninsula Road	85 of 106 possible - 80%
Plummer's Point	13 of 19 possible – 68 %
West Washburn Road/Patron Drive	16 of 25 possible – 64%

Congratulations to the property owners on Peninsula Road for being the first area to have 80% membership!

HELP NEEDED AND WANTED

The newsletter staff needs your help in several areas:

- Returned newsletters cost us money and time. Please let us know if your address changes.
- Notify the association, any Board member, if you hear of property being sold or purchased. Getting new owners' names on the newsletter list gives them lake information and the opportunity to become a member of LWA. Deleting prior owners' names from the mailing list saves money.
- If you have a story or memory about an event and/or happening relating to Lake Washburn, past or present, please share it with a Board member. We will run special features in subsequent newsletters, as space permits.
- How about a picture to share with others from Lake Washburn events. We will print as space allows.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Prior to the start of our August 9, 1997 General Meeting, we held an ice cream social at the Outing Town Hall. Approximately 60 members participated. Board members provided bars, cookies, and beverages. Nine varieties of ice cream from Owl's 'N' such were served. The cost was \$2.00 per person, paid at the door.

Following the Ice Cream Social, the General Meeting began with Barb Dutton presenting a very interesting, as well as informative, review of the early days of life on Lake Washburn. She moved to the Lake in 1934. Her family faced many challenges during the Depression years, the first year was the worst. Her family caught fish, picked berries, and did whatever was necessary to sustain life. Kerosene lamps were used until 1950 when electricity finally came along. At one time there was a Prisoner of War Camp in Remer during World War II. These are only a few of the memories outlined by Barb during her fascinating talk. Thank you, Barb, for sharing with us.





1998 BOARD/GENERAL MEETING DATES

Mark your calendar now with the 1998 Board and General meeting dates and times:

May 16	8:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
June 13	8:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship and Coffee
	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting
July 11	8:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
August 8	8:00 a.m.	Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social / General Meeting
September 12	8:00 a.m.	1999 Board meets for organization

All meetings are held at the Outing Town Hall. All members are welcome at the Board meetings as well as the General Meetings.

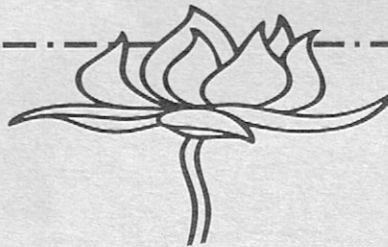
FISH HABITAT

One of the beautiful things about the world we live in is in the diversity of our environment. People prefer different places to call home. Some prefer farm country, while others prefer the urban and suburban environment of the Twin Cities. Many people prefer "Up North" to enjoy the trees and lakes.

Fish, too, prefer different environmental habitats to call home. For fish this preference will change seasonally. Unfortunately the diversity of habitat in area lakes has been declining and is having an impact on fish populations. People are changing the same things that make this area so inviting. Some thoughts on fish habitat:

AQUATIC VEGETATION AND ALGAE

When people buy lake property, the first thing they want to do is get rid of the "weeds" in front. These "weeds" are probably the most important habitat for fish. All aquatic life is dependent on aquatic plants. They, along with algae, are the primary producers in the aquatic food chain. Plants provide safe homes for a multitude of fish species. The largest group of aquatic invertebrates and plant matter is called plankton, which float aimlessly in the water. Many of these species are food for fish. So try to live with those "weeds" and only remove as little as possible.



SUBSTRATE (LAKE BOTTOM) Ah, the feel of sand beneath your feet when we go wading in the lake! This also has to be food for our lakes, right? Not necessarily. When sand is introduced into the shoreline, we change the character of the lake. Sand is an unstable substrate for fish egg development and aquatic plants to grow on. Walleyes prefer to spawn on the gravel or rubble areas where eggs will be protected from suffocation. Sunfish and largemouth bass prefer a firm substrate with moderate amounts of aquatic plants to make their nests.

WOODY DEBRIS Boy, that was hard work dragging that tree out of the lake! Was it worth it? Probably not. Every time an angler comes upon a tree in the water, he will reflexively make a cast or tow to it. The reason for this is that the angler has had great success catching fish in woody cover. Many species of fish use woody debris for cover and food. The next time you find an old branch that has been in the lake for a while, check it carefully for aquatic insects. You will be surprised at how many "critters" you will find. So instead of lining up a trip to the chiropractor because you hurt your back pulling out that tree, give fish another place to call home.

SHORELINE BUFFER ZONE

Riparian owners feel that by cutting down trees and moving the grass down to the water "tidies up" their lake lot. Unfortunately, this isn't the best idea for our fish and wildlife neighbors. A shoreline buffer zone is a strip of vegetation at the shoreline of a lake in front of a lake lot. This zone is valuable in many ways, including catching nutrients before it enters the lake, erosion prevention, wildlife habitat, etc. Most importantly it is aesthetically pleasing because it looks natural.

WETLANDS The majority of wetlands in Minnesota have been drained and/or filled in over the years. This is another habitat that is directly or indirectly valuable to fish.

Northern pike, before the ice leaves the lake in the spring, are moving up into seasonally flooded areas such as wetlands to perform their spawning rituals. If the water levels stay high enough, the young-of-the-year northern pike can make it back to the lake to replenish the northern pike population. Wetlands also help stabilize the flow of water to minimize flooding. They are wonderful habitat for a diversity of mammals and birds.

If we could look at the lakes before people showed up on the shores, we would be amazed at how much we have changed our lakes. The pristine beauty of a north country lake is one of the major reasons we vacation "Up North". Unfortunately development is taking this away from us. The next time you look at a lake, see the full picture. It takes more than a bowl of water to produce fish.

(From Walker Pilot-Independent, June, 1996)

Social, DNR Contact,	Natural Resources
George Fortmeyer	Boat Monitoring
Harold Hegman	Auditing
Mark Hegman	Hydro





Facts about
The Raptor Center
at the University of Minnesota

Mission Statement

To preserve biological diversity among raptors and other avian species through medical treatment, scientific investigation, education, and management of wild populations.

History/General Information

- The Raptor Center (TRC) was established in 1974 within the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota. TRC has won national acclaim for medical treatment, rehabilitation, research, conservation, and restoration of endangered and threatened species such as the peregrine falcon, bald eagle, and osprey.
- Since 1974, more than 10,000 injured birds have been treated. More than 1,000 have been bald eagles.
- In 1993, The Raptor Center was awarded a special citation from Mutual of Omaha's Wildlife Heritage Trust for exemplary efforts to encourage public awareness of the need for conservation.
- The Raptor Center staff is made up of 17 full-time employees, including veterinarians, biologists, rehabilitators, technicians, education and communications professionals, and support staff. The Center is assisted by nearly 300 volunteers who contribute more than 20,000 hours annually.
- Located on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, The Raptor Center is funded through private donations, income earned from educational programs and professional services, research grants, and the sale of gift-shop merchandise. The operational budget is approximately \$1 million a year.

For more information or to become a member, call 1-800-970-8638.

Waiting for Spring!



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