



Hello Members

December 27th, 2011

I hope everyone enjoyed the brown Christmas we had here in Minnesota. Personally, I am ready for at least a little snow. There is something wrong with no snow in Minnesota for the Holiday Season. The lake is frozen over and the weekend before X-mas, I had around 9 inches of ice out in front of the cabin. Please be safe when going out on the lake as no ice is truly safe ice. Enjoy the New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone this up coming spring and during the 2012 season.

1. The New Years fireworks show will be on Lake Minnewawa in front of Growlers on Friday, December 30th. It is a great show and a wonderful site to see over Lake Minnewawa. The tentative 2012 LMA calendar of events is posted on the web site for members.
2. We will be holding the 2nd annual BBQ at Bann's on August 18th 2012 so mark your calendars and please plan to attend. Last years BBQ was a huge success and wonderful way to meet other LMA members. We are looking for donations for the silent auction and raffle. If you have a special item, tickets to a sporting event, or other merchandise you would like to donate please feel free to contact Sue Westberg, Robbie Danko, myself or any of the other board members. All the board member contact information is located on the LMA web site. We are all looking forward to this fun event at Bann's this up coming fall.
3. As the year comes to an end, we all have our taxes and dealing with Uncle Sam to look forward to. As a reminder, the Lake Minnewawa Association is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. So if you would like to avoid paying Uncle Sam too much of his share, please consider making a year-end donation to the LMA. Please feel free to contact Vice-President Pat Rath or myself if you have any question on how to donate or need information for tax deductions.
4. I will be updating the association this spring on the 2nd walleye fry stocking set for May of 2012. There is also a lake fishery survey that is to be done in 2012. The data from the past years surveys, the walleye stocking resulting data, and the updated lake survey will help to develop an on going plan for improving the walleye numbers and size in Lake Minnewawa.
5. As I have noted this past fall, purple loosestrife was found in the channel between Horseshoe Lake and Lake Minnewawa this past late summer. The plants were located, treated and eradicated. This is an invasive species of plant life. Please watch for more information that will be made available this spring on the web site and in the packets given to the membership and entire Lake Minnewawa community over the Memorial Day weekend. Early detection and treatment is the only way to control this invasive plant! It will take an effort by everyone to help control this invasive species and avoid the spread of it into Lake Minnewawa. Please keep an eye out for this plant!
6. We are looking for some additional help for the 2012 harvesting season. This is a paid hourly position that is basically full to part time. The harvesting season begins June 1st 2012 and ends September 1st 2012. Weekly work schedules are based on the weather / wind. We are looking for someone qualified to drive the truck and trailer. Please contact me if you are interested or need more details.
7. As the winter months move forward, please support the local businesses and groups that help the LMA. Winter can be a difficult time for our local businesses and we need their help and support in the summer season. Consider doing some of your shopping up near the cabin. When you are at their establishments, please thank them for their support. Current 2011 members are Bann's, Christian Reality North, Country Meadows Inn, Freeman Electric, Horseshoe Inn, Shamrock township, Sportsmen's' Club, Tamarack Sno-Flyers, Willey's Sport Shop and Spirits and Willey's Marine.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 763-767-4842 or check the website for all the board member contact information. Please have a safe and enjoyable winter! See you next spring!

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