



# Lake Currents



The Newsletter for Members of the Big Roche a Cri Lake District

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## Big Roche-A-Cri Lake District Spring Member Meeting

Saturday, May 28, 2011

9:00 am

A-F High School Food Commons  
1109 E. North St, Adams, WI 53910

### Agenda

Approval of Minutes – from May 29,2010

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Adams County

Preston Township

Harvester

Lake Management

Social

Nominating

Old Business

By-law with addendum "Guidelines"  
adoption **(VOTE)**

NR115 update—Shore land Restoration

New Business

A) Building proposal

B) Adopt-A-Highway/Neighborhood

Watch

6) Adjourn

**NOTE: Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, September 3, 2011**



## 2011 Lake Commissioner's Meeting Schedule

March 19  
April 9  
May 14  
May 29—Spring Meeting  
June 11  
July 9  
August 20  
September 3—Annual Fall BRC Meeting  
September 17  
October 15

### Commissioner's Meeting Discussion Topics

Prepared by Richard Matzke Chairman

- Mar** - Weed or water quality study by college students  
Sprayer attachments for harvesters  
Adopt-A-Highway and Neighborhood Watch signs
- Apr** - By-law review and update w/ Guideline addendum  
Land purchase for docking the harvesters  
Increase water testing from 1 to 2 places each month  
Finalize agenda for spring meeting and mailing
- May** - NR115 (Shore Land Restoration) - update at spring meeting.  
Adjusting no wake hours  
Lake Maintenance Building replacement
- Jun** - Highway 13 bridge (our involvement)  
Investigate ordinance for dock disrepair  
Operating the dam (after current contract ends)
- Jul** - Creating co-op for taking over store Sanitary District (establishing)  
Finalize agenda and budget for Annual meeting and mailing
- Aug** - Washing station at the boat landings

## Tornado Sunday April 10, 2011

A devastating storm system went through our area on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Eyewitnesses differ in their reporting as some say they saw two twisters, other say they saw one. The number of tornados is not significant. The wide-spread damage to homes, garages, business structures, barns, outbuildings, commercial equipment, recreational equipment and trees is significant. But what truly matters is that nobody was killed or seriously injured. As with most tornados, it was hit and miss, random destruction where one house is destroyed and the house next door barely touched for no rhyme or reason. In one case the large oak in the front yard falls directly on the house, in the next the large oak falls away from the house. What strikes me most though is how the tornado brought us together, helped unite our community. There were neighbors helping neighbors and people helping strangers. Everybody did their share. The Adams County emergency program was stellar. The power companies worked day and night until power was restored, taking as much as 4 days in some cases. One worker told me that after working a day shift, he was called in to work that night from 10pm to 6am after which he was back on the job 2 hours later for the day shift. He didn't complain, he said he wanted to help. The police did a wonderful job of putting up roadblocks to protect our vulnerable properties from looters and to limit the number of sightseers who without malice were getting in the way of workers. Through all of this it hit me that when Mother Nature gives us her worst, mankind gives back its best.



## Social Committee report

From the meticulous desk of Marilyn Fellom  
– Social Committee Chairperson

(Portions of the following article may have been modified from the original Marilyn Fellom document – I'm just saying.)

The annual rummage sale is cancelled this year due to the loss of our lake building. It's gone, not just tipped over, it is gone. The lake association rummage sale storage vault is presently being used to house the equipment that was salvaged from the lake building by volunteer workers. If you can hold on to your sale items until next year it would be greatly appreciated. I'm sure you're excited about keeping that stuff in your garage for another year, but it is well worth the effort. Sure Martha, that's easy for him to say, he has a shed. Hey, parking the car outside for another year really won't hurt that much, will it? OK, look at it this way. Parking your spouse's car outside really won't hurt that much, will it? The two of you can work out the details on that. Fight nice!

The Social Committee picnic at Friendship Park will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Thunderstorms and tornados are expressly prohibited. Please bring a dish to pass; we're talking food now, not an old girl friend, also bring your lawn chairs and beverages. **GLASS BOTTLES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK.** Relax Wilbur; they sell beer in plastic and aluminum containers. Hey Martha, do you think Wilbur will still attend? Eating utensils, plates, napkins and Sloppy Joes will be furnished. Yes, the same Sloppy Joe's that were one of Ernest Hemmingway's favorites, served at Captain Tony's Saloon in Key West Florida back in the 1930s. Go ahead and Google it oh ye of little faith. If you have yard games and are willing to bring them and allow oth-

ers to use them without throwing a fit because you don't want to share, please do. There will be a drawing for prizes. No Martha, we don't draw pictures, we draw numbered tickets out of a container. If the number on your ticket matches, . . . oh never mind. We all hope you can join us because we had a great time last year. Marilyn wrote and emphasized that and she was right. It was a great picnic even though I didn't win the BMW. I guess my drawing wasn't good enough – I thought it was. Nice house with a doggy in the yard. They said the doggy looked a bit like a horse - oh well, I'm over that now.

## We're Here to Help you help yourselves.

We are formulating a method of helping you provide two services for yourselves. I read Tom Sawyer and know all about this stuff. An Adopt a Highway clean up program and a Neighborhood watch association would benefit all of us. Both of these programs have merit for all, but cannot be provided without **volunteers**. You guessed it, we'll be asking for those volunteers at the Spring Meeting. Hey Martha, do you suppose Wilbur will volunteer? No Rambo, you can't join. Neighborhood watch doesn't include an assault weapon in a sniper's tower. A simple phone call to the police will suffice. FYI. Keep an eye on this guy or before you know it, he'll be shooting red squirrels out of his bedroom window.

## Where is that Lake Building?

While on the subject of volunteers. Our lake building is gone and must be replaced. We are looking for 3 volunteers to help design a new building. The volunteers will work with lake commissioners who have already agreed, under duress, to work on the project. We are looking for people with degrees in architec-

tural design with an emphasis on commercial maintenance buildings. A banking background and experience with insurance claims would be a benefit for those interested in these positions, and of course, people independently wealthy with philanthropic interests for the preservation and maintenance of our beloved lake are a shoe-in. On the other hand, if you're simply willing to help, we'll be forever grateful to you.

## Lake By-Laws

Chapter 33 is a comprehensive state document that covers the operations of lake associations like ours. Last year in an effort to rewrite our Lake By-Laws, volunteers and the commissioners working on the project, came to the conclusion that we should simply follow Chapter 33 guidelines and prepare an explanatory document, covering only areas not addressed by Chapter 33. We now have a one-page document that accomplishes that goal. You will receive a copy of that document at the spring meeting but it is also posted on our web site if you just can't wait. For your very own copy of Chapter 33 in PFD format, hit the following link: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/Stat0033.pdf>

If you find any joy in reading that document, seek professional help immediately.

## Lake Advisory

by Candy Chapman

The Highway 13 Big Roche-A-Cri Lake Bridge design is still on schedule. Final design will come in November 2011, the proposed start of this project will be May or June of 2012. A Public Informational Meeting will be held sometime in June of 2011.

You may have noticed that traffic was down to one lane a couple of weeks ago. The DOT drilling crews were gathering soil borings to

provide information to the Bureau of Structures to calculate the type and length of pilings required for the piers and the abutments for the bridge.

Editor's note: "Here he goes again Martha". The new bridge will be moved from the present location. I'll wait for that to sink in ... yup, they're moving the bridge. I'm not making that up, but relax, the move is to our advantage. It is a minor shift that will allow a wider navigational channel and increase the height which will allow the great sailing ships to pass from east to west. But will they be able to return? You'll just have to trust the DOT on that one. I know you'll sleep well with that knowledge.



### 2011 Saturday Weed Pick-Up Schedule

**Weather Permitting, weeds will be picked up on the following dates and times:**

<b>June 25 , 2011</b>	<b>9am &lt;math&gt;\diamond&lt;/math&gt; 1pm</b>
<b>July 19 201</b>	<b>9am &lt;math&gt;\diamond&lt;/math&gt; 1pm</b>
<b>July 23, 2010</b>	<b>9am &lt;math&gt;\diamond&lt;/math&gt; 1pm</b>
<b>August 6, 2010</b>	<b>9am &lt;math&gt;\diamond&lt;/math&gt; 1pm</b>
<b>August 20, 2010</b>	<b>9am &lt;math&gt;\diamond&lt;/math&gt; 1pm</b>
<b>August 27, 2010</b>	<b>9am &lt;math&gt;\diamond&lt;/math&gt; 1pm</b>

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