

July 1995

COLA

COURTE OREILLES LAKES ASSOCIATION

1995 ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2ND - MAXIMILIAN INN  
10:00 A.M.

On July 8th an informational meeting of COLA was held at the Beach Club Restaurant. The meeting was presided by Harry Schroeder and was well attended. Subjects of interest were discussed: the gravel pit issue, the septic system survey, COLA voting eligibility, when the annual meeting should be held. It was announced that the Tribe will be cooperating with us in our water quality study.

Sign-up sheets for the following committees were available: Membership/Newsletter, Government Affairs, Water Quality and Swimmers' Itch, Fishing Improvement, Shoreland Development and Land Use, Water Safety, and History.

The 1995 annual meeting will be held on September 2nd at 10 A.M. at Maximilian Inn Restaurant. At this meeting members will be able to vote on items presented. Dues for the year 1996 will be announced at the September 2nd meeting and will be due by December 31st. They may be paid at that meeting or may be mailed to Carol Causer, Route 2, Box 2160, Hayward. Memberships may be obtained for each parcel of land owned, if desired.

Thanks to Attorney Curt Lein for donating his time in drawing up the By-laws, a copy of which is being mailed with this newsletter. Thanks also to Chris Headley of Northwoods Beach Mini and Boat Storage for assuming the cost of postage for this mailing and another mailing to all non-member property owners on the two lakes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER - met July 13th at Carol Causer's. Present were Carol, Bob Degen, Julie Knudsen, Mary Oskorep, Bob and Doris Sanders. Bob Degen (634-3336) will be chairman and will update names and addresses on the membership list; Julie Knudsen will help. Bob and Doris Sanders will write the newsletter, and all committees will be responsible for giving them a report for the newsletter by an announced date.

FISHING IMPROVEMENT - met July 20th at Harry Vincent's. Present were Harry, George Gollan, Red Gramlich, Bob Sanders, and Bob Spears, all dedicated fishermen. Bob Spears (865-3212) will be chairman of this committee. He will contact a DNR fish biologist and we will cooperate with the Tribe conservationist and other lake fishing groups. He will check the hatchery at Spooner and the Tribe hatchery to find out if they stock Lac Courte Oreilles. We hope to have some answers soon.

WATER QUALITY - met July 14th; Colin Williams, Chairman (865-3075). Members are Warren Cooper, Bob Degan, Harold Shannon, and Al (Whitey) Ursprung. In view of the fact that the LCO is considering water quality testing, it behooves us to contact the Tribe so that our efforts are coordinated. Hopefully, we can have this meeting soon after the Honor the Earth Pow Wow.

HISTORY - met July 17th. Chairman is Karl Doeringsfeld; present were Mary Austin, Nancy Pollock, and Esther Reed. It was decided to start an ongoing bibliography of source material pertaining to Lac Courte Oreilles and the immediate surrounding area. Such information, as well as pertinent narratives from the membership would be appreciated. Please send to Karl Doeringsfeld, 5804 W. 61st St., Edina, MN 55436. The Hayward Library, one source for information, is in danger of closing due to lack of funding by the City of Hayward. Nancy Pollock suggested that concerned members of COLA send \$2.50 to "Hayward Friends of the Library" in an effort to save it. Another meeting will be held before Labor Day. Any member interested in belonging to this committee should call Mary Austin, 865-4393.

SHORELAND DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE - Three of the six individuals who signed up for this committee were able to attend the first meeting along with Jim Burgess of the Board of Directors. Carol Lindgren (634-4359) was appointed acting chairperson until the committee can meet and elect someone from the full membership. The group identified several general areas and issues with which they might become involved: rules regarding boathouses, color of structures around the lake, screening of properties-lakeside and side to side, monitoring of projects proposed for development, zoning-first tier regulations, docks/floating rafts, and water level. Ed Oskorep was asked to contact Sawyer County and gather all information on zoning regulations around the lake. Nancy Pollock was asked to contact the Committee on Environmental Issues regarding decisions on water level and dam control.

WATER SAFETY - met on July 25th and defined the issues of water safety:

Operating boat proximity to shore and docks;

Compliance with current boating regulations, including water ski hours, watercraft;

Possible need for additional regulatory buoys.

The group acknowledged water safety is threatened by violation of existing water safety regulations; in turn they recognized the difficulty with enforcement of those rules due to lack of adequate numbers of law/resource enforcement staff. Thus, members took a proactive approach to focus on prevention strategies, with task work assigned:

Initiate boating safety classes with the DNR (Pete Sanders, 634-8909);

Provide educational information through the COLA newsletter and membership meetings (Mary Beth Gollan, 865-4209);

Enhance information signage at the boat landings, working with DNR (Warren Cooper, 865-3039);

Distribute educational information to all Lac Courte Oreilles property owners as membership solicitations are sent (Patrick Meekin, 865-2244);

Distribute DNR educational flyers at local restaurants and lodging businesses (Ann Harris, 634-3690). The next committee meeting will be held Thursday, August 31, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bass Lake Town Hall. Any members interested in helping with the Committee work are encouraged to contact Water Safety Committee Chair Pete Sanders (634-8909).

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS - No report has been received from this committee at this time, but a meeting has been held and a full report will be included in the next newsletter.

All of the committees are off to a good start, and everyone is encouraged to participate!

#### NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING OF JULY 7, 1995

The balance in the treasury is \$2,037. The membership count was 121 with the following breakdown: Zone 1, the northwestern portion >44, Zone 2, the portion on the reservation >42, Zone 3, the southwestern portion >32, no property found >3. There are 701 separate parcels of land bordering the 2 lakes: Zone 1 >181, Zone 2 >314 > Zone 3, 206.

Harry Vincent reported on the meeting of the County Land Conservation Committee which he attended. Its main focus was the issue of a County Conservationist for Sawyer County, which is one of two counties in the state without someone in this position. Having a County Conservationist would make us eligible for grants. The Board voted to support the hiring.

Dan Ryan, NW District Lakes Manager for the DNR, spoke of the plans of the Tribal Conservation Office to work with the EPA in establishing water-quality standards for the reservation, their power to enforce those standards, and how they hope to accomplish the testing. Merging of efforts by his office, the DNR and COLA was supported by all present. Plans were made for a meeting.

Ed Packee, PhD in Forestry, offered his services at no charge. He suggested that we locate as many anecdotal records as possible to help establish our definition of water quality.

A letter will be written to all bog owners on the lakes, emphasizing our desire to work with them, as with all residents on the lakes, to protect and preserve the quality of the environment. A letter will be written to Bruce, Sarah, Paul & Dale of Angler's Haven to express our appreciation of the fireworks program they sponsored this year.

The By-laws were discussed and as no input from members was received regarding desired changes, they were approved as written.

Paul Eckerline and Harry Schroeder will attend a meeting of representatives from the lakes in Sawyer County on 7/15/95. Pete Sanders and Harry Schroeder will attend a Lake Management & Grants workshop on 7/24/95.

A nomination committee chaired by Harry Vincent with Mary Austin and Carol Causer as members will select the slate of three nominees the Board is responsible to offer to the membership.

Members are reminded that they may nominate candidates for the Board according to Article V, 4 B of the By-laws: "Regular members may nominate candidates by submitting the name of said nominee endorsed by five (5) regular members to the Secretary at least seven (7) days in advance of the Annual Meeting of the membership." This year the due date for nominations will be August 26th.

Nick Stincic of Durphee Lakes Cranberry, LLC (the old Landgraf bogs) on CTH K, has offered to all members of COLA the opportunity to purchase deciduous trees, evergreens and shrubs at wholesale prices through his company, Nicholas Stincic Landscaping-Wholesale. In addition to the advantage of lower costs to members, he will consider all purchases by members as one group and, at the end of the year, donate 4% of the total to COLA.