



SPOONER

Lake District

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

A Few Words from our New President:

My name is Brad Englund and I have had a cabin along with my family on Spooner Lake for the past 7 years. We have enjoyed our time at the cabin and love the atmosphere on the lake and in the community. Despite the shallow body of water, I am amazed at the clarity of the water. I agreed to come onto the Board because I want to do my part to make sure we continue to have a healthy lake. We have been married long enough to have 4 married children and 9 grandchildren, ages ranging from 1 to 21. So at any point during the summer we can have a full house at the cabin. I love being on the water and you might see me on the lake in my Camouflaged fishing boat. If you're on the water and you see me, come on over and introduce yourself. And, of course, on the warm summer days we will be at the islands enjoying the sunshine and welcoming friends. I'm retired and worked my whole career in the fertilizer industry working 15 years for ADM, and 27 years for CHS/Land O' Lakes.

Thank You!

A huge thank-you to our outgoing president, Logan Lugwig for all his work over the past years. Logan is leaving to take on increased family responsibilities.

Brad Englund has been appointed to take over the remainder of Logan's term.

Update for Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Our Aquatic Plant management Plan is due to be updated for DNR permitting. We have signed a contract with Steve Schieffer of Ecological Integrity Services LLC. Steve will do a full lake-point intercept survey, which is required before we can do the new APM Plan. Steve will do this plant survey in the summer/fall of 2025 and finish all data with complete written report by late fall. Cheryl Clemens with Harmony Environmental Inc, has agreed to work with Spooner Lake District to write up a new Aquatic Lake Plan (APM) starting in November of 2026, and finalized by spring of 2026. More information will be shared at the May meeting.

Seasonal RV Park Litigation Update

The Lake District's litigation against North Camp's 200 site RV park may be approaching completion. Our appeal of the zoning permit started almost 5 years ago and has taken us to the Zoning Committee three times, the Board of Adjustment three times, numerous court filings and at least three court hearings. On May 12 Judge Tolan will hear arguments and ask questions of the attorneys at what could be the final circuit court hearing. Along the way Spooner Lake people and others have changed the way environment users (and developers) function in Northwest Wisconsin. Just last week the County Board overruled the Zoning Committee's decision to allow increased density development near a small lake.

During the last five years in significant part be-

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cause of our efforts the zoning code has been updated (fifty sites in RR1 and RR2 zones), regional environmental organizations have been formed, state wastewater standards have been examined and provisionally changed to address the morphing of many campgrounds into RV parks. The wastewater discharge standard for Park Model RVs was 30 g/d and is now 100 g/d like other states. We also can take some credit for the recent adoption of rules at the Zoning Department.

Lake Drawdown

Ice Out was 4/7/2025 and the water was being held back, allowing Spooner Lake to fill back to normal levels. Previous years for Ice Out dates: 2025-April 7, 2024-March 6, 2023-April 18.

Boat Launch Passes

Season and Daily Boat Launch Passes will again be in effect for the 2025 season. Season Launch Passes are \$20 for Town of Spooner Residents and \$40 for Non-Residents. These amounts are set by the Town of Spooner, not Spooner Lake District. Daily Launch Passes will be available for \$5. Lake shore owners are exempt from any Launch Fees. The assistance of Mike & Mabi Plisky to collect, count and deposit the monies is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

Clean Boats Clean Waters

Mike, Kay & Shaun will be on duty again this year to inspect and monitor the boat launch Friday 4 pm-8 pm, Saturday & Sunday 6 am-8 pm. If you get a chance, stop by and thank them for the wonderful job they do.

In-Person Voting at Annual Meeting

There had been discussion at the Annual Meeting regarding the requirement of in-person attendance to vote on Lake District matters. Investigation reveals this is a state requirement for Lake District membership.

Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conference

Pat Inman attended the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conference in Stevens Point March 27-28. This conference focuses on the needs of lake districts and associations. Presentations can be accessed at : www.wisconsinwaterweek.org. Pat will discuss items of interest. These include technology for algae control and video inspection for aquatic invasive species control. These were concerns expressed at the membership meeting.

Email Addresses and Web Site

We continue to request and collect email addresses for our Lake District. The email addresses are for Lake District information only and not sold to anyone.

Please send your email address to:

spoonerlakeweb@outlook.com.

Additional news about the lake can be found at: <https://www.spoonerlakewi.com>. We are looking into options for making our web site more effective.



**Here's to sunny
days, good vibes,
and making epic
memories this
spring and
summer!**

SAVE THE DATE
We look forward to welcoming
all to the May Meeting!
Time: 9:00 a.m on
Saturday, May 24, 2025
Place: Spooner Ag Station
W6646 WI-70, Spooner