

August, 2004

Silver Lake Association

Fall 2004 Newsletter

President's Message

The grant for the Silver Lake Study has been approved. It will provide \$200,000 to add to the \$20,000 that the Lake Association and Barron County have agreed to provide. Barron County established an ad hoc committee to develop the Study. Your board appointed three Board members to the study committee, Jim O'Brien, Holly Kelly and Jack Edson. The committee worked hard during many meetings and came up with the top application for a state grant. Jim O'Brien will report on the study that will start this fall. Our share of the dollars comes from your tax deductible donations. If you have not already received your receipt, Bob Wenzel will issue receipts for your donations at the Fall meeting.

The little old white house that was in the lake last year has been purchased by Leonard Pirard and family. It will be removed this winter as soon as the ice permits. This will help to start cleanup of the south end of the lake. We have asked the county to do more to clean up the park shore line. We need more volunteers for boat inspections to try and keep Milfoil out of Silver Lake. Milfoil has been newly found in Echo Lake and is in many lakes in the area. I look forward to meeting everyone at the Fall meeting.

Bob Fillmore

Shoreline Restoration

Hopefully the lake level will continue to fall with the plug dam in place and normal rainfall. This rainy cold summer has raised the lake about a foot over the Spring low point. Now we will need to restore the shore line areas and cut down many dead trees. Now is the time to start making the shore area beautiful and ecologically better for the lake. No more cutting grass to the shore, no more fire pits within 20 feet of the water. When you need help call on Master Gardeners, Lorena Ostrem and Kathy Wenzel to help you plan that new shore line. Silver Lake will come back to near its past clear water conditions if we all practice environmentally good actions.

Shoreline Tree Removal

Trees that fall into the water:
May be left for fish and other wild life. If removed you must remove all of the tree wood. If left in the lake you must obtain a permit from the DNR.

Standing trees that are dead:
Can be cut, but must be totally removed.
If cut and left in the lake they must be safely (chained) secured to shore in some manner to prevent hazardous driftwood.

Call to Fall Meeting

**September 4, 2004 Saturday
9:00 A.M.**

**BARRONETT COMMUNITY
HALL**

Agenda:

Call to order 9:05 a.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Spring meeting.

Minutes printed on the back of this newsletter.

2. Treasurer's Report

3. The three-year terms of two board members are up.

Ozzie Ostrem resigned last year; the board appointed Dave Harens to fill out the term. Dave does not want to serve this next term.

Bob Fillmore's term is up and he is willing to run for re-election.

4. Nominations for two board members.

5. The election of two board members for three-year terms.

6. Report of the Study Committee.

7. Discussion of the Study Report

8. Discussion of the need to become a Lake District.

9. Other business.

10. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting must close by 11:30 a.m.