

JESSIE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HOLLISTER MADSEN:

Thank you to the membership for the opportunity to become the President of JLWA. I have been a member ever since purchasing our lake property in 2005 and have always been impressed by the leadership of the Board members and their passion to improve the JLWA. I hope to continue the great work they have done and want to thank Dave Anderson for the tremendous job he has done in keeping all the various JLWA projects moving forward.

We have had a few changes within the JLWA Board, Rhonda Nichols has stepped down as Secretary and Marie Flicker has agreed to fill the position. Jake Carstensen has stepped down as Director and Chuck Klingsporn will be filling that position. Don Ojanen has agreed to move to the Vice President position that I previously held and Craig Johnson has agreed to fill Don's position as Director.

I want to extend a thank you to all the former Board members for their efforts in supporting JLWA and welcome all the new Board members.

I am hoping everyone had a chance to enjoy their lake property this summer, we have had lots of rain that has helped keep lake levels high all year and with the warm extended fall weather, life at the lake has been great!

I look forward to working with all JLWA members to continue our ongoing projects and also identify new areas that we can focus on to enhance our watershed. If you have any specific ideas, please send me a note and I would be happy to discuss it with you.

Have a great Fall and Winter!

JLWA ANNUAL MEETING-SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

By Rhonda Nichols, Secretary

President David Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am following the coffee hour and introduced the Board and new members. There were 23 members present.

OLD BUSINESS and 2016 PROJECT REVIEW

Business Items -- There being no additions to the agenda, a motion was made to accept the agenda.

The minutes for the Spring meeting were read and the members approved the minutes.

Tina Jorgenson gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$6,706 at the end of August, which includes \$840 donated by 43 members. We are under budget for this year. (see attachment). A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Tina also reported that the membership was currently (Sept. 1st) at 120 members.

Dave Anderson presented the proposed budget for next year. (see attachment). Marn Flicker requested we rethink removing the donation for IWLP membership and add it back. Dave agreed and proposed we add \$100 for IWLP back into the 2017 budget. A motion to accept the amended budget carried.

Picnic -- The annual picnic was held Friday, July 22nd starting at 6:00 pm and 27 people attended.

Spring Meeting -- Combining the Spring meeting and the annual picnic was discussed. A motion was made to combine the Spring meeting and the picnic on a Saturday in June at 5:00pm. Motion carried. The Board will set the date and notify the members. The annual fall meeting will remain on Labor Day weekend as written in the bylaws. (May change later)

Website -- The Association website is updated regularly by Hollister Madsen. The member list is now on the Website, listed by lake. No home addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses were included. Hollister is working to get the lake maps on the website. The Board members names and phone numbers are on the website. If you have any ideas for the website, contact Hollister. You can visit the website at the URL www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed. The website has about ten visits a month.

Share the Lake Day -- Share the Lake Day was cancelled due to weather and the Marcell Family Center was in use. The grant check was returned.

July 4th Parade -- Dick Schedin reported they had 25 boats in the Little Jessie 4th of July parade. The parade is always held on July 4th. Hollister reported that Big Jessie had 14 boats for the first 4th of July parade. Everyone had a great time.

Water Quality -- Harold Goetzman reported that the lake clarity is only 4 feet as the lake has turned green already. This is quite a bit lower than the 11 feet last year at this time. Little Jessie's clarity is very good with less phosphorus present. Harold reported the midge fly (blood worm) hatch recently was much lower than the record hatch last year.

Beaver Dam -- Beavers remain in the inlet creeks. Volunteers are needed to remove a new dam and anyone interested in helping should notify Hollister. Jerry Kazcor will be paid to continue trapping beavers this year after trapping 11 beavers last year.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) -- Harold reported that the County boat crew is doing more boat landing monitoring for AIS. There is a 12% non-compliant rate, which is down from 20% last year. The starry stonewort algae is a new invasive species that is spreading north as it was recently found in lake Winnie and Red Lake. This is a very bad development as it could be worse than zebra mussels.

Lake Level -- Jim Anderson reported the Big Jessie Lake level is currently $\frac{3}{4}$ inch lower than May (see following article and chart).

Loons -- Jim reported that he counted 7 adult and 2 young loons on Jessie this year. The nesting pair on the south end of the lake hatched the two chicks while the pair on the north end had none.

NEW BUSINESS

Roadside Cleanup -- Krista Hagen is coordinating the fall roadside cleanup, which will be on Thursday October 9th with lunch hosted afterward at Rita and Jim Anderson's home. Volunteers are still needed and we will meet at Jessie View Resort on CR 35 at 10:00 am.

Bylaws -- Bylaw changes recommended by the Board were presented by Hollister and discussed by the members. The major change was to raise the membership dues to \$15 from the current \$10 as stated in the bylaws. This will require a special meeting to pass the changes this year so the new dues rate will be effective in 2017. Other changes will allow information to be sent by email instead of just regular mail. The proposed changes will be sent out to all members on next Tuesday. A vote on the changes will be made during a special meeting at Jessie View Resort on October 6th at 9:30am.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations for Officers and Directors were presented by President Anderson:

President -- Hollister Madsen

Vice President -- Don Ojanen

Treasurer -- Tina Jorgenson

Secretary -- Open

Director 2-year term -- Chuck Klingsporn
Craig Johnson

Director 2nd year of 2-year term -- Jason Jorgenson
Dick Schedin

Past President (1-year term) -- David Anderson

Marie flicker was nominated as JLWA secretary and she agreed to take the open position.

Harley Steinbrenner moved to accept the nominations and the motion seconded by Harold Goetzman passed unanimously.

Marn Flicker made a motion to adjourn, Don Ojanen seconded. Meeting adjourned.

JLWA 2017 Proposed Budget-Approved at Annual Meeting

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Postage	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450
Printing	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Share the Lake Day	\$420	\$350	\$350	\$350
MN Waters [dues & hosting web]	\$270	\$250	\$250	\$250
MN Lakes and Rivers Dues	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Meeting rentals	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Mileage/Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
ICOLA [dues]	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
IWLP [dues]	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Lab water testing	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Supplies [office/operating]	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
AIS Signs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
JLWA Picnic	\$75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$75
Beaver Bounty	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$350</u>	<u>\$350</u>	<u>\$350</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2615	\$2715	\$2625	\$2575
ACTUAL EXPENSE	n/a	\$1846	\$2838	\$2297
TOTAL REVENUE	n/a	\$2040	\$2305	\$2455

SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO JLWA BYLAWS

A special meeting of JLWA was held to vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws that were discussed at the annual meeting. The meeting was held at the Jessie View Resort on October 6th at 9:45am and Hollister reviewed the proposed changes: 1) Increase membership dues from \$10/year to \$15/year, 2) Allow flexibility to hold the annual meeting on a date other than Saturday of Labor Day weekend, 3) Add provisions to allow for electronic notifications instead of mailing only, 4) Define duties of the Directors on the JLWA Board and 5) Changes to allow the Board of Directors, rather than the membership, to authorize payment for JLWA services. A motion to approve the changes passed unanimously and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

HOLLISTER MADSEN - PRESIDENT

I was born and raised in Minnesota, first in Northeast Minneapolis and then in my teen years on an 80-acre farm, north of Anoka, MN. I graduated from Elk River High School and from Anoka County Technical College with a degree in Electronics. I have spent 42 years in the computer industry, ending my career after 30 years at Datacard Group in Minnetonka. My wonderful wife, Jerril, and I have been married for 32 years and have one married daughter, two sons and two granddaughters. As someone who was born and raised in Minnesota, I have always liked the outdoors and the “Minnesota Dream” of owning a lake cabin is what we all strive to attain. In 2005, our dream was realized with the purchase of property on the SW side of Jessie Lake. Seven years ago, we decided we were going to eventually retire to Jessie Lake and moved forward with building a log cabin as our eventual retirement home and finally retired in 2014. We couldn’t be happier with living in this area. We have met so many wonderful people on the lake and I want to work with the Association to improve our lake area so that we can all enjoy what we have worked so hard to achieve.

MARIE FLICKER - SECRETARY

I was born and raised in Pierz, a small farming community in central Minnesota. I attended St. Cloud State for two years and then worked at the college business office for five years. So when we opened our Electronic/Appliance/Service business in Monticello, it was a natural for me to handle the bookkeeping. Marn, my husband, and I have the best of both worlds: our home in Grand Rapids and the cabin on Jessie Lake. When we sold our business in 2001, we found ourselves up at the lake most of the time ATVing, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing so decided to move “up north” permanently and built our home in Grand Rapids in 2006. We have owned our Jessie Lake cabin since 1995.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, knitting and baking. I have been doing part-time bookkeeping at the Judy Garland Children’s Discovery Museum for several years and if you’re wondering, no I did not steal the ruby slippers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Secretary of the JLWA. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings, picnics, Share the Lake Day or maybe even fishing on Jessie.

CRAIG JOHNSON - DIRECTOR

I was born and raised in Maplewood, MN and graduated from North St. Paul High School in 1973. I then worked at Twin Town Box Co. in St. Paul for one and a half years when I began working as an automotive refinisher for Buekle Collision in 1975. I retired after 40 years there in October 2015. Linda and I were married on New Years Eve 1991 and have no children. We owned a seasonal cabin in Danbury, WI for 24 years before buying our present place 3 years ago on the SW side of Jessie Lake. After Linda retired we sold our house in the cities and moved here permanently this summer. I have deer hunted off Scenic Highway 7 since 1974 with my brother and his son so was familiar with Itasca County. I also like to fish, garden and I am especially fond of Golden Retrievers. Looking forward to serving on the Board of Directors of JLWA.

CHARLES (CHUCK) KLINGSPORN - DIRECTOR

I grew up near Rochester, MN and have been married to my wife, Patti, for nearly 40 years. We both attended college and graduated with degrees in Nursing. Patti and I both worked at the Mayo Clinic where Patti worked in NICU and Pediatric Neurology. I worked in a Trauma and Vascular/Thoracic ICU for 14 yrs and Thoracic/Vascular Surgery for 21 years. Patti retired in November 2014 after 40 years and I in June 2015 after 35 years. We moved to Talmoon, MN permanently December 1st, 2015.

We have 2 children. Addy Carstensen, who along with husband Jake and 3 grandchildren (Jacelyn 9, Paisley 7, and Layne 4) live on Jessie Lake next door to us. Our youngest daughter Erin, who is also a registered nurse, is attending graduate school to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She will be getting married to future son-in-law Brandon in February 2017.

We purchased our property with Addy and Jake in May 2012. We opened Loon's Landing shortly thereafter, with Addy and Jake living up here permanently since May of 2012. Patti and I enjoy the outdoors. I like fishing, golfing, hunting, 4-wheeling, activities with my family and riding my Harley. All are contingent on when time permits from working at Loon's Landing, which I also enjoy. :)

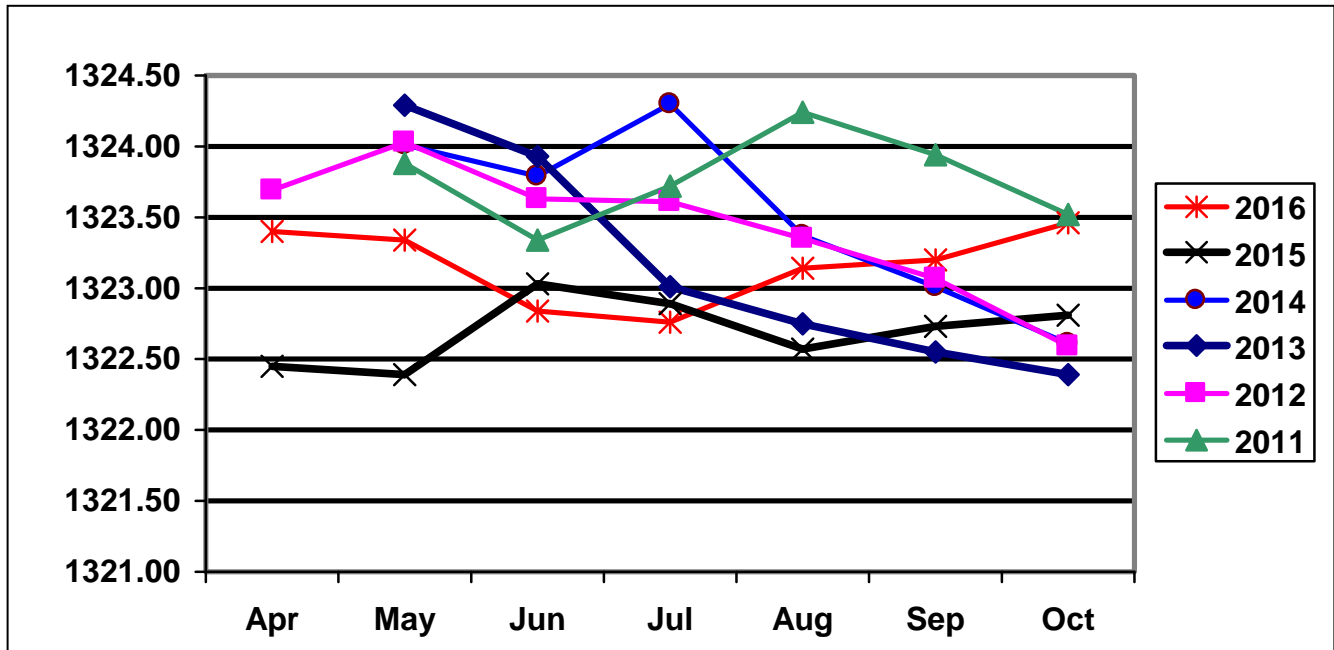
I look forward to doing whatever I can to keep Jessie Lake a beautiful and viable place for us all to enjoy for years and years to come. Thank you for asking me to be a part of the JLWA Board.

JESSIE LAKE WATER LEVELS – 2016

By Jim Anderson

This year the ice out on April 16 was early and only one day later than 2015. The first measurement of the water level was 1323.40 feet above mean sea level taken on April 30th, which was about 8 inches higher than the previous spring. This was again a winter with pretty low snow levels so we only gained seven inches from the fall of 2015. By the opening of fishing we had only lost a couple inches so boating activity was good. By mid-June we had lost about 8 inches, which was the low for the summer.

With moderate rainfall the lake gained about 3 inches in July, another 2 inches in August and then 3 inches in September and October to finish at 1323.46 feet on Oct. 29th when the gauge was removed. This was the high point for the year, which was less than one inch higher than the beginning of the year. Thus, the water levels were pretty consistent for the whole season with only an 8 inch variation. This was rather similar to 2015 when the lake also varied by 8 inches all summer as you can see by the graph. Perhaps we will have a heavy snow this winter as predicted and we will return to the long-term average of 1324.26 feet.



Jessie Lake six year summer water levels (Feet Above Sea Level)

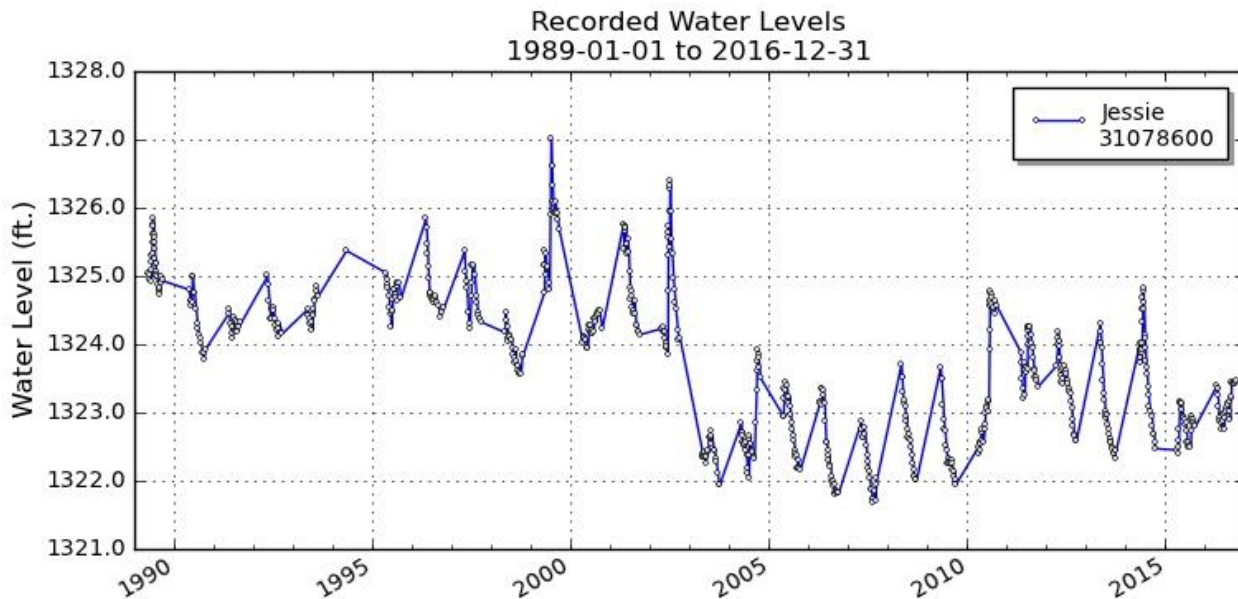
HISTORICAL WATER LEVEL DATA FOR JESSIE LAKE

By Harold Goetzman

The graph below was taken from the DNR website that contains Jessie Lake data. It is a record of all the lake level data measured on Jessie Lake for the last 25 years. I am not sure who recorded the information before Bill Nelson had the gauge installed in 1995 as there was no data for years 1993 and 1994. Bill recorded the lake levels for 15 years and now the gauge has been installed at Jim Anderson's since 2011. Based on this data, the highest water level (1327.01 feet above sea level) was recorded on July 11th in 1999 and the lowest level (1321.68 feet) was on Sept. 1st of 2007. This is a range of 5.33 feet with an average of 1324.5 feet, so based on this historical information we remain on the low side for water levels (see above graph with 1323.46 ft as high point for 2016). Most of this historical fluctuation, of course, is related to the summer rainfall and the winter snowfall, but can also be affected by beaver actions on both the inlets and the outlet. For sure the period of 2003 to 2010 was known as a 7-year drought and this was followed by a few years from 2011 to 2014 when the water levels at some point actually reached the average.

I do recall the two 6-inch rains we had in late June of 2002 when County Road 135 washed out at the culvert for Tillys Creek due to the beaver dam rupturing, which put a large island of sediment into the lake. The following spring we were able to obtain a grant to work with the DNR and Itasca County to remove about 200 trucks of this material where the creek enters. This was quite a project, which would not have happened without an active lake association (you never know when a need will arrive).

My memory (not the best) would say the high water in 1999 was due to a very heavy year of snowfall together with some high rainfall. We remember that summer as we had water up in our lawn for a few weeks. We also did a lot of dock recovery work for those not at the lake full time. I am sure most of you will recall a number of those low level years when we started taking our boats out of the water in September when it was already hard to get them off the lift and the public landing was getting iffy. Guess nothing is average in this world for very long as we are reminded that Mother Nature is still in charge. Thankfully, we have had some great Jessie Lake volunteers collecting this information so we have this record of data they reported to the DNR.



SHORELAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD

By Harold Goetzman

The Itasca County Coalition of Lake Associations (ICOLA) started the Shoreland Stewardship Award Program to recognize lakeshore owners who have implemented outstanding shoreline management practices within Itasca County. The purpose of the award is to recognize as well as promote shoreline conservation practices on area lakes. Annual award winners are presented with a plaque and a framed nature photograph honoring their commitment to protecting the county's water resources. Award winners also receive recognition at the Itasca County Fair. The Stewardship Award program is funded by ICOLA and administered by Itasca SWCD and ICOLA.

This year **Steve and Patsy Bowers and Angie Dryden of Jessie Lake** were recipients of the Stewardship Award (a framed nature print by a local artist) and recognized at the Sept. 27th County Board meeting for their shoreland restoration project at Rising Eagle Resort. This project was started in 2015 with SWCD to reduce erosion and continue improving the water quality on Jessie Lake. The project was designed to help reduce runoff and erosion, which contribute to the phosphorus loading to the lake with the use of native plants and willow brush bundles. Since that time Steve has continued to develop the planted area with a display of wildflowers and other native plants plus live willow stakes. Anyone interested in improving water quality with a restoration project of this type should visit Rising Eagle Resort and they will give you a tour of the planted area. Anyone interested in shoreline restoration should contact Andy Aerns of the SWCD at 218-326-0017 to provide assistance with the design and purchase of plants.

This picture of the project shoreline at Rising Eagle was taken in late summer by Andy Aerns.



Rising Eagle Resort Project Receiving Shoreland Stewardship Award

UPDATE ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS)

By Harold Goetzman

Zebra mussels

About 5% of Minnesota's lakes are on the infested waters list of which less than 2% of the lakes are infested with zebra mussels. As of August 2016, we have confirmed zebra mussels in 221 lakes, rivers and wetlands, but only 130 are lakes and some are listed by the DNR because they are connected to a waterway where zebra mussels have been found. The DNR announced in mid-August this year that 10 new lakes in central Minnesota lakes have been confirmed for having zebra mussels including popular Detroit Lake in Becker County. In early November they added 7 more infested lakes also in central Minnesota as fall is when people are seeing the mussels on docks and lifts being removed.

Starry Stonewart

We also have a new invasive species found in Lake Koronis (Stearns Co.) in August 2015 called "starry stonewart" which is a grass-like macro algae with a small star-shaped structure or flower called a bulbil that is less than ¼ inch in diameter. The algae produces dense mats that chokes out native plants and is typically spread by lake users who transport fragments of the plant. It can even displace Eurasian milfoil, which is really scary. The state of Michigan has over 250 lakes with starry stonewart and has not found a successful treatment to stop the spread.

Earlier this year the starry stonewart was found in Cass Co. in Turtle Lake and then in Cass Lake and Red Lake. Then in September this year the DNR confirmed it was found in Lake Winnie (Itasca Co.), Moose Lake (Beltrami Co.) and Rice Lake (Stearns Co.). The DNR AIS specialist said the extent of the spread and depth in Lake Winnie indicates it has been there for several years. This infestation was located extensively along the western and northwestern shores of Winnie including a public access. The presence in Lake Winnie is rather disturbing since this lake is so heavily used and often the boats travel to nearby lakes including our JLW lakes.

The YouTube address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te9iF5OTdtg> is a guide to identifying starry stonewart: that you might want to watch. The pictures will give you an idea of what to watch for next year. Late August is when the starry flower shows up.

POTPOURRI

By Harold Goetzman

Share the Lake Day. This was to be the 10th year that our Association hosted a day of sharing with those not able to live on a lake. Unfortunately, due to bad weather and finding an alternative date to schedule our guests and the Let's Go Fishing pontoon, we did not have the event.

July 4th Parade. According to Dick Schedin, this was the 40th year that Little Jessie Lake has held a boat parade on July 4th and 25 boats participated. The parade started at noon and afterwards they rendezvoused at Audrey McCormack's for cake and beverages.

On Saturday, July 2nd this year the first boat parade on Jessie Lake was held with 14 boats participating. The parade started at 1pm and afterwards Jerril and Hollister Madsen hosted a party with brats and beverages. Think about joining the boat parade next year if you are at Jessie Lake on the 4th of July. Any flag or appropriate decorations would be good.

Clean Water Legacy Funds. The Mississippi Headwaters Board has developed a program and received more than \$3,000,000 from the Clean Water Legacy funds to protect and preserve the wildlife habitat on the Mississippi River. Under this program landowners will have several options to consider that are focused on protection of the river and habitat that a variety of animals use for nesting while still allowing normal use of their land.

Roadside Clean-up. On Thursday, October 6th we had 12 members meet to pick up litter on 3 miles of County Rd 35 between Highway 6 and County Rd 133. Shown in the picture below are Harley and Betty Steinbrenner, Gin Anderson, Jerril Madsen, Dave Anderson, Hollister Madsen, Craig Johnson, Rita Anderson, Cheryl Wagner, Diane Goetzman and Mike Summers. Rhonda Nichols, Don



Ojanen and Krista Hagen are missing from the picture. Krista Hagen organized the project, which was followed by lunch at Jim and Rita Anderson's (thanks much Jim and Rita). The County provides garbage bags and vests so it is a good public service event for JLWA. Think about helping next year, which will be year twelve for this program. Also, a special thanks to Chuck and Patti Klingsporn for their efforts in cleaning the roadside on #134

from Riley's to Co Rd 4 on another day, since they could not help with the October 6th cleanup.

Northern Pike Regulations. The DNR is still working on changing the northern pike limit by the 2017 opener, but the new regulation booklets are put together in Dec. so not much time left. The public comment period was to end in early Nov. and they have to be looked at before making a decision.

Small Game Hunter Survey. The DNR annually surveys small game hunters to make estimates of both hunter harvest numbers and harvest trends. Ruffed grouse hunters were estimated at 79,000, which is a decrease of 5% from 2014 and they harvested 268,000 birds (down 11%). Duck hunting harvest of 663,800 ducks was down 5% with the same number of hunters as previously. This year the Ruffed Grouse Society report from the annual two-day hunt near Grand Rapids showed an increase of 17% over 2015. This was still only 0.86 grouse per day for each hunter, which is the fourth lowest harvest in 35 years. This compares to 0.73 per day in 2015, the second lowest harvest.

JLWA Website. The website is updated regularly by our webmaster, Hollister Madsen. Our members should feel free to contact him at 832-3551 with any additions or changes they would like. You can visit the website at URL www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed to see updates.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Harold Goetzman

- In the land of 10,000 lakes we actually have 11,842 and 5,400 are managed by DNR Fisheries.
- Water skiing was invented in MN in 1922.
- Fishing supports 35,400 Minnesota jobs.
- Adult female deer weigh about 145 lbs., while the bucks weigh about 170 lbs. The biggest deer recorded in MN was a 500 lb buck. A whitetails home range is about 1 square mile.
- Jessie Lake froze over on Nov.---, which is --- days over the long-term average of Nov. 23rd.
- Our website (www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed) is updated regularly by our Webmaster Hollister Madsen with meeting notices and the latest issue of the Jabber.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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MEMBERSHIP

The JLWA presently has 121 paid members. Treasurer, Tina Jorgenson will send out an invoice for dues in early January.

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