



Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

Minutes of PACRS Member Meeting July 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Lure Bar & Grill

In attendance:

Board Members: Scott Bordeau, Colette Camerano, Steve Taylor, Virgil Miller, Joe Stuchlak, Lynda Everson, Rick Potter, Ron Von Haden, Jim Stewart

Members and Guests: Tom Camerano, Jim & Patty Wright, Paul & Patt Pisellini, Christine Pietzmeier, Larry Everson, Gerry Ganther, Peter Manley, Tom Thomas, Dennis Glidden, Vern Leis, Bob Paterson, Kason Morley, Chris Turok, Grafton Hull, Michael & Linda Walters and Cameryn Kwaterski

Call to Order: Vice President, Scott Bordeau called the meeting to order at 10:10 with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Colette distributed the June meeting minutes by email and regular mail the week after the meeting was held. A motion was made by Rick Potter to approve the Secretary's report. Lynda Everson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Taylor reported on current checking and saving balances. Ron Von Haden made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jim Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

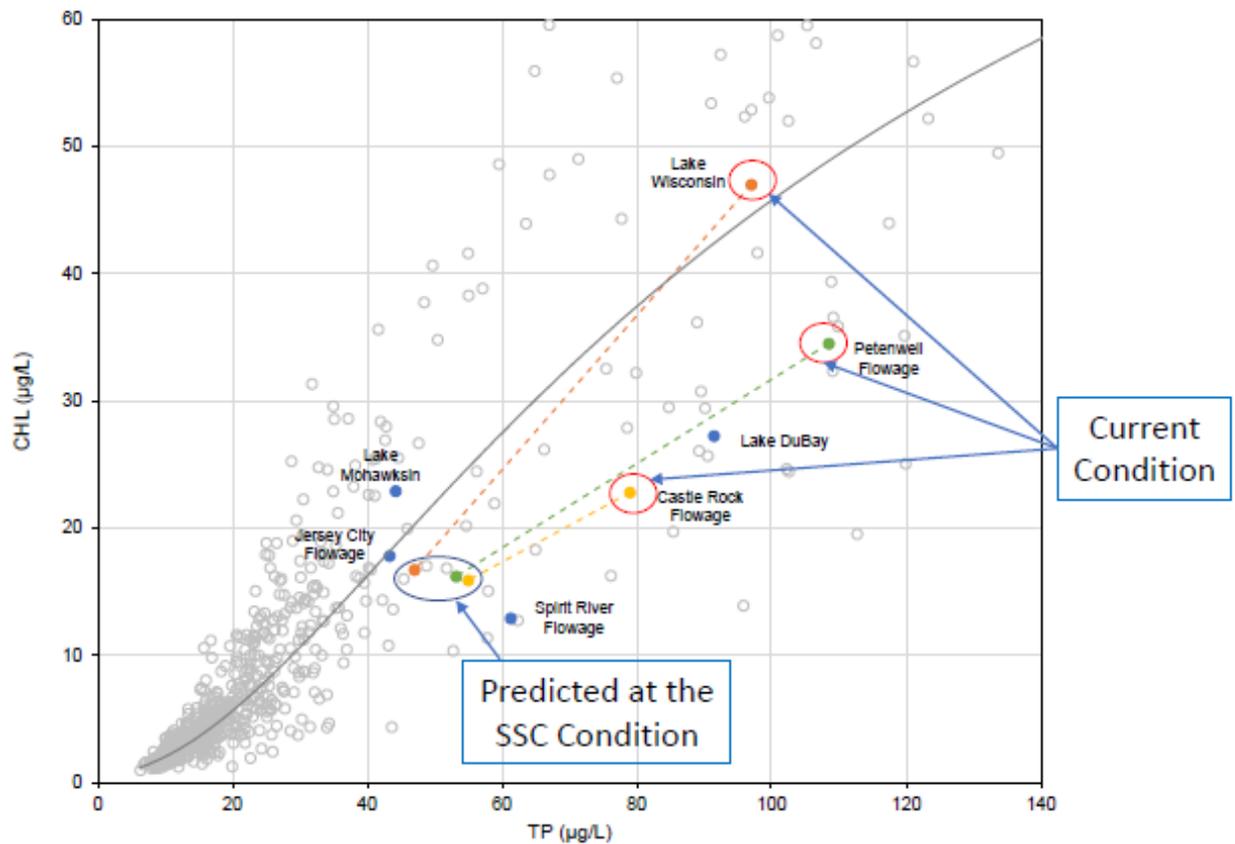
Communication Report: Scott Bordeau reported that we have 500 likes on Facebook.

In the past month the Associated Press reported a story regarding the Wisconsin River TMDL and that the DNR has raised the Site Specific Criteria of phosphorous for Petenwell and Castle Rock Lakes. A number of members sent emails concerned about this news article. Scott addressed these concerns in a statement that was posted to our website and read as follows: *"The Natural Resources Board has approved the DNR to take the first step in rulemaking that would establish new target levels of phosphorus for Castle Rock, Petenwell and Lake Wisconsin. If we can get Castle Rock and Petenwell down from the 79 and 109 mg/l phosphorus that they are at now, to the proposed goals of 55 and 53 mg/L phosphorus, respectively, the algae problems will be controlled."* The next two pages below are graphs submitted by Scott after the meeting and he requested them to be included with the meeting minutes.



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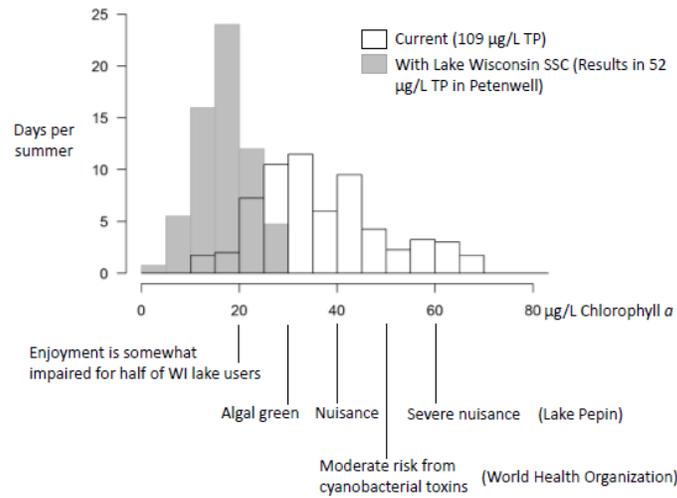
Comparison with Other Lakes



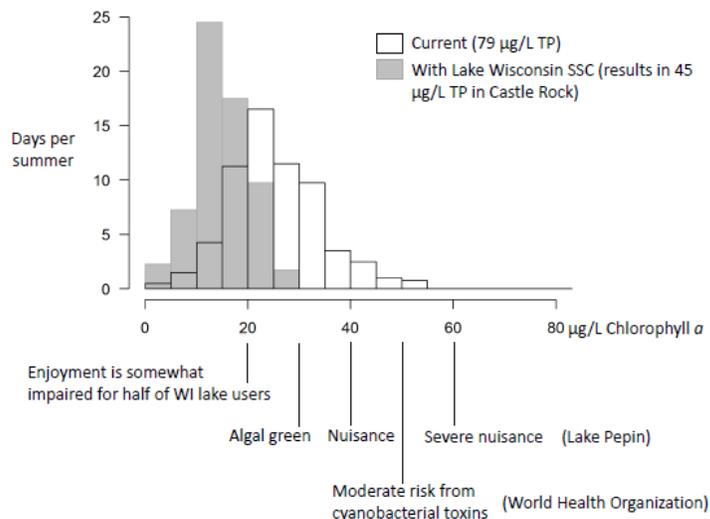


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Communications Continued: Scott said we have received an invitation to attend an event by Eau Plaine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC) on August 9th. The event is held at the Marshfield Agriculture Research Station in Stratford, WI from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

Rick Potter mentioned a non-partisan group that rates legislators on how they vote on conservation issues. For more information on your legislator go to <http://conservationvoters.org/scorecard/>

Pontoon and Politics: The Pontoon and Politics will be held August 17th at the Germantown Town Hall in New Lisbon. The morning will start with presentations from the DNR on the Wisconsin River TMDL, followed by lunch and then a tour of Castle Rock Lake on the Crusin' Turtle from the Dirty Turtle Restaurant. Thus far, 56 people have been invited from town, county and state government. Members suggested a few more contacts. Colette has requested an RSVP by August 6th. Members are invited to attend the meeting. Seating may be limited on the tour boat. We will know more the week prior to the event.

PACRS Fundraiser: Jim Murphy could not attend today's meeting but sent an email with updates. Barbara Von Haden has joined the committee organizing the event. Colette has talked with Concept Printing in Necedah regarding a 3'X8' banner. The cost would be approx. \$80.00 and we would be able to use it year to year. Jim received permission from Matt Johansen to place the banner on highway Z by his sport shop. This would be in addition to the banner we get from Pepsi Co. that we set up at Petenwell Park. Jim asked if the fundraising team could get a list of organizational members. This would be helpful not only to thank the business for their support but maybe solicit the business to be a member if they are not currently. Colette responded that most organizational members are lake associations and restaurants. We have very few members that are small business owners but they do support our fundraisers with donations. Flyers for the fundraiser were available for members to distribute. Colette will order another 500 small flyers.

TMDL Update: Patrick Oldenburg provided an email with his update. The DNR will be wrapping up the TMDL report shortly and will be going out for the official public comment period in early August. Pat will let us know when the dates are firmed up. They are targeting Stevens Point for the public hearing location.

Pat's former position in the DNR has now been filled with the new person starting July 24th. He then will be able to fully focus on the TMDL related activities. Pat will be at our Pontoon and Politics along with Pat Stevens and Scott Provost.

County Conservation Report:

Juneau County – Matt Komiskey was not able to join our meeting today. Colette recapped the educational program hosted by Matt, Juneau County Conservationist and Kevin Masarik, Groundwater Education Specialist at UW Ext Stevens Point and the Health Departments of Wood and Juneau County. The meeting was held on July 17th at the Necedah Town Hall. Residents in the Town of Armenia and Port Edwards had their drinking water tested on May 30th. The meeting was to educate and answer questions from residents involved in the water study. On May 30th, 104 samples were taken from residents. 86 were



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in Juneau County and 18 from Wood County. 41% of well tested were found to have nitrates above 10mg/L. 24% of wells tested had nitrates exceeding >20mg/L, 10mg/L and above is unsafe drinking water and should NOT be consumed by infants less than 6 months of age, pregnant women, and women who are trying to become pregnant. The Wisconsin Dept. of Health recommends people of all ages avoid long-term consumption of water with nitrate concentrations greater than 10 mg/L. Suggestions were offered by the DNR for short and long term solutions. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) did their own sampling of water from 41 locations. Raw data results are in but not analyzed. Their final report will be released in August. Colette has notes from this meeting. Contact her for more information. Kevin Masarik has made his presentation available as well.

Adams County: Kason Morley has accepted the position of County Conservationist for Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department. Congratulations to Kason! Kason reported that Reesa Evans and the department are working on the 9 key element plan. Once complete, the plan need to be approved by the DNR and then sent to the EPA for review. They expect to have the plan to the EPA by end of September.

Wood County: _Shane Wucherpennig was not present for the meeting.

Other: Joe Stuchlak said the July 21st program of teaching children to fish will be held at Riverside Park in Mauston. Muskies Matter Inc. was able to obtain funding for 4 pit tag readers. The group will be stocking 750 musky and 1,000 perch into Castle Rock Lake. Perch will be released at Buckhorn State Park and the musky at Northern Bay.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 17th – Pontoon and Politics

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Germantown Town Hall
N7560 17th Ave.
New Lisbon, WI. 53950**

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colette Camerano,
Secretary