LAKE MANAGEMENT UPDATE, SPRING 2018

Our Lake Management Team has been very busy this past year. We have had multiple meetings with both our consultant Onterra as well as representatives of the WDNR in order to draft and finalize our updated Lake Management Plan (LMP). The LMP was last updated over 5 years ago and is a requirement as part of our AIS grant funding from the WDNR. We expect to have a final plan posted to the website in late June and available for review at our annual meeting.

Our fall survey of EWM indicated that S Twin had increased to approximately 14% of our littoral zone. In 2014, we had a 11% concentration which in 2015 increased to 38% before we treated the whole lake in 2016. Unfortunately, the treatment using the herbicide 2,4-D did not provide the long-term relief we desired. Our Board having concerns for the potential return to 2015 levels approaching 40% approved NSTLRA to apply for a permit as well as a grant in 2018 to treat the whole lake with a different herbicide called Fluridone. We have done a great deal of research on this product including discussions with scientists at SePro (herbicide lab) as well as studying other WI lake treatments using this herbicide. The WDNR denied both our grant and permit to treat in 2018. We will provide more details at our annual meeting as to why and what our plans are for S Twin in 2019.

Last summer we treated 25 acres on N Twin with 2,4-D and endothall. This summer we will be inspecting the success of these treatments as well as some follow up hand harvesting of EWM in selected areas. We have received an extension of our existing WDNR grant to provide approximately $10,000 toward our budgeted expenses for treatment and lake surveys in 2018.

The summer of 2018 will be busy as we transition our lake management activities from NSTLRA to our newly formed Lake District.

Lastly, see our website for updates including information from the WDNR fisheries survey on our lakes.

Have a great summer and we hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Jay Wittman