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**Diamond Lakers  
Newsletter**

Diamond Lake  
"Good for the Soul"

## A Message from Our President

Michelle Veillette

Welcome Diamond Lakers to our fall newsletter. Beth Johnson has grabbed the reins of the newsletter from Audrey Sanderson (and later, Diane Klump and Bob Jacobel) and has done a fabulous job!

There is a lot happening that we want to share with you. This summer we had our annual meeting at the Grandview Town Hall. It was wonderful to see many neighbors. There was a lot discussed (see page 14 for the minutes). At the meeting, Dennis Kruse, a fellow Diamond Laker, discussed the history and future goals of Telemark (see page 10).

In this newsletter, you will also read about how the board of directors and the Water Quality/Lake Management Committee are working very hard to protect our lake. You'll read about the Point Intercept Macrophyte Survey as well as the WQ/LM Report. We are blessed with an incredible lake as you will read. I thank all members of the board as well as all of you for your willingness to keep our lake pristine. The newsletter also includes bios of our new members as well as other info you may find interesting.

I also would like to thank Sarah Stivland and Frosty Palmer for their years of service on the board. Sarah offered a depth of knowledge from her past history of serving on other boards as well as living on the lake for 13 years. Frosty has lived on Diamond Lake for many, many years and shared his vast

knowledge and fierce determination to protect the lake by serving on the board for many years. Both members will be missed at board meetings. Fortunately, we had association members willing to step up and serve. We are grateful for those who offered to help. The association voted in Pat Arndt and Tom Kraker. Please read their bios on page 16.

Thank you all for sharing your stories with me about living on Diamond Lake. You are always welcome to contact me. Please enjoy the newsletter.



Photo: Tom Moser

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## Plant Baseline Survey of Diamond Lake

Bob Jacobel

Our much anticipated Point Intercept Macrophyte Survey of Diamond Lake was completed on August 17th and 18th by Matthew Berg, research biologist with Endangered Research Services LLC of St. Croix Falls, WI. Berg and his son Noah were accompanied by five of our board members: Ed Wallen, Frosty Palmer, Dave James, Scott Johnson and Bob Jacobel who traded positions in Berg's sampling boat while the others accompanied the surveyors in a pontoon.

The PI survey derives its name from a pre-established grid of hundreds of GPS points based on the lake bathymetry. Locations with a shallow bed (and more plants) are sampled at a higher density than deeper areas where there are few or no plants. The grid can thus be resurveyed precisely in future years. The operation takes place from a shallow-bottom boat that has a high precision GPS receiver with the points to be visited pre entered, several rakes with long extensions for scraping the bottom, a computer for recording the plant species identified at each location, and collecting containers for samples. The procedure then involves positioning the boat at each grid point, collecting the sample with one of the rakes, identifying the species found and entering them into the computer. Then on to the next.

The surveyors worked for approximately 15 hours over the two days recording over 870 samples. Berg's group is one of just a few certified by the WI DNR with the expertise to carry out this kind of survey. He is also the scientist who first identified invasive milfoil in Lake Namakagon in 2016 and is continuing with surveys there as the NL Association fights to keep the spread under control. While it will be late fall or early winter before the final report is available for Diamond Lake, we can describe some immediate observations. First, Berg's survey found no invasive non-native milfoil! This is fantastic news and confirms the results of our earlier quick survey this past June done by the DNR and Bayfield County specifically targeting invasives.

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Matthew Berg (left) pulling in the sampling rake at a survey point near the southern end of Diamond Lake. Son Noah is on the computer while board member Dave James looks on.



Dave James pushing off the survey boat from the landing on Diamond Lake at the start of the day. Matthew Berg (right) and son Noah, with Ed Wallen guiding the pontoon that accompanied the survey in the background.



Alternate-flowered water-milfoil is a very rare, high value native species that is particularly sensitive to human disturbance. It's a plant Matt Berg says he almost never sees. He found two plants on a lake last year and none in either of the previous two years.



Second, Berg describes our lake as an aquatic biologist's paradise, working on it as **"good for the soul,"** in his words. That is, the variety of species found (over 50 in the first day alone) made it a special day for them. Members of the board who rode along in the sampling boat got caught up in the excitement of the scientists as they collected and identified samples of rare plants, some to be sent off to a special lab for DNA analysis. Species richness is a measure of ecosystem health overall, and it appears that at present we are all very fortunate to be on Diamond Lake. All of the observer/ participants agreed it was an extremely worthwhile and gratifying experience.

*SEE CONCLUSION ON NEXT PAGE.*

We will place a copy of the completed survey on the Diamond Lakers website as soon as it becomes available.



Fern pondweed is another great native species that often carpets the bottom in 8-12ft of water and provides important juvenile fish habitat.

Lyla James holding a sample of pipewort with Noah Berg looking up from his computer behind. Pipewort is a shallow water species that is usually sterile, but if it's growing close enough to shore, puts up a single white flower that looks like a button on a knitting needle (look closely).



Matthew Berg identifying plants from a rake draw at one of the 870 sampling sites on Diamond Lake.



Matthew righting a tomato plant that had tipped over on Cathy Kestle's dock.

*"You have an amazing resource with tons of super rare species – it was great fun." Matt Berg*

### *Plant Baseline Survey Continued*

I **conclude** this very welcome news with a cautionary note. Following the survey, I asked Matt Berg if, after having seen Diamond Lake up close, was it true (as sometimes has been said), that we have less to worry about in terms of invasive non-native milfoil (EWM) because conditions here are not conducive. (Diamond Lake has a larger percentage of the lake at depths greater than 30 feet than some nearby lakes, eg. Namakagon).

Matt's reply was as follows: "I would say the answer is unknowable until it gets there, but the fact you have (native) Northern-water milfoil – EWM's sister species, suggests it would do just fine in DL. I have been surprised at how quickly and aggressively it is spreading in Lake Namakagon. Sand bottoms with clear but stained water are not the "classic" example of EWM lakes (muck and high nutrients are what it loves), but it's doing very well in Namekagon and also on the Minong Flowage which is visually somewhat similar."

EWM and EWM hybrid species like what is now in Lake Namakagon spread vegetatively, what is known as "prop clip," small plant fragments that hitchhike on boats and trailers from one lake to the next. Especially after a 'clean bill of health' like this, it behooves us not to become complacent and to continue our efforts to be vigilant about the possible spread.

Bob Jacobel



### **July 4th Boat Parade**

Michelle Veillette

The annual **Fourth of July Boat Parade** was held on Saturday evening, **July 3, 2021**. This year we had a record number of participants both in the boat parade and members on their docks. There were nineteen boats (including two canoes). Members did a fabulous job decorating their boats and being part of the festivities. [See boat pictures.](#)

After tallying the votes (voting done at the annual meeting), we want to offer a loud **CONGRATULATIONS** to the James family for winning the traveling trophy, provided by Tom and Jeanne Kraker. Their boat (and costumes) were a wonderful display of patriotism.

Thanks also to Juels and Sally Carlson for hosting the after-parade get together. Their hospitality is *always* appreciated!



## Water Quality / Lake Management Report

The WQ/LM Committee met virtually several times this year to carry out the business of the Board. It accomplished the following:

- Creation of a Strategic Plan whose purpose is to guide the work of Association toward the conservation of the Diamond Lake Ecosystem. The Plan was approved by the Board with input from the Association at the end of July, 2021. It is available on the [Diamond Laker website](#).
- Creation, implementation, and analysis of a “Stakeholder Survey”. Links to the survey results are available [HERE](#), on page 9 of this newsletter, and on the DL website. The Committee gives special thanks to Beth Johnson for her expert help with the compilation and analysis of the Survey results. In testament to the interest and effort on the part of the Association toward the betterment of Diamond Lake, the % of respondents was an outstanding 79% !
- Completion of the Point Intercept Macrophyte Survey of DL. This was accomplished via a DNR grant written and submitted by DL Board member and Treasurer, Bob Jacobel. See Newsletter article (pages 2-4) written by Bob for details of the results and regarding those who assisted as volunteers.
- Water Quality monitoring via the DNR’s “Citizen Lake Monitoring Network” program was again completed this summer with the help of Ed and Monica Wallen and Dave James. Results are compiled and analyzed by the DNR and available on their [CLMN website](#).



The Committee has ongoing work related to the following:

- A DNR grant proposal submission related to a continuing assessment of the quality of DL. This current effort is being spearheaded by Pat Arndt with assistance from other Committee and Board members. The DL website will convey information related to this effort as it progresses.
- Analysis and discussion of the results from the Stakeholder Survey. The latter will be used to guide and inform the ongoing work of the Committee as it addresses issues outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- Preliminary efforts to address concerns associated with “obstructions” in DL. New DLER, Brad Johnson, is assisting the Committee in this effort.
- Beginning discussions related to shoreland assessment, restoration, and improvement.

\*WQ/LM Committee are: Pat Arndt, Dave James, Raye Lahti, Todd Stivland, and Ed Wallen, Michelle Veillette, *ex officio*.

*For the Committee, Ed Wallen,  
Coordinator, 2021*

## **WELCOME to our New Members!**

### **Curtis Johnson**

Chapinwood Road

The Curt Johnson family originally from Racine and long-time residents of Lake Owen, where they still maintain a family home, are excited to be part of the Diamond community. Curt has 4 daughters, one son, 4 grand kids, 6 dogs and one pig that will be enjoying their new house on Diamond.

Curt is an avid pilot, adventurer and outdoorsman who grew up in the family business in Racine and then went on to establish a successful Private Equity group based in Chicago. All of Curts family, including his grand kids are animal and outdoor lovers and avid fishermen. Odinn, Curt's son and his wife Lauren live in Brooklyn with their two children Loki, age 6 and Alice, 4 and are in the Jewelry business. Skye, Curt's daughter and her partner Chad and her two children Letty, age 10 and Gunnar, 7 live in Racine and enjoy the farm life where they raise horses and chickens. Curt has three younger daughters Piper, age 18 Wynter, 17 and Hunter 16 who all live in Charlotte where they attend school and are active in Lacrosse and horse jumping. Piper is attending Pace university in NYC in the fall.

### **Mike Slade and Julie Hart**

Canterbury Trail

We purchased our property in September 2020 after visiting the area for several years. When we're not at the lake, we live about three hours away in Mahtomedi, Minnesota (a suburb of Saint Paul). We've been busy remodeling our cabin but we look forward to running, biking, kayaking and boating in the area.

### **Larry and Cindy Johnson, Brad Johnson**

N. Diamond Lake Drive

We are from Waukesha, WI and bought our property on Diamond lake in March 2021. We have three grown children and five grandchildren. We have vacationed in the Cable area for many years and finally decided it was time to purchase a property so we can spend more time here in our retirement. We are looking forward to enjoying the lake with our family.

### **Mark and Trish Wilhelm**

Diamond Point Road

Trish and Mark hail from Stillwater, MN. They have been enjoying the northern Wisconsin woods and lakes for the past 25 years. Favorite activities are mountain biking, hiking, x-country skiing, snow shoeing and fishing. "We grew close to the Cable community and look forward to many years on Diamond Lake." Their three adult children reside across the country creating plenty of opportunities to mix time up north and traveling.





## Herb Lauritzen Turns 90!



On September 1st, 2021, longtime Diamond Laker, Herb Lauritzen became a nonagenarian. Herb and his wife, Ruth Lauritzen have been part-time residents of Diamond Lake since 1987. Their cabin is located off Diamond Point Drive, between the Kind and Lahti cabins and has been the site of gatherings among family and friends for many years including the 2021 Diamond Lake Board of Directors meeting, which they kindly hosted on their porch.

Herb retired in the mid-1990's as a physician from the Park Nicollet clinic in Minneapolis where he practiced his specialties in pulmonary and allergy-related medicine.

Much of the allure of the Diamond Lake area derives from Herb's interest in a variety of athletic pursuits. While he began his "athletic career" relatively late in life in his early 50's, he pursued them with an unusual vigor and enthusiasm, becoming a well-known and respected participant in a variety of sports. For example, Herb ran 3 full

marathons in a 6-week period! He joined journalist, Jim Klobuchar and others for annual bike/camping trips around Minnesota as well as the Wisconsin GRAABWAR.

Locally, Herb completed several Birkies and Korties, always bringing friends to the cabin after for food and fun. An avid cyclist, Herb did the Firehouse 50 for many years, earning the 1000 mile plaque. With age, the late-starting Herb got better and routinely placed high in his age group. One of his proudest achievements was earning the "Tony Wise Wooden Shield" an award given to participants who were able to complete a 100-mile bike ride, a roller ski marathon, a running marathon, the Birkie, and a 5-mile swim in Lake Hayward! The most difficult for Herb was the swim since he had not trained for it, ate a plate of oatmeal pancakes prior to the race and had to get pulled out of the water with a hook as the second to last finisher. While Herb has not competed lately, he still did backcountry snow-shoeing and X-C skiing from the cabin with occasional visits to the groomed Drummond ski trails in his late 80's. Congratulations Herb! Hope to be celebrating your 100th in ten years!!

Your Diamond Lake Friends





## THIS & THAT

### Membership

DL Treasurer Bob Jacobel reports that we have reached a new membership high point this year of 58 members, with the possibility still of reaching the “elusive 60” he says. Bob notes that 25% of the current membership is new since 2019, and nearly a third since 2017, quite a remarkable turnover, in addition to the gradual increase. There are 70 occupied cabins on the lake plus two undeveloped properties, so a membership of 60 would be over 85% of the occupied properties, a remarkable membership rate and buy-in to the values we all share.

### Visit Our Website

Don't forget to visit our website on a regular basis. When was the last time you checked it out? Why not go there now?

[Click here](#) to check out pictures of Raye Lahti and Frosty Palmer installing the AIS camera and monitoring system in 2019.

Also... [Click here](#) to see the complete results of the **Diamond Lakers Stakeholder Survey-2021**

4. How long have you owned property on DL?

49 responses



### Pre-Buy Winter Propane

Bob Jacobel sent out an email to the DL membership on August 20. Our group discount rate for pre-buy winter propane is **\$1.499/gal**. The minimum is 300 gallons. We now have word that contract and payment must be returned by October 1, 2021. If interested, call **Como/Thompson Gas** ASAP. 715-798-3566

### Reminder of Boating Guidelines

Everyone is reminded that when you have guests visiting or using your cabin if you are not present, please ask them to abide by all State of Wisconsin boating regulations, especially regarding wakes and towing, and the Diamond Lake recreational boating guideline hours we agree to. These can both be found on the DL website at the link below:

[Diamond Lakers / Lake Issues](#)



## **Nursing Fawn**

Monica Wallen

Sometime in July, Ed and I were privileged to observe a doe and her fawn standing in our driveway. As we watched from the kitchen window, the fawn went between its mom's back legs and started nursing standing up. Mom stood perfectly still while the fawn suckled, twitched its tail wildly, and stomped its front paws into the ground. We were mesmerized by the action before us and only later wished we could have video taped the scene. Our only consolation is that the two were close enough for us to see the whole drama, but on the other side of a screened window and too far to get a clear video. This fawn visited us today (8-23-21), and we think this is the one, but no mom nearby.



Tony Wise, creator of Telemark



## **American Birkebeiner Dennis Kruse, Guest Speaker**

Beth Johnson

**July 24, 2021** – Dennis Kruse was the guest speaker at the Annual Diamond Lakers Annual Meeting. Although a newcomer to Diamond Lake, Dennis has a long history with the American Birkebeiner, its founder (Tony Wise), and the American Birkebeiner Foundation. His talk captivated the audience, many of whom are cross-country enthusiasts; some members having a personal knowledge of Tony Wise. All were inspired by Wise's Vision for the Cable/Hayward community, the State of Wisconsin, the U.S.A. and the world.

*Kruse spoke on the following. . .*

### **Tony Wise**

"Tony Wise was born in Hayward, Wisconsin one hundred years ago, in 1921. He played basketball and received a B.A. degree in Business from Ohio State in 1942, and a M.B.A. from Harvard in 1947. In WWII Wise was stationed at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany where he learned to ski ... and where a dream began to take shape. Back home, Wise paid \$750 to purchase "the hill" in Cable, Wisconsin, and turned it into the Telemark Lodge ski resort

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*(American Birkebeiner continued)*

In 1960, Wise founded the Lumberjack World Championships in Hayward. Then, in 1973, he created what would become the largest cross-country ski race in North America: the American Birkebeiner. “The Birkie”, as it is affectionately known, attracts more than 10,000 competitors to tne Cable and Hayward each year. In 1979, Wise founded the Worldloppet, an international sports federation of cross-country skiing marathons that sanctioned thousands of races involving millions of competitors.”

[Skihall.com/hall-of-famers](http://Skihall.com/hall-of-famers) /  
[wisconsinhistory.org](http://wisconsinhistory.org)

### **American Birkebeiner**

“Today, the Birkie provides year-round, healthy, active lifestyle events for thousands of adventurous spirits of all ages and abilities. The ski marathon honors and re-creates a historic Norwegian event when in 1206, two warrior soldiers, called “Birkebeiners” because of the birch-bark leggings they wore, skied infant Prince Haakon to safety during the Norwegian civil war. Prince Haakon subsequently became King of Norway, and the Birkebeiner soldiers became a Norwegian symbol of courage, perseverance and character in the face of adversity. Today, the American Birkebeiner is made up of several events. The two premier events are the 50 km (31 mi) freestyle and the 55 km (34 mi) classic races from Cable to Hayward. In addition to these, is the 24K Kortelopet race (the second largest ski race in North America).”

[birkie.com](http://birkie.com)

### **The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation**

The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (ABSF) was formed in 1985 when Tony Wise lost control of the event in the bankruptcy of his Telemark Resort property and other interests. Since then, the ABSF has endeavored to preserve his legacy in the Cable/Hayward area. The foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is: To promote and conduct the finest international cross-country ski competition; To serve as good stewards of the American Birkebeiner Trail; To support healthy and active lifestyles among people of all ages and abilities.

2021, the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation purchased the Telemark Lodge, near the starting line of the American Birkebeiner ski race. It has now been demolished with plans to repurpose it into a recreation destination, including such possibilities as a Festival Plaza, Village Hub, skating/picnic area/outdoor activity area, swimming pool and sledding/tubing hill.

See Overall Concept Plan on page 13.



1206 A.D. - Warrior “Birkebeiners” skiing infant Prince Haakon to safety during Norwegian civil war.



Diamond Lakers Annual Meeting  
Saturday, July 24, 2021

DIAMOND LAKERS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
July 24, 2021



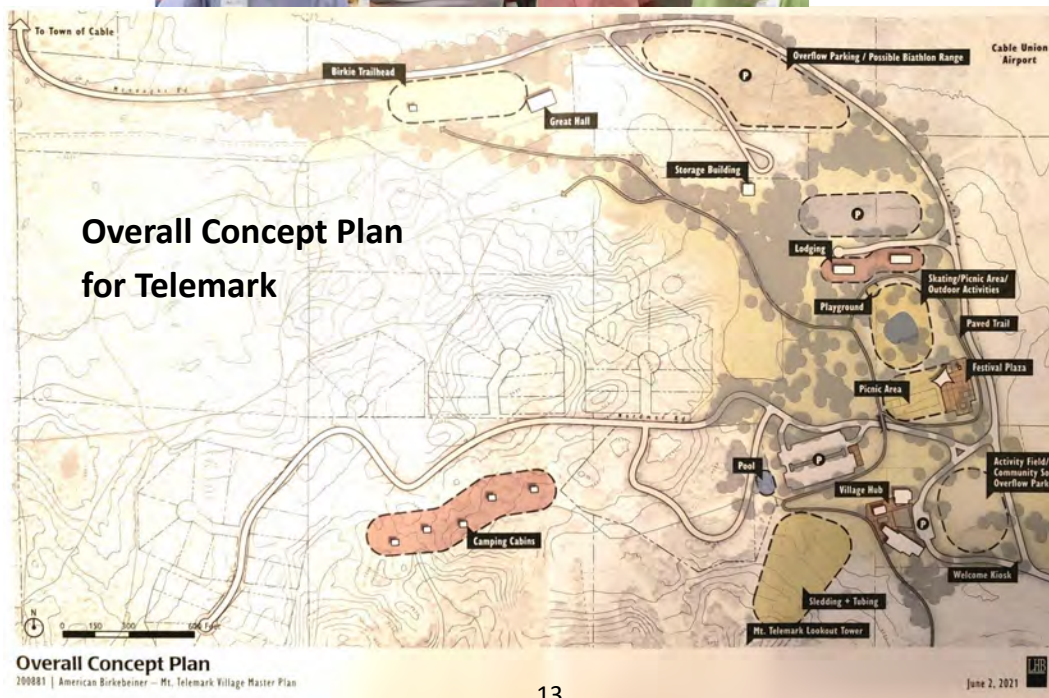
Board of Directors



Speaker Tony Wise







## Diamond Lakers Annual Association Meeting Minutes

### July 24, 2021 ~ Grand view Town Hall

**Before the association meeting, Dennis Kruse,** a Diamond Laker and longtime advocate and supporter of the American Birkebeiner, and Telemark Lodge shared some fun and interesting stories about Tony Wise and the history of how Telemark began. (If you want to know more, just google him!) Dennis also helped us understand the vision for Telemark going forward. As you may know, the lodge has been demolished, and the site is undergoing a massive transformation. What lies ahead for this special place is very exciting for the Cable area. *[A map view of what is being planned is shown on page 13 of this newsletter.]*

**The meeting began** with introductions and greeting of new members.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Bob Jacobel presented the Treasurer's Report showing incoming and expended totals over the last several years and the gradual increase of our year-end balance over the last two decades.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>In</u> | <u>Out</u> | <u>Net</u> |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 2018        | \$1,675   | \$2,600 -  | \$925      |
| 2019        | \$2,460   | \$2,274    | \$187      |
| 2020        | \$3,605   | \$2,425    | \$1,180    |
| 2021        | \$6,220*  | \$4,945*   | \$1,274*   |

\*estimated

This year, both income and expenditures increased substantially due to the DNR grant we received, which will be used to study aquatic invasives in Diamond Lake. Funds are used almost exclusively for activities that protect, improve and preserve our lake and environment.

A member requested more detail in the report. Feel free to contact Bob Jacobel if you have any questions.

We also discussed options for making the annual payment of membership dues easier. Venmo, Zelle, and BillPay options will be explored and shared with members. Diamond Lakers holds an account at Chippewa Valley Bank in Cable.

Total membership has also been increasing. We have close to 60 members now, which represents approximately 85% of lake residents.

#### **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Report**

Bob Jacobel reported that in June, the Wisconsin DNR, along with Bayfield County, conducted a targeted AIS survey. The good news is that at this time, Diamond Lake does not have any invasive Eurasian milfoil. There was a fairly isolated infestation of Yellow Iris, which is classified as an invasive plant, but it has been removed by volunteers. A more comprehensive survey will be conducted in August. A report will be provided to members as soon as it is complete.

The AIS monitoring camera shows that activity at the boat launch is relatively low, compared to neighboring lakes, with an average of 15-20 launches per week in the middle of summer 2020. The camera system does seem to be a good deterrent and reminder for everyone to clean any debris and plants off of our boats after we come out of the lake and check carefully before we put into the lake.

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### **Water Quality Report**

Ed Wallen serves as chair of the new Water Quality Committee and gave the first report from this group. The association now has a strategic plan for water quality management which is available on our website. All members are encouraged to share ideas, offer to help or ask questions toward the goals of preserving the water quality and environment of Diamond Lake. The committee has created a stakeholder survey to identify further goals and priorities of association members.

Ed and his predecessors have been monitoring the water quality in this lake for over 30 years using something called a Secchi disc. He shared a bit about how this works and invited others who are interested to contact him if you want to help or learn more. Diamond Lake is classified as a mesotrophic lake, which is right in the middle of the range. The data is kept with the Wisconsin DNR, and there is a link to this on our [website](#). We will request funds from Wisconsin DNR again this year.

### **Loon Report**

Jessie Meschivitz has been a Sigurd Olson monitor for Northland College for the past two years, to keep a close watch on the loons on our lake. She reported that there are two loons on our lake this year, but neither of them chose to nest on the floating nesting platform. There are any number of reasons for this, so nothing to be too concerned about. We may want to do some additional work on the platform to ensure that it is conducive to nesting. It is really important that people keep at least 200 feet away from loons during nesting time in the spring.

### **Propane contract**

Frosty Palmer reported on the current status of the propane contract options in the area. It

has been a somewhat strange year as the prices are not set yet with Midland. You can sign a contract now with Hayward Cenex to lock in a good price for the coming year. Contact Frosty if you'd like to know more.

### **Animal Sightings**

Association members reported having seen baby otters, a baby eagle, a bear with 3 cubs, and some raccoon poop on a porch!

### **Open Board Positions**

There are four open positions on the board this year. Due to some last minute developments, we were not able to vote at the meeting. Watch for an email to come soon so you can vote to fill those positions.

### **Classified Ads on the website!**

Beth Johnson, our webmaster, reported that there is now a classified section on the Diamond Lakers website. If you have something that you want to buy or sell, let Beth know. Beth is also looking for photos and stories or any items of interest to add to the website. Feel free to share anything you have with her by August 30 for the fall newsletter.

### **Boat Parade voting results**

Watch for an email coming soon!

Huge shout out and thank you to both Beth Johnson and Dave James for their hard work and dedication to our lake and organization. Beth has transformed the website into a modern, beautiful place to check out all news and info. Dave James has put in many long hours transforming our organization this year into a bonified non-profit, so that all dues and donations are now tax deductible, and we are now eligible to receive grant funds from the DNR.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Stivland

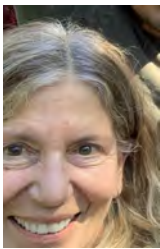
## Diamond Lakers Board Of Directors 2021-2022

Many thanks to our outgoing directors

Frosty Palmer and Sarah Stivland.

*Your willing service has been  
truly appreciated by all!*

### Pat Arndt



Pat brought together three of her passions; outdoor recreation, the natural environment, and people, during her 35+ year career with the MN DNR. She took her BS in Park and Recreation Administration (emphasis in Natural Resource Management) and Sociology from Mankato State University and promptly put it to work as a State

Park Naturalist, Park Manager, Assistant to the Director and lastly as Communications and Outreach Manager for the MN State Parks and Trails System, before retiring in 2018. She was part of a progressive and results-driven management team that strove for innovation, creative problem solving, collaboration and inclusiveness. They provided outdoor recreation for competing interests while protecting natural resources and offering learning opportunities to the public. Ask her to tell you some funny stories about bringing wi-fi to the wilderness at Itasca State Park during her career.

Pat loves Diamond Lake. For her it's a dream come true to be living on this lake. She believes it to be one of northern Wisconsin's premier lakes, thanks to its dedicated caretakers. She hopes to be part of that fine tradition of caretaking by serving on the DL Board and helping with the Water Quality/Lake Management committee. You'll see her out on the lake kayaking, pontooning and bird watching in the summer and snowshoeing, skiing or kicksledding in the winter (when she's not in the twin cities with her new grandson!).

Tidbit: Pat thinks she may have the dubious honor of the most steps down to the lake. She'd be happy to give up this distinction!

Pat Arndt *NEW*

Bob Jacobel, Treasurer

David James

Scott Johnson

Tom Kraker *NEW*

Raye Lahti

Jessie Meschievitz

Michelle Veillette, President

Ed Wallen, Vice President

### Tom Kraker



I'm from a small city in central Minnesota. My first job after college was in Milwaukee, where I met my wife Jeannie and our 3 sons were born. Career included management positions in manufacturing and product development for various

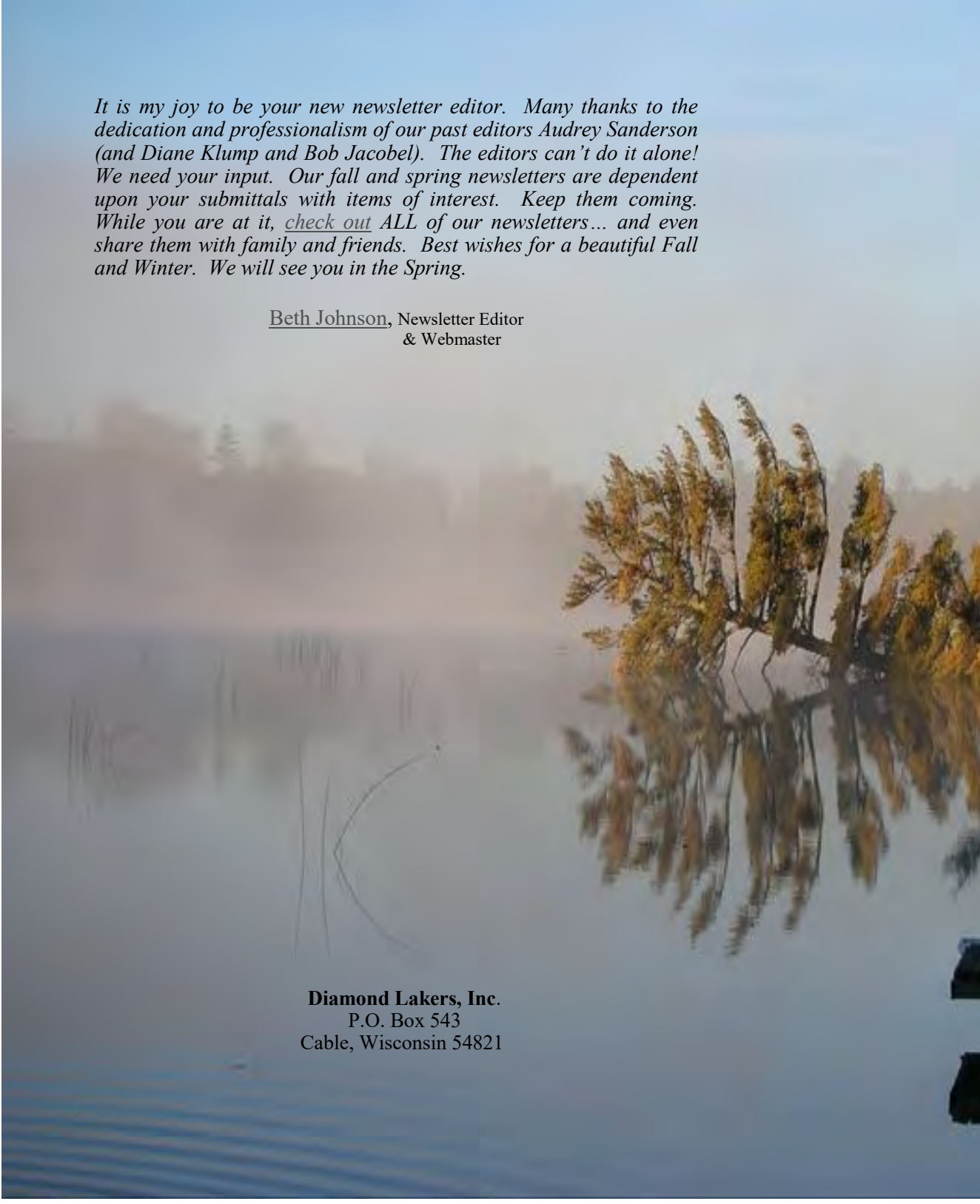
technology companies; one involved our move to Chanhassen MN in 1985. I enjoyed volunteer activities at our church including Parish Council, and coaching youth sports in our area, including a term as Boys Soccer Director. We rented a cabin south of Hayward for several years and enjoyed the Sawyer and Bayfield County areas. Loved Diamond Lake at first sight and purchased our lot in 2000. We camped for 7 years and enjoyed an intimate relationship with the land and the wildlife. We moved into our cabin in 2008. Also, you may have heard our family including our 8 grandchildren enjoying the lake the weekend after the 4<sup>th</sup>.

TOM KRAKER [ FYI, you may know but some don't, it's pronounced "Crocker". ]

#### WHY I'M INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD

Our grandchildren say that Diamond Lake is their "Happy Place", as it is for all of us Diamond Lakers for a variety of reasons. I want to do my part to keep it that way for all of us.





*It is my joy to be your new newsletter editor. Many thanks to the dedication and professionalism of our past editors Audrey Sanderson (and Diane Klump and Bob Jacobel). The editors can't do it alone! We need your input. Our fall and spring newsletters are dependent upon your submittals with items of interest. Keep them coming. While you are at it, check out ALL of our newsletters... and even share them with family and friends. Best wishes for a beautiful Fall and Winter. We will see you in the Spring.*

Beth Johnson, Newsletter Editor  
& Webmaster

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