

SLOPA Lake Management Meeting

March 15, 2014

Summary

- I. The possibility of a fish kill on Sand Lake was shared. The DNR has released an article which stated that due to heavy snow melt and ice cover a fish kill is possible on Michigan lakes. The thick ice cover of several months will prevent sunlight from reaching aquatic plants and lower oxygen levels in lake water. The condition will not affect the overall health of the lake fish population. If a fish kill does occur, the dead fish will appear approximately a month after the ice melts.
- II. This past harsh winter (2013-2014) that we have experience may have an adverse effect on aquatic plants in the lake. The severe cold and ice cover may reduce the amount of aquatic plants in the lake. A survey of the lake in the spring, after the ice melts, will provide more complete information.
- III. Steve Hanson of PLM has indicated that a map of invasive weed beds can be provided after the lake survey in the spring.
- IV. The invoices from PLM for the permits for the 2014 treatments have been sent to the two townships. Cambridge Township has paid PLM for the permits.
- V. Mr. Robert Brooks (6000 Rays Drive) spoke to the Lake Management Committee. Mr. Brooks is concerned about the brush bed at the entrance of the NE channel. He stated that the bed continues to grow and expand and is becoming a block to the navigation of watercraft from the cove into and out of the channel. He requested that the Lake Management Committee and/or the SLOPA inquire about permission/permits from the DNR and/or DEQ for cutting back the brush to create an open navigational path for watercraft traffic. Apparently, several years ago he and his neighbors, at their own expense, created a place for their boats to be docked. The area between their boats and the brush bed has become very narrow. He stated that he is willing to remove some of the brush but that the Lake Management Committee and/or the SLPOA are responsible to get permission/permits from the state for removal. The committee decided that contact will be made with PLM to acquire the name of the person(s) to be contacted at the state level to get permission/permits and that Mr. Brooks will be provided with the name(s) that he then can contact.