

Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association

2008 Annual Meeting

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- 2007 Summary
- Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM)
- Financial
- Dues
- 2008 Events
- New business

Guests

- Rick Thompson, Owner, Midwest Harvesting
- Tom Suerph, Waterfront Restoration

CLHA Board of Directors

Ron Mason, President

Harley Feldman, Treasurer

Joe Shneider, Secretary

Gregg Elliott

Jack Fess, Water Safety Committee

Dan Fields, Winter Party Committee

Tom Kelly

Miles Lord

Steve Midthun

Todd Novaczyk

Greg Swirtz, Milfoil Committee

2007 Summary

- Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk
 - 135 entrants
 - Donated \$1,000 to Harriett Tubman Center
 - Donated \$1,155 to Special Olympics Minnesota
- Fourth of July
 - “Famous Inventors and their Inventions – 1900-1930”
 - Decorated 10 boats and 15 docks
 - Party hosted by the Masons
- Milfoil harvesting
 - Two cuttings – late June, early August
 - \$4,000 grant from DNR
 - \$26,850
- Dues - \$200
 - 142 members – 111 paid (78%)

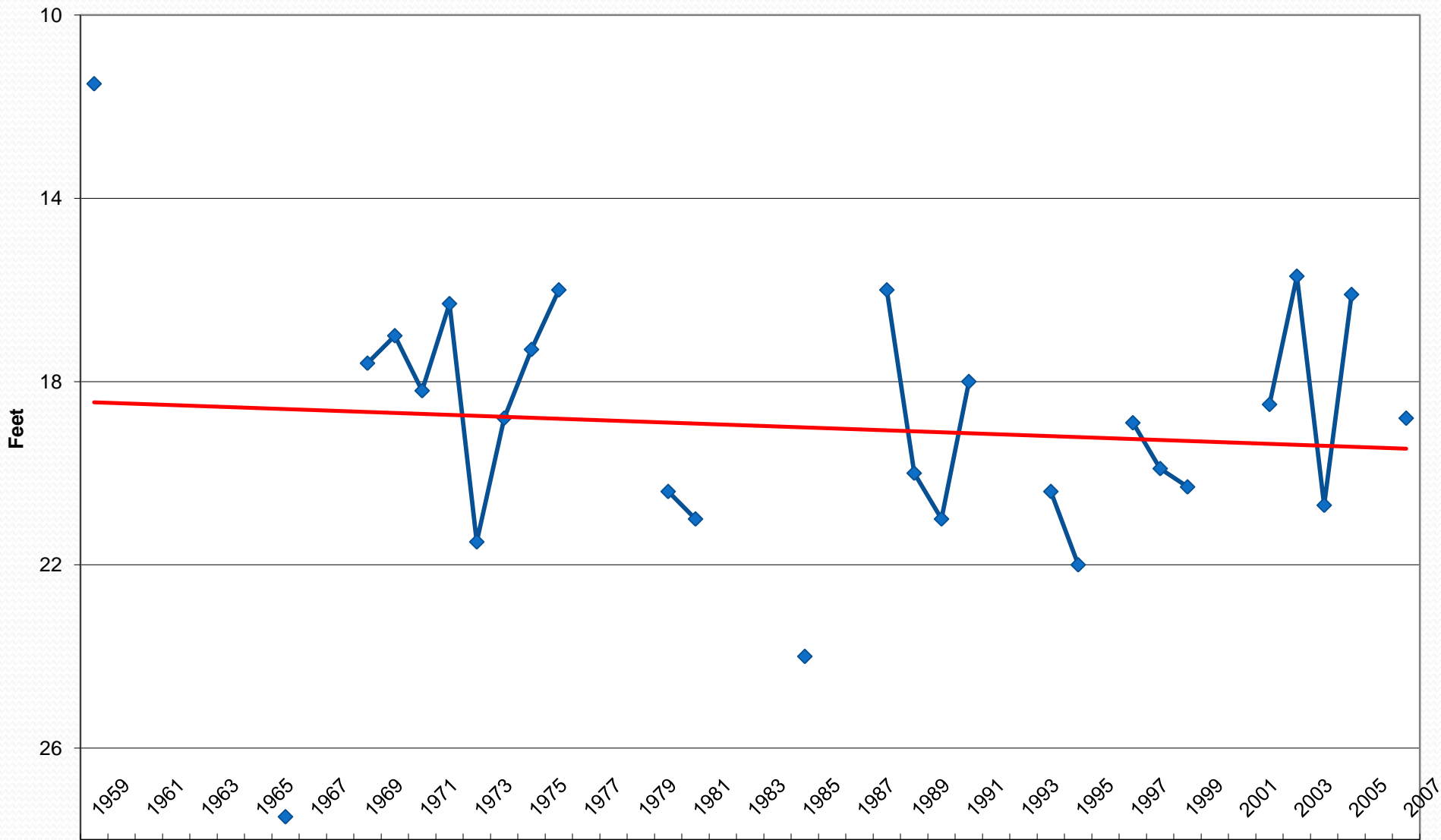
Lake Goals

- 1) Restore the lake condition as closely as possible to its natural chemical make-up, and promote a diverse native plant and animal community
- 2) Educate citizens about the lake's ecology and lake management techniques
- 3) Encourage a monitoring program to help evaluate the lake over time

Curry Creek Farms Problem

- Little progress
 - No communication from Bowen family – made several attempts
 - Interest from Chanhassen in completing project

Christmas Lake Water Clarity (Secchi Disc Transparency)

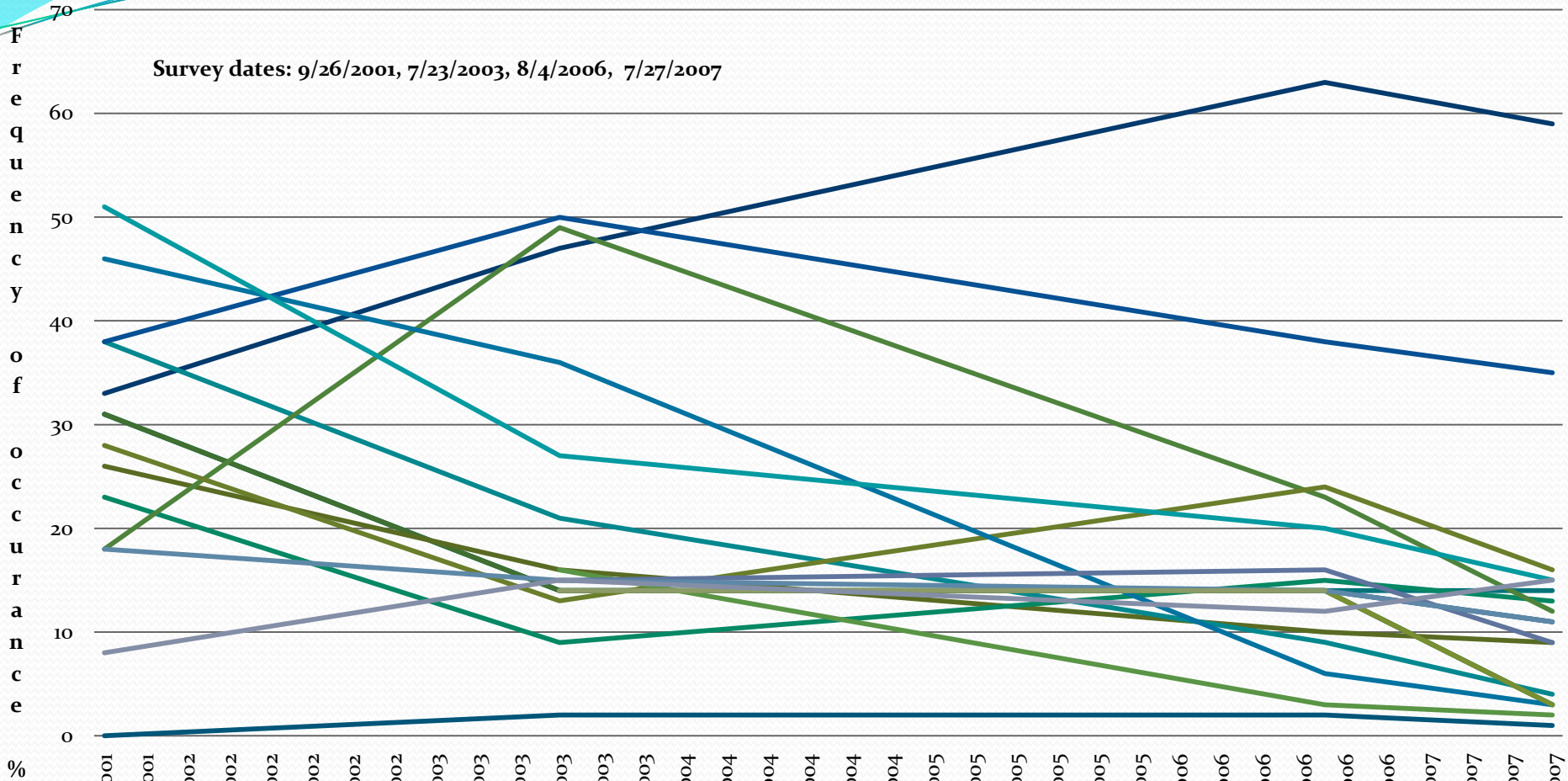


Christmas Lake EWM Issues

- Eurasian milfoil (EWM)
 - Obstacle to boating, recreation (nuisance)
 - Ecological damage (crowding out native plants)
- Lake Vegetation Management Plan
 - Mostly complete
 - Treatment plan still missing

Christmas Lake Vegetation Survey

Survey dates: 9/26/2001, 7/23/2003, 8/4/2006, 7/27/2007



- Eurasian watermilfoil
- Curlyleaf pondweed
- Largeleaf pondweed
- Illinois pondweed
- Floatingleaf pondweed
- Sago pondweed
- White-stem pondweed
- Stringy pondweed
- Claspingleaf pondweed
- Robbin's pondweed
- Flatstem pondweed
- Bushy pondweed
- Coontail
- Northern watermilfoil
- Wild
- Marsh
- Water crowfoot
- Water Stargrass
- Canadian waterweed
- Chara (Muskgrass)
- Star duckweed
- Spatterdock
- Nuphar sp.
- White waterlily
- Watermeal

DNR Meeting

July 16, 2007

- EWM, if unchecked, will likely continue damaging native aquatic plants, perhaps irreversibly.
- Christmas Lake, being mesotrophic and retaining a good diversity of native plants, fits MN DNR's profile for a good candidate lake for a whole-lake fluridone treatment or a triclopyr large area-treatment. That if EWM was controlled, meaning a reduction in its frequency of occurrence, native plants would probably increase.
- Both treatment options should be presented to CLHA members for their direction.

DNR Meeting

July 16, 2007

- Either treatment – fluridone or triclopyr – will require follow-up monitoring and spot treatments.
- There is a shared objective between the MN DNR and the CLHA as detailed in management objectives contained in the LVMP. The recommended treatment options, above, will be jointly presented to the CLHA membership.

Communications Meeting

January 10, 2008

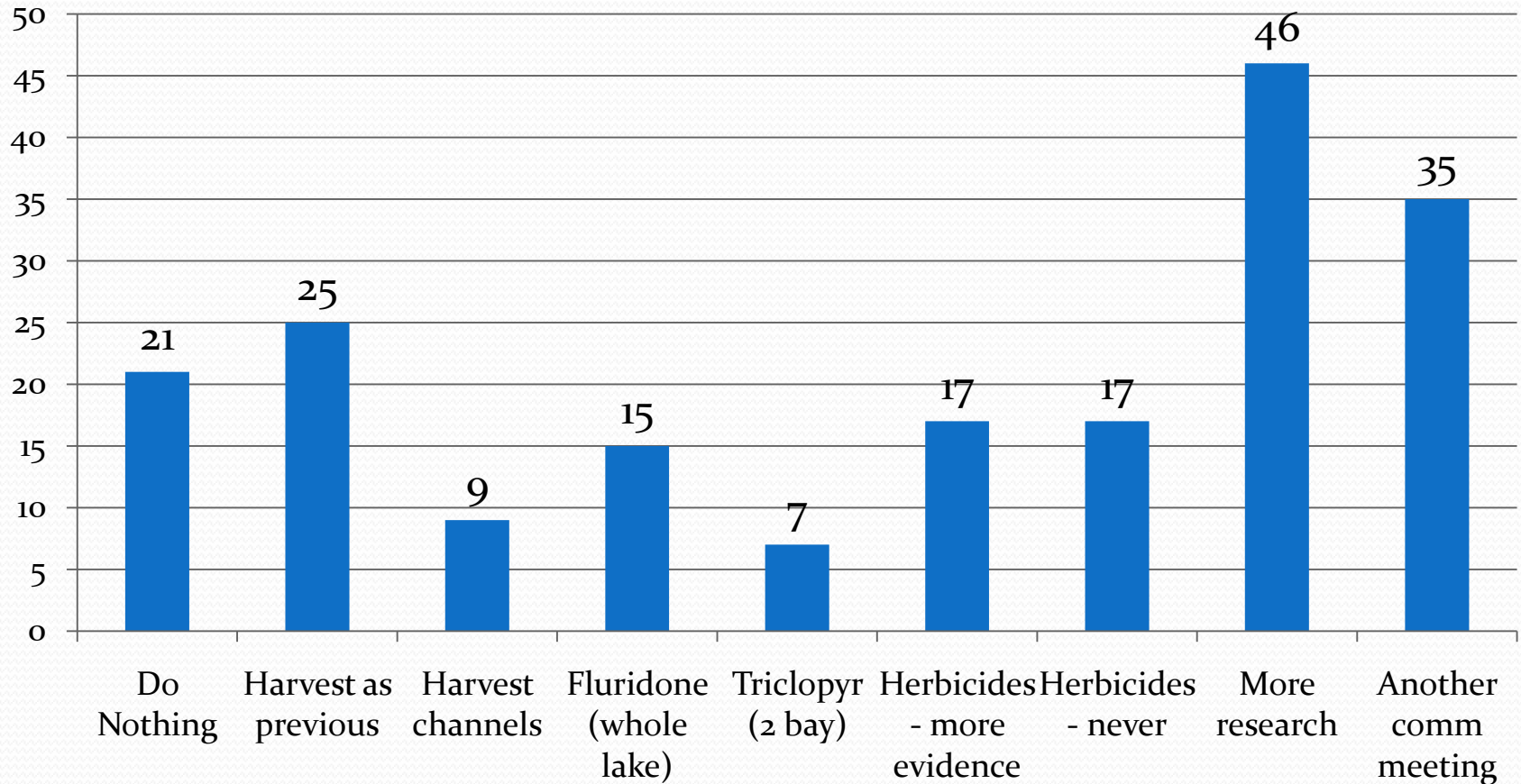
- 60 residents attended
- Guests
 - Chip Welling - EMW Coordinator, MN Department of Natural Resources
 - Steve McComas - Scientist, Blue Water Science
 - Dick Osgood - President and Certified Lake Manager, North American Lake Management Society (NALMS); Executive Director, Lake Minnetonka Association
 - Tom Snook - Lake Restoration

Communications Meeting

January 10, 2008

- Discussion, Q&A lasted 2 hours
- No consensus was reached
- Motion proposed and seconded to take a vote of the residents as to their wishes for EWM treatment

Ballot Results



Board Meeting

February 25, 2008

- Review of resident EWM ballots
- Several hours of discussion and motions
- Sense that residents want less harvesting but not herbicidal treatment
- Resolution passed
 - “For the 2008 summer season, the milfoil management decisions will be left to the individual homeowner. The Board will strongly discourage the individual use of herbicides, will coordinate the availability of a mechanical harvesting company and will offer other thoughts of stewardship in a letter to the membership.”
- Recommend dues at \$50 per property
- Technical Advisory Committee
 - Ron Mason, Gregg Elliott, Ed Szalapski, Jon Joseph, volunteers

2008 EWM Plan

- Mechanical harvesting
 - Contracted by individual homeowner
 - Best for large areas
- Scuba weed-pulling
 - Contracted by individual homeowner
 - Best for small areas
- Discourage the use of spot herbicides

Financial Statement

Beginning 2007 Cash Balance

\$ 40,534

Receipts:

2007 Dues	\$ 20,535
DNR grant for milfoil removal	\$ 4,000
2007 Fun Run Donations	<u>\$ 2,155</u>

Total Receipts \$ 26,690

Disbursements:

Water Quality and Milfoil Expense	\$(26,850)
Social Expense	\$ (231)
2006 Fun Run Disbursements	\$ (2,800)
Minnesota Lake Association/permits	\$ -
Legal Fees	\$ -
Tax filing	\$ (25)
Consulting fees	\$ (3,795)
Administrative Expense	<u>\$ (719)</u>

**Total
Disbursements \$(34,420)**

Ending 2007 Cash Balance

\$ 32,804

2008 Dues Recommendation

Task	Cost
Harvesting	-0-
Curry Creek Farms Project	(\$33,000 when done)
Memorial Day Run/4 th of July	\$500

Suggestion:

- Hold balance for Curry Creek Farms possibility
- \$50

2008 Events

- Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk
 - Monday, May 26 at 9:00
 - Cul de Sac end of Christmas Lake Road
- Fourth of July
 - Boat Parade at 1:00
 - Theme: Minnesota Historical Event
 - Party at Dan and Joni Fields
- Winter Communication Meeting mid-January
 - Latest research from Technical Advisory Committee
 - Board recommendation for Summer 2009

Boat Safety Classes

- At Schultz's dock
- Delivered by Walk on Water
- Students should have already completed DNR written test
- Call Dave or Peggy to schedule
 - May 10, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - May 18, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
 - June 14, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

New Business

- History Book Proposal – Maureen Bruce