

LAKE ALICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION STATEMENT

The Lake Alice Association has the following as a mission statement: **To protect, preserve and improve the integrity of Lake Alice and its eco-systems through education of and communication between concerned citizens.** This mission statement was written when the association first organized. If we closely examine that statement, I think that it is more valid today than the day it was written.

The continuing drought that we are experiencing throughout Northern Wisconsin is putting more pressure on all of the water resources. Thus we must maintain a constant watch to be sure that additional water from Lake Alice is not diverted to maintain the flow of the Wisconsin River.

The constant threat of invasive species is present on all bodies of water in Wisconsin. This may be in the form of plants or animals of various types which all are potentially harmful to Lake Alice.

We are entering into Phase 2 of our compressive lake plan and as a board have formally adopted the following: **The Lake Alice Association has committed to stewardship of Lake Alice by way of a lake management plan. At the 2008 annual meeting, the Association voted unanimously to move forward in developing a lake plan. After review and approval of the management plan developed in Phase 1 project, the plan was formally adapted through Board action.** The lake plan will identify any invasive species or other threats that may be present and will form a plan for dealing with any such threat.

The Association will support intelligent development on Lake Alice and will oppose those developments that could adversely affect the lake.

The Association must constantly be on the alert to any threat to the lake and will react addressing that threat.

Several years ago at the annual meeting the Board was directed to investigate what improvements could be implemented to improve the fishing on Lake Alice. We took several proposals to the DNR and working with their Fish Managers came up with a plan that would have all of Lake Alice from Kings Dam to Hat Rapids Dam comply with the general fishing season, that applies to most other inland bodies of water in Wisconsin, thus protecting spawning game fish in the lake and river. This proposal was taken to a state vote in the spring meetings and was overwhelmingly approved throughout the state. This action was not met with support from a small number of local people and the question to open the lake and river was again brought up at the spring DNR meeting, where it was approved by a small margin. This question was forwarded to the Warm Water Committee where it was opposed by the Lake Alice Association. On Dec. 5, 2009 the 28 member Warm Water Committee unanimously voted not to approve the proposed change.

The position of the board of directors is that we are in complete support of the lake management plan, fisheries change, mission statement and are committed to the continuing stewardship of Lake Alice.

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