

Bone Lake Property Owner Survey
Surveys mailed: 530; Surveys returned: 243
Response rate: 46%

1. Which of the following best describes how you use your property? Check one. (n = 240)

Year-round residence: 29, 12%
Year-round residence, but leave for all or most of the winter: 17, 7%
Year-round usage – weekend, vacation and/or holiday: 70, 29%
Seasonal usage – continued occupancy for months at a time: 21, 9%
Seasonal usage – weekend, vacation, and/or holiday: 99, 41%
Other, please specify: 4, 2%

Whenever for as long as possible.

Undeveloped property.

Half time between homes in MN and Bone Lake, alternating times.

Back lot.

2. How many years have you owned property on Bone Lake? (n = 239)

Average: 23 years

3. What recreational activities do you enjoy at Bone Lake? Check all that apply. (n = 240)

Open water fishing: 193, 80%
Swimming: 201, 84%
Enjoying peace and tranquility: 223, 93%
Enjoying the view: 227, 95%
Jet skiing/wake boarding/waterskiing: 110, 46%
Non-motorized boating (canoe/kayak): 112, 47%
Motorized boating: 208, 87%
Cross country skiing: 42, 18%
Hunting or trapping: 29, 12%
Observing wildlife: 179, 75%
Snowmobiling: 62, 26%
Sailing or wind surfing: 44, 18%
Ice fishing: 61, 25%
Other, list: 12, 5%

Sandbar

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Biking, walking

Remodeling cabin

Work on place

Hiking

Yard games, hiking in the woods, ATVirg

4 wheeling

Skating

Ice skating, snow shoeing, paddle boarding

Snowshoeing

4. Do you feed birds or other wildlife? (n = 242)

Yes: 111, 46%

No: 131, 54%

5. Do you put up nesting boxes for birds or other animals? (n = 242)

Yes: 85, 35%

No: 157, 65%

6. What is your overall satisfaction level with owning property on Bone Lake? Check one. (n = 240)

Highly satisfied: 158, 66%

Somewhat satisfied: 69, 29%

Somewhat dissatisfied: 10, 4%

Very dissatisfied: 3, 1%

7. What is your degree of concern associated with each issue listed below? If you believe the issue doesn't exist check the first column; if you believe the issue exists but is not a concern check the second column; and if the issue concerns you please rank your concern as low, medium, or high. (n = 238)

	<i>Issue doesn't exist</i>	<i>Exists, but not a concern</i>	<i>Low concern</i>	<i>Medium concern</i>	<i>High concern</i>
<i>Lack of water clarity (n = 226)</i>	21, 9%	22, 10%	45, 20%	81, 36%	57, 25%
<i>Excessive aquatic plant growth (n = 227)</i>	7, 3%	12, 5%	33, 15%	86, 38%	89, 39%
<i>New invasive species entering the lake (Eurasian water milfoil, zebra mussels) (n = 234)</i>	5, 2%	6, 3%	18, 8%	27, 12%	178, 76%
<i>Unsafe boat or personal water craft safety (n = 230)</i>	30, 13%	18, 8%	75, 33%	50, 22%	57, 25%
<i>Loss of natural scenery/beauty (n = 230)</i>	53, 23%	26, 11%	62, 27%	37, 16%	52, 23%
<i>Decreased Muskie population (n = 230)</i>	20, 9%	48, 21%	57, 25%	40, 17%	65, 28%
<i>Decreased wildlife population e.g. beavers (n = 228)</i>	38, 17%	39, 17%	87, 38%	48, 21%	16, 7%
<i>Bright shoreline lighting (n = 228)</i>	52, 23%	40, 18%	75, 33%	33, 14%	28, 12%
<i>Noise level on the lake (n = 232)</i>	35, 15%	40, 17%	80, 34%	49, 21%	28, 12%

Other, please specify:

Beach area.

Crappie sores.

Poor fish management.

Too many fishing tournaments with rude fishermen.

Spear fishing.

PWC activity during peak fishing hours

Loud and inconsiderate jet skiers. Novice boaters who drive too close to shore.

Neighbor noise after midnight.

Drunk loud neighbors.

Noise, rude neighbors.

We live in a much more peaceful area in Duluth than it is on Bone Lake on the summer weekend and weekdays surround the holidays.

Low water levels.

Low water levels.

Lake level low.

Water level.

North lagoon becoming unusable.

Dredge channel on North end.

Taxes.

Taxes.

High taxes.

Water quality.

Size/length regulation dockage.

Prohibitive excessive building regulations.

Suburban housing.

Owners allowing dogs to run freely into other's yards and gardens resulting in damage to property and requiring yard clean up of waste. Also no control over barking at all times of day/night.

8. In your opinion, have the following characteristics of Bone Lake improved, remained the same, or worsened since you've owned your lake property? (n = 235)

	<i>Improved</i>	<i>Remained the same</i>	<i>Worsened</i>	<i>Unsure</i>
<i>Aquatic plant growth (n = 227)</i>	21, 9%	85, 37%	104, 46%	17, 7%
<i>Quality of pan fishing (bluegills, crappie, perch) (n = 230)</i>	16, 7%	81, 35%	94, 41%	39, 17%
<i>Quality of Muskie fishing (n = 223)</i>	4, 2%	23, 10%	102, 46%	94, 42%
<i>Quality of bass fishing (n = 222)</i>	35, 16%	60, 27%	43, 19%	84, 38%
<i>Scenic/aesthetic quality of the lake (n = 223)</i>	10, 4%	165, 74%	40, 18%	8, 4%
<i>Quality of motorized boating (other than fishing) (n = 229)</i>	8, 3%	142, 62%	63, 28%	16, 7%
<i>Quality of non-motorized boating (canoe, kayak, sailing) (n = 229)</i>	25, 11%	140, 61%	14, 6%	50, 22%
<i>Quality of swimming (n = 228)</i>	8, 4%	133, 58%	72, 32%	15, 7%
<i>Diversity of wildlife (different types) (n = 227)</i>	36, 16%	134, 59%	20, 9%	37, 16%

9. Below is a list of landscaping practices designed to reduce runoff from your property. For each practice please indicate if you are unfamiliar with the practice, are familiar with the practice but have not installed it, have already installed the practice, or are planning to install the practice. (n = 231)

	Unfamiliar with the practice	Familiar but not installed	Already installed	Planning to install
Rain gardens (n = 219)	45, 21%	156, 71%	16, 7%	2, 1%
Rain barrels (n = 214)	31, 14%	168, 79%	11, 5%	4, 2%
10x30 shoreline planting offered by the Bone Lake District (n = 218)	67, 31%	130, 60%	15, 7%	6, 3%
Larger shoreline plantings (n = 216)	58, 27%	122, 56%	30, 14%	6, 3%
Native plants on your property (n = 223)	31, 14%	85, 38%	103, 46%	4, 2%
Infiltration pits or trenches (n= 215)	103, 48%	85, 40%	26, 12%	1, 0%
Water diversions (n = 218)	80, 37%	89, 41%	46, 21%	3, 1%
Not fertilizing or using zero phosphorus fertilizer (n = 227)	10, 4%	23, 10%	189, 83%	5, 2%

Other, please specify:

Feel this is not needed.

I don't fertilize.

We have kept our shoreline natural to help keep the lake clean.

Most of the property is left in natural habitat.

Shoreline is undisturbed native.

Allow 5 foot ice berm to prevent runoff. Home 450 feet back from lake. Already installed.

Retaining walls.

Installed a holding tank and have it pumped.

I'm a back lot.

10. Are you aware that Bone Lake has free, no obligation site visits by our consultant to help you identify practices on your property which would reduce runoff from your property and help improve Bone Lake's water clarity? (n = 236)

Yes: 160, 68%

No: 76, 32%

11. From the list below, please indicate any reasons preventing you from installing practices to reduce waterfront runoff on your property. Check all that apply. (n = 203)

My property doesn't impact the lake: 63, 31%

I don't believe the practices will help to improve the water clarity: 15, 7%

Takes too much time to install a practice: 8, 4%

Not enough space on my lot: 25, 12%

My neighbors may not like it: 7, 3%

Unsure how to install a practice: 42, 21%

Cost prohibitive: 48, 24%

I don't want to install a practice, please describe why: 17, 8%

Clean view of the lake.

Some practices may block view of lake.

We are low neighbors, on one side on higher ground. If no run off would be wet ground.

We have berms and swales, already had a consultant at our property.

Home is for sale.

Enjoy our cabin.

Fear of reduced swimming enjoyment due to unwanted wildlife, snakes, rodents, geese.

We have little if any runoff.

Like my current shoreline.

I like my shore as is.

We only have 35 feet of lakeshore, so any practice would reduce our recreational access. Neighbor already has 70 feet marsh area butting up to our property.

Dirt is too hard and we are older people.

My property is flat and has no runoff.

Don't want recorded on property deed records.

I don't want weeds on shoreline or natural planting.

We won't put up a huge wall as recommended. We wouldn't be able to see the lake. We have plants, rocks, and holding tanks.

Impact our ability to continue using our land and lake lakeshore for activities we enjoy.

Other (please describe): 61, 30%

Lake already adequately protected on my property.

I don't think we get much run off into the lake--we have a natural amount of soil and grass and natural plants on our shoreline.

Perennial gardens cover most of property as well as shrubbery/trees. We've mitigated runoff without costly and sometimes unattractive shoreline vegetation.

Our shoreline is still natural so I think we are fine?

Undeveloped property.

Already had someone come out :)

We already have plantings all along our shoreline, we don't use fertilizer.

90% of my lake front is natural untouched.

Already have shoreline plantings which are added to yearly--in addition ice heaves have wiped out shoreline planting in the past several years and have to be renewed and added to already.

Shoreline is undisturbed native.

My property is fairly natural as is.

We are improving our buffer by planting native plants.

We have a natural shoreline already on both sides of our point.

Our shoreline and steep hillside is "all natural" now clean back to house, 75-100 ft.

Currently maintain natural features in buffer zone and in water.

Already installed.

I have installed several retaining walls to slow down runoff.

Done!

Already installed.

Already have.

We have a natural shoreline.

Have taken steps.

Too be done in spring .

I'm going to apply, also, I've let the width x depth go natural for the past 20 years.

I am willing to learn more about what is available .

Will do as permitted.

Part of an association.

Condo association responsible.

I'm a back lot.

We are one lot off lake off east Bone Lake Lane.

I'm not on the lake.

Flat lot.

My property is very flat.

Do not use any chemicals or fertilizer anywhere on property. Lot is flat as a piece of paper and nothing runs off it.

No water runoff from property. Do not use fertilizer or phosphates.

We've designed our property not to impact water quality.

No runoff problems.

Honestly feel that we have minimal runoff into the lake.

I don't believe we have a big impact on our property.

The impact from our lot and limited use is very minimal.

We will do our best to prevent runoff.

Convert cistern, old draw fields and septic systems to holding tanks.

Do not want to affect view of lake.

Concerned it will impact view of the lakeshore.

Inhibits view of small children playing on shore and in lake. Safety issue.

Want it the way it always has been.

Don't like the look. Don't like others telling me what to do with my property.

Don't care for the aesthetics of many options.

Lazy--just want land to stay as is.

Too many other projects to do.

Much more concerned about runoff from surrounding farms, we do not fertilizer. Large lot with little runoff to lake.

My problem is not clarity, it is weeds in the water and I am not allowed to treat them and the association doesn't treat them either.

More education needed about how our properties impact lake.

I don't know the affects of our waterfront runoff.

Taking care of cabin first!

Last summer was first season with cabin, will get more involved this year.

We just built our cabin last summer, so we haven't started landscaping but would love suggestions/recommendations.

No time - hopping to get to it this year.

Revitalized my landscaping and had to redo and modify because it was considered hardscape. Others on the lake it's okay to have because at time it was installed it was approved practice. For some, it's okay and for some it's not – bullshit.

I don't use any chemicals, water runs down hill.

We wanted to do it ourselves due to cost difference but don't have time. Hard time getting calls back from contractors.

12. Which, if any, of the following would help motivate/convince you to install a practice to reduce waterfront runoff on your property? Check all that apply. (n = 203)

More how-to information about landscaping for water quality practices: 61, 30%

Training to learn how to install a practice: 26, 13%

Increasing the natural beauty of your property: 63, 31%

Improving the water quality of Bone Lake: 104, 51%

Improving the water quality around your property's shoreline: 85, 42%

Providing better habitat for fish: 80, 39%

Providing better habitat for birds and wildlife: 69, 34%

Setting an example for other lake residents: 41, 20%

Less lawn mowing time: 21, 10%

Financial assistance that pays a portion of the cost of installation: 59, 29%

No cost technical assistance that would identify appropriate practices to install: 47, 23%

I have no interest in installing water quality practice on my property: 46, 23%

Other, please describe: 31, 15%

Help in getting bids.

Not sure if I need it.

Not sure that I need any of the above.

We have no need to install.

Not an issue for us.

Runoff cannot reach lake.

I don't have runoff.

My husband is handicapped so I would need assistance.

Some alternative that we would find interesting (landscaping) are not allowed by zoning setback restrictions (short retaining wall to create land areas, permeable fire pit pavers).

Would require a plan that does not detract from our ability to use our shoreline and property for current activities we enjoy.

We do not apply chemicals of any kind, never have. Not grass seed or any fertilizer. It is all natural.

We already do this.

We have a water runoff buffer.

I already have no mow lot and plantings on the shore.

Already installed.

90% of my lake front is natural untouched.

Perennial gardens cover most of property as well as shrubbery/trees. We've mitigated runoff without costly and sometimes unattractive shoreline vegetation.

We have natural practices in place because of our lot configuration.

It is an undeveloped property.

We have left a large portion of our lot in natural habitation.

Working on a plan now.

Controlling pests.

More knowledge of the impact of NOT doing it.

I appreciated the financial support for upgrading our sewer system even though our use of the property is maybe 20 days per year. Therefore, I can't see much more we can do.

Not on lake front.

Property is not on lake.

Back lot.

Had consultant out and she said we have no problem.

Do not record on property deed.

None--selling property.

Give to association.

13. Which of the following do you consider the most desirable shoreline to own? Please answer this question for the area located directly adjacent to the lake. Check one. (n = 236)

Mowed/manicured lawn to shoreline: 80, 34%

Managed natural vegetation along shoreline: 102, 43%

Unmanaged natural vegetation along shoreline: 24, 10%

Trees and shrubs with cabins/lake homes that blend into environment: 99, 42%

Other, please describe: 9, 4%

Combination of unmanaged natural vegetation and trees.

Mix of wood and managed.

We have natural vegetation somewhat managed, but I believe most people find the manicure and mowed more desirable judging by most properties on the lake.

We have a berm that doesn't allow runoff into the lake.

We really like the rock-scape border at the water, natural vegetation is nice too.

Rocked shoreline.

Sandy shoreline for grandchildren and handicapped accessible to the dock.

Sandy beach.

Sand.

14. When out on your boat or looking across the lake, which type of shoreline do you prefer to see? Check one. (n = 236)

Mowed/manicured lawn to shoreline: 73, 31%

Managed natural vegetation along shoreline: 79, 33%

Unmanaged natural vegetation along shoreline: 34, 14%

Trees and shrubs with cabins/lake homes that blend into environment: 136, 58%

Other, please describe: 9, 4%

Sand.

Rocked shoreline.

Depends upon the slope of lot.

A mixture.

Virgin shoreline with no houses.

Beauty is a lot of different landscaping, or natural vegetation, but we need to do what will keep Bone Lake fresh and thriving for years to come.

Anything is fine.

A nice variety.

Whatever is easiest to maintain.

15. Please tell us if the following activities should be continued by the District to improve Bone Lake. (n= 240)

	Yes	No	Unsure
Continue to treat curly leaf pondweed (n = 225)	197, 88%	8, 4%	20, 9%
Programs to encourage rain gardens and waterfront plantings to reduce waterfront runoff from properties (n = 219)	154, 70%	10, 5%	55, 25%
Programs to control stream bank stabilization to reduce harmful water runoff from the watershed (n = 216)	159, 74%	4, 2%	53, 25%
Programs such as boat inspections and lake monitoring to help deter new aquatic invasive species (n = 238)	227, 95%	3, 1%	8, 3%
Lake fairs to share information on activities (n = 212)	126, 59%	19, 9%	67, 32%
Improve boat north landing (n = 217)	132, 61%	34, 16%	51, 24%
Incentives to upgrade non-conforming septic systems (n = 225)	191, 85%	13, 6%	21, 9%

Other, please specify:

*Signage to encourage participation in waterfront mitigation practices, placed along roads near Balsam Lake
Monitor fish mortality from bass tournaments*

Stock Muskies and hybrids

Stock Walleyes in the lake

Outlaw jet skis

Sign should be posted stating no power loading of boats and trailers

South landing "security" for unwanted species

Improve south landing too and monitor

Limit south landing to homeowners only

Dredge south boat landing more

Improve boat South Landing

CLOSE BOAT LANDING

Cement drop off is too severe

Enforce no mow 10' from shore.

Prohibit Fertilizer

Boom box noise. This has been a problem--loud music carries across lake.

Take care of farm run-off

Owners should pay their own way

16. Please tell us if the District should consider implementing the following activities for Bone Lake. (n = 239)

	Yes	No	Unsure
Increase acreage of curly leaf pondweed herbicide treatment (n = 236)	157, 67%	13, 6%	66, 28%
Increase boating regulation enforcement (n = 223)	97, 43%	72, 32%	54, 24%
Increase jet ski regulation enforcement (n = 227)	123, 54%	63, 28%	41, 18%

Other, please specify:

Improving fish habitat.

Educate tournament fisherman on proper etiquette.

Septic inspections.

Mandatory septic system upgrades..

Must enforce the very large wakes made by the ski boats that have wake surfing features. Especially those in the Sandy Hook Bay west side of Bone Lake. Shore erosion is affected.

11 AM noise level.

Sand bar noise control.

17. How do you prefer to receive information from the Bone Lake Management District?

(n = 240)

Newsletter: 196, 82%

Email: 98, 41%

Web site: 47, 20%

Annual Meeting: 39, 16%

Prefer not to receive information: 0, 0%

18. Do you receive the Bone Lake newsletter? (n = 242)

Yes: 229, 95%

No: 13, 5%

18a. If yes, how much of the newsletter do you read? (n = 222)

All: 203, 91%

Some: 19, 9%

None: 0, 0%

18b. If you read the newsletter, please rate your level of interest for the newsletter articles.

(n = 223)

Very interesting: 131, 59%

Somewhat interesting: 89, 40%

Not very interesting: 3, 1%

Not at all interesting: 0, 0

18c. Which of the following topics would you like to see included in the newsletter? (n = 218)

Children's column: 29, 13%

Teen column: 18, 8%

Guest column: 42, 19%

Property value improvement ideas/articles: 148, 68%

Photos or drawings by residents: 63, 29%

Lakeside cooking/recipes: 90, 41%

Fishing tips: 105, 48%

Bone Lake history, photos: 189, 87%

Other, specify: 10, 5%

Current reports on snow/ice during winter.

Recreation ideas: recreation activities planned at Bone Lake.

Gossip.

More opportunities for people to get to know each other on the lake.

Activities for other residents to meet one another.

Bone Lake Events.

Lake community type info.

Muskie updates, population, quality.

DNR column.

Crib building and installation per DNR requirements.

19. Are you aware of Bone Lake's website at www.bonelakewi.com? (n = 237)

Yes: 123, 52%

No: 114, 48%

19a. If yes, how many times have you visited the website in the past year? Provide your best estimate. (n = 120)

Average: 4 times

19b. Indicate if you agree or disagree with each statement as it pertains to your visit to the website. (n = 90)

	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>
<i>Easy to use (n = 90)</i>	<i>90, 100%</i>	<i>0, 0%</i>
<i>Easy to find what I want (n = 81)</i>	<i>78, 96%</i>	<i>3, 4%</i>
<i>Up to date (n = 75)</i>	<i>50, 67%</i>	<i>25, 33%</i>
<i>Contains useful information (n = 84)</i>	<i>80, 95%</i>	<i>4, 5%</i>
<i>Contains interesting information (n = 85)</i>	<i>80, 94%</i>	<i>5, 6%</i>
<i>Contains high quality information (n = 75)</i>	<i>65, 87%</i>	<i>10, 13%</i>

19c. Have you read and/or downloaded informative brochures and articles from the website?

(n = 115)

Yes: 36, 31%

No: 79, 69%

19d. If yes, please check all those that interested you. (n = 40)

Bone Lake Management Plan: 26, 65%

Aquatic Plant Management Plan: 24, 60%

Native plants brochures: 21, 53%

Lighting and light pollution reprints: 7, 18%

Bone Lake District budget/minutes: 14, 35%

Bird survey: 19, 48%

Sensitive areas survey: 15, 38%

Wildlife and wildlife mgmt. reprints: 7, 18%

Bone Lake newsletter pdf: 18, 45%

Please state any comments you have about the Bone Lake's website.

It would be nice if it was updated frequently during winter/spring regarding snow depth and ice thickness.

Site could be more updated on conditions, in/out, temperatures of water.

Just fine.

Forget that it's here. A periodic email with the link would be a good reminder to go there.

Live web cam would be great; maybe a resort/restaurant would co-locate of photos on the hour.

Don't download because I know where to find it.

20. Are you aware that Bone Lake publishes timely email announcements to subscribers?

(n = 234)

Yes: 65, 28%

No: 169, 72%

21. Have you subscribed to Bone Lake's e-mail list at bonelakewi.com? (n = 231)

Yes: 42, 18%

No: 189, 82%

22. Now that you know about the email list, how likely is it that you will subscribe?

(n = 176)

Definitely will: 56, 32%

Probably will: 72, 41%

Probably will not: 40, 23%

Definitely will not: 8, 5%

23. Do you want to keep having the Bone Lake sponsored fireworks around the 4th of July?

(n = 231)

No: 46, 20%

Yes: 185, 80%

23a. Are you willing to help pay for the fireworks, which rely 100% on donations? (n = 184)

Yes: 168, 91%

No: 16, 9%

24. In the past five years, how many Bone Lake Annual Meetings have you attended? (n = 237)

All: 13, 5%

Most: 29, 12%

Some: 21, 9%

Few: 33, 14%

None: 141, 59%

24a. What prevents you from attending the annual meeting? Check all that apply. (n = 202)

Too busy: 50, 25%

Conflicts with date and time: 130, 64%

Conflicts with location: 23, 11%

Meeting is not kid friendly: 1, 0%

Meeting isn't beneficial: 11, 5%

Meeting isn't worth my time: 5, 2%

Difficult to hear the speakers: 6, 3%

Forget the date, time, and location: 50, 25%

25. What would improve the meeting and/or encourage you to come? Check all that apply.

(n = 206)

A reminder post card with meeting date and proposed agenda: 106, 51%

Shorter meeting (not over two hours): 79, 38%

Free lunch after the meeting: 24, 12%

Guest speakers: topics such as fishing, boating, wildlife: 44, 21%

Raffles/door prizes: 20, 10%

Activities for children: 9, 4%

None of the above will encourage me to attend: 37, 18%

Other, please specify: 29, 14%

Nothing different.

Reminder email.

Reminder email.

Email reminder.

Reminder email.

Email reminders .

Email reminder.

Email reminders with a specific agenda.

Make it an event meeting/lunch/speakers/activity.

Gathering afterwards to socialize, discuss issues.

Not here at time of meeting.

Just need to be home when scheduled.

Don't pick holiday weekend to meet.

Not in prime summer time (Sept).

Location & calendar changes? More than 1 meeting opportunity.

I am in California.

Live out of state.

As a weekend user I don't want to sit in a meeting on a beautiful Saturday morning.

All time at lake is for relaxation.

Less bickering between attendees.

Not that interested, we spend very little time at our cabin.

We feel all the lake shore owners should attend. No motivation should be needed.

I don't need any encouragement to come and always try to be there.

Save your money, I'll come if available.

Create/review action plans, show progress/non progress around the whole lake. North side is worst!!

Less politics.

No kids or keep them in areas to not distract.

Speaker on taxes.

Never thought it was important to attend, but I will now pay attention to the agenda and consider it.

26. Volunteers are very important to help to improve Bone Lake. Would you like to learn more about available volunteer activities? (n = 208)

Yes: 79, 38%

No: 129, 62%

If you have any comments you would like to make, please use the back page.

Next year give the option to complete survey online.

I've only owned my property for 9 months. Haven't been out on the lake yet. Hard to answer some of these questions.

It is no longer worth living on Bone Lake. Taxes are out of sight and the Indians have ruined the eco-system of the lake. They slaughter the Muskies by the hundreds. We pay the taxes!! Know people who have sold and said they thought they hit the lottery as they didn't have to pay the taxes anymore. Start concentrating on taxes and putting fish back in the lake or no one will even use it anymore. Stop pretending in the newsletter like these subjects don't exist.

The fireworks should be shot off from a central lake location. The North End is dangerous if you live on the South End-- too many boats at too high speeds in the dark.

Can we get Balsam Lake Snowmobile Club to mark Bone Lake in winter? Many many snowmobiles complain about Bone not being marked. It provides safety and direction to people that have never been on Bone--even those families with Bone would like cones to mark lake from north to south. I volunteer my service to Balsam Lake Club and no one called me. I would be happy to help even keep cones and mark it myself. I hate weeds and weed lined shorelines. If I wanted to look at weeds on shoreline I would not be on Bone and pay these outrageous taxes.

Installed DNR cribs in the lake each winter - I would help with this; stock walleye fingerlings each year for five years, determine whether they would be self sustaining - I would help with this; determine why pan fish seem to be stunted in size, figure out how to grow them larger; don't allow power loading of boat at north landing or make a second landing or triple widen the existing landing, have one for non power loading and/or one for power loading.

A BIG "Thank you!!!" To all of you who volunteer your time to this effort to keep improving Bone Lake.

Is there a leash law at Bone Lake? Could this be addressed in a newsletter? Thanks!

Thank you for this survey!!!

Already on fisheries committee.

Something needs to be done about adjacent properties that do not mow. Weeds become 2 to 3' high. Evidently Polk County has no ordinance on that. This is around the house - not on the lakeshore.

A few vocal people do most of the talking [at the annual meeting] poorly managed.

What's with the airplanes practicing stunt flying over Bone Lake? On May 17th, 2012 at 5AM I was awoken by two planes driving back and forth 30 feet over my bedroom for 2 hours! Should I call the Sheriff or the FAA?

Never knew [annual] meetings existed.

I don't think I could help with this survey. We only use the land to deer hunt. Maybe 2 days a year.

Noise level is bad from loud radios and dog kennel.

I was on the council but voted off so have felt it best I not attend. Bone Lake is a high quality lake that needs to be managed for multiple use, fishing, water recreation, swimming, water skiing, etc. But at the same time protected for long term use of these multiple uses in years ahead. I'm always concerned when a one-user type, fishes, wildlife, naturalist, environmentalist, etc has a greater influence on how the lake is managed. I appreciate the opportunities to express in an open forum my personal opinion, and hope they have an impact on the future of Bone Lake. After 50 years, I believe I have something to contribute.

Just purchased cabin, spending most of the time remodeling so not qualified to answer some questions.

Do not wish to volunteer at this time, but maybe at a future date.

Major issues we need to deal with: 1 - algae blooms/water clarity; 2-There are many unsafe boaters, someone is bound to be killed, the issues are driving fast by docks and driving fast by other boats, MN boaters seem to be better educated about distance laws than WI boaters; 3-Our fish management is awful, lakes large and small around Bone have much better variety and abundance of fish, the obsession with Muskie is part of the problem, we should allow and promote/stock other species for sports and consumption, crappie, bass, pan fish, walleye, why does the DNR create 1 species (Muskie) lakes and then allow that species to go extinct via spearing? It spoils the lake for those who own and pay for the enjoyment.

Part-time resident - No more spearing by Indians, ruining musky fishing.

Concerned about jet skis and lack of regulations.

Too old for meeting, volunteering, don't have a computer.

Planning on retiring year around.

We are very grateful for the amazing increase in volunteer activities over the last 10 years on Bone Lake. Thank you for your time!

Live two hours away.

Not at this time, still employed full time.

Having enjoyed time spent on Bone Lake my entire life, I have become extremely disappointed with the lack of respect for peace and quiet. The constant sounds of fireworks being shot off year round, the traffic noise both on the lake and surrounding roads and people blasting music have become the norm rather than the exception. During holiday weekends we typically stay in the city and find it much quieter. We were planning to retire at the lake for 6-7 months of the year, but now realize it would be anything but relaxing. We have contacted a realtor and are seriously considering selling the property.

Just moved in.

One number one priority at north boat landing stating no boat power loading. Over the years, a lot of money and work has been done only to be undone by power loading boaters whom are careless and irresponsible.

There needs to be a curfew for jet skis and water skiers. I have been fishing in early am and have jet skis already out. I have fished in late to dark evenings and had water skiers and jet skiers continue to be out well after they should not. They seem to be drawn to someone fishing and most will pass by close a lot. There should be no jet ski or water skiing from 8 pm to 9 am to let people who want to fish be able to in peace for a while. It is not fun to be bouncing all the time. Boat regulations need to be enforced with fines. Boat and jet skis pass by my dock sometimes within 20 feet at high speeds. Need to look for boats before jumping off the dock.

Really need to do something regarding the fishing tournaments. Every time there is one, it's virtually impossible to sit on your dock without somebody casting and just about hitting you. They don't seem to care if you're there or if you are fishing on your dock. They cast right next to you and hit the boats. PLUS, there're not good about going to the landing to use the bathrooms, they just go to the back of the boat and go in the lake. In addition, whenever there's a bass tournament, and they do a weigh in at the north landing, we find multiple dead big bass in the following weeks washing up on our shore (we're south - across the lake from the landing). I wonder what happens to these bass that they catch from all over the lake and then after the weigh-in they release them all at the north end. Can't be good for the bass population.

I have donated to the fireworks for years and being at the south end can rarely see very much of it. The last few years, my 4th of July friends and guests have donated to the fallen heroes fireworks at the south end. The fireworks are great and it goes to a good cause. Why not have everyone donate to these fireworks and consider not having them at the north end.