



Shore Lines

"Promoting Safe Fun on Clean Lakes"

Cisco Dam: Past Present & Future?

Late in the 1800's and early in the 1900's our now connected Cisco Chain waters were separate lakes. The surrounding forest was mainly untouched and attracted the area's first important industry which was lumber.

After logs were cut, it became necessary to haul them to the existing railhead at Cisco Lake. In 1901 horse drawn wagons were the only method of transportation available and were largely inefficient, so Brooks and Ross Lumber Company constructed a "log crib" at its present location at the north end of Cisco Lake.

Logs could then be floated from Mamie and Thousand Island Lakes to the then existing railhead at Cisco Lake. Some years later after logging operations ceased, the "log crib" was abandoned and caused the water level of the Cisco Chain to drop six feet.

In 1922 as a result of the lower water level, interested parties including resort owners and residents raised money to build the concrete dam that still exists in a renovated form.

Following a public hearing in 1938, it was established that the normal water level of the Chain would be forty-four inches from the cement walk at the top of the dam and that a twelve inch draw down would take place in mid

September of each year. That plan was replaced in 1947 by Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) management who has maintained the water level within much tighter tolerance parameters, according to levels



Outtake of Water Flowing from Cisco Dam

set forth by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Two years ago (2008-2009) Cisco Lake Dam was completely rebuilt by UPPCO. Finally, during the past year (2010), UPPCO was acquired by a larger energy entity, Integrys who has a policy of divesting itself of all non-power generating dams. Cisco Dam is now for sale and CCROA has rights of first refusal.

Currently, your Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association (CCROA) officers are in negotiations and are working diligently with Integrys (parent company of UPPCO and perhaps other entities. If all goes well, FERC will have to approve the CCROA

as a creditable dam owner and the licensing transfer from FERC to the state of Michigan.

Issues to be considered are cost, maintenance, and liability. It is imperative that members are apprised of all aspects of this issue, especially the consequence of non ownership. Many more details will be available at our annual business meeting scheduled on July 14, 2011, 9:30 A.M. at Cisco Lake Resort, at our annual picnic scheduled on July 16, 2011 at 11:30 A.M. at Bent's Camp and in future issues of Shore Lines.

It is extremely important that all members make every effort to attend these meeting

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FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST

June 19, 2011, 8:00 A.M.
Bent's Camp

CCROA BUSINESS MEETING

July 14, 2011, 9:30 A.M.
Cisco lake Resort

ANNUAL CCROA PICNIC

July 16, 2011, 11:30 A.M.
Bents Camp

Conversations with Kully

Welcome back to summer 2011. We have had a wild and wooly spring and now its time for summer fun.

First of all, Father's Day Breakfast at Bent's Camp. Then there is an important annual meeting and a very important annual picnic. You can read all about those events elsewhere in this issue of Shore Lines. After this issue, your Association will be giving you all the information concerning our effort to keep control of water levels on the Chain.

The power company and their parent company are divesting themselves of all non-power generating dams and, of course, the Cisco Dam is one of those. We don't think we can take the chance that an organization such as American Rivers, or one that is similarly dedicated to removing all dams to allow rivers to flow freely, might step forward and make an offer for the dam.

We will apprise our members of all of the information that we have collected since this project started

last January 2011. We have a long way to go but right now we need approval from the vast majority of our membership, in order to proceed.

I needn't tell everyone what would happen if the dam were opened and allowed to "free-flow." The chain level would drop about five feet and we wouldn't have a chain and also would have a series of lakes with dropping property values. Just think about which channels are five feet deep or less!

Yes, it will cost some money to get control of the dam. How much is still under review, but it will not be anything compared with the down side. Our costs may be \$2000 per year in total. There will be an initial purchase outlay but again we think the money will not be too difficult to obtain. We will probably have a special information issue or two of Shore Lines and a full question and answer session at both the annual meeting and at the picnic.



By mid July we will have a full membership of dam experts. If you can't get to the picnic or annual meeting, we ask that you make sure to vote by one of the many ballots available to you very soon.

Remember, our by-laws allow one vote per membership and that membership must be current. Any of the board members should be able to answer questions about this project. If you stump one of them you can get the answer from Wes Kiley or me. Stay tuned for a block buster summer!

Kully Rohlen, President

CCROA Annual Meeting 2011

Since 2008, in response to many suggestions from members, the Annual Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association Meeting is now convened each year on the third Thursday of July. Previously, Association business matters, including election of officers, were conducted at our annual picnic. The change was implemented so that adequate time would be allowed for members to voice any questions or concerns on all matters addressed by the Board. This year our annual meeting is critical as the Officers and Board Members of CCROA are in are in discussion with

several entities regarding the sale of Cisco Dam. As the dam controls the water level of the entire Cisco Chain, related



Members in Discussion

discussion and member input is extremely important and critical

to the process.

This year our annual meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. at Cisco Lake Resort. Board members, lake representatives and guest speakers will be in attendance. As print space is limited in this issue, the agenda and complete minutes of the previous annual meeting of 2010, subject to member's approval, will be available prior to our meeting.

Refreshments including coffee, tea and doughnuts will be available. We wish to thank Cisco Lake Resort for the use of the pavilion.

CCROA Picnic and Summerfest 2011

Mark your calendars; tell your friends and neighbors! The date for this season's Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association's Annual Picnic and Summerfest is Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 11:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. at Bent's Camp Resort. Our entire community is welcome, so do not hesitate to invite friends, neighbors and relatives. Great fun is planned; come one, come all, come rain come shine!

Laurie Cooney, Lindsley Lake Representative, is energetically planning and has added several events to the fun filled agenda. Scheduled events will include

a dunk tank (with several familiar faces poised to take the plunge), carnival style games, updated obnoxious obstacle course and children's games with many prizes awarded. A pop corn vending machine will be available for pre meal snacking.

Helen Hayhurst, Clearwater



Three Kings and a Queen

Lake Rep and raffle facilitator supreme is busy organizing volunteers, collecting donations and will once again host this exciting event. Tickets are purchased at the picnic and are sold either individually or by the ever popular "arms length" method. There will be many valuable prizes donated by local merchants and Northwoods artisans. Proceeds from the raffle will be deposited into CCROA's Invasive Species Fund or used for other necessary CCROA activities. Also, from 11:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. a networking tent will feature local

businesses who are supporters of CCROA.

The picnic dinner menu will include broasted chicken, pasta salad, bean salad, cole

slaw and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Beverages including wine, beer, soda pop and bottled water will be available for purchase. The cost per prepaid dinner tickets is

\$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ten years of age and younger.



As an added incentive to reserve in advance, a "special prize" drawing ticket will be awarded for each adult prepaid dinner purchased. Dinner tickets purchased on the day of the event will be \$11.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Please use the picnic reservation form available at the bottom of this page and note that it must be received no later than Tuesday, July 12th. Your prepaid dinner tickets and "special prize" raffle tickets will be available for pick-up at the first membership table when you arrive at the picnic.

You are encouraged to take the opportunity to verify your membership status so that you can vote on the Cisco Dam issue and receive future issues of Shore Lines and other important mailings. Further questions regarding picnic dinner reservations and membership may be directed to Denise Fauntleroy at 906-358-0106.

Laurie Cooney, Lindsley Lake

Picnic Reservation Form

Reservation in the Name of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

No. of Adult Meals: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

No. of Children's Meals (Age 10 and under): _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Volunteer to work at the picnic: _____

By Tuesday, July 12th, mail checks to:

CCROA, 19086 Fish Hawk Road, Watersmeet, MI 49969

(Contact Denise Fauntleroy at 906-358-0106 or at fishhawk0106@gmail.com)

Father's Day Benefit Breakfast 2011



The Barney's at Breakfast

The Cisco Chain Riparian Owners Association (CCROA) is once again sponsoring our Fourth Annual Father's Day Benefit Breakfast at Bent's Camp. Bring your father, Dad, Grandpa, Pop, Daddy-O, or just come for a yummy breakfast! The event

takes place on Sunday, June 19, 2011, serving between 8: A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

We are especially appreciative that Amy and Craig Kusick, new owners of Bent's Camp, will donate their time, cooking skills, and the food, too. Your friendly volunteer waitresses will be serving platters of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is only \$8.00 per person and \$4.00 for children six years of age or under.

Our reigning Milfoil Queen,

Millie (a.k.a Helen Hayhurst) will be asking for your donations and a chance to win a coveted prize by answering trivia questions. You can also win money by entering the 50/50 raffle. It's an enjoyable and easy way to celebrate Father's Day and also to support your CCROA. All proceeds will go to the CCROA for ongoing projects including managing invasive species. For more information, call Helen Hayhurst, 906-358-4125 or Amy at Bent's Camp, 715-547-3487.

Helen Hayhurst, Clearwater Lake

Benefits of Honey and Cinnamon

Honey is the only food on the planet that will not spoil or rot. When honey was discovered in the tomb of King Tutankhamun, it was assessed to still be edible. In reality it will do what some call "turning to sugar". Honey is always honey, but when left in a cool dark place for an extended amount of time honey will crystallize. When this happens, loosen the lid of the container and

place it into boiling hot water. This will allow the honey to return to its original, somewhat clear and liquid state. It will become good as new! Never boil honey or place it in a microwave because doing so will destroy its enzymes.

Recently honey has been studied as a remedy for many diseases and it appears that it can be used without the danger of side effects. If taken in proper dosage it does not seem to harm even diabetic patients. Weekly World News, a Canadian publication has listed a number of diseases on which honey has positive effects. Here are a few examples:

Heart Disease: A paste made of cinnamon and honey used instead of jelly or jam at breakfast reduces cholesterol.

Arthritis: One cup of hot water, two teaspoons of honey and one teaspoon of cinnamon powder taken morning and night can cure some arthritis. In a Copenhagen University study 73 of 200 patients found relief.

Indigestion: Cinnamon sprinkled on two tablespoons of honey and taken before

eating relieves acidity and aids with digestion.



Colds: One tablespoon of lukewarm honey with 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon powder taken daily for three days will cure most chronic coughs, colds and sinus conditions.

Upset Stomach: One tablespoon of honey taken with 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon cures stomach ache and also clears stomach ulcers from the root.

Bladders Infection: Two tablespoons of cinnamon and one teaspoon of honey in a glass of lukewarm water destroys germs in the bladder.

Skin Blemishes: Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a band-aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile and usually heals overnight.

As with all home remedies, individuals must decide for themselves which options might be appropriate for their situation. It seems that a natural solution, if effective, would be preferable to taking synthetic drugs. For additional information, including many more suggested uses for honey and cinnamon visit website manatureshelper@yahoo.com.

Lake Monitoring

In summer's past all monitoring for invasive plant species, especially Eurasian Milfoil and Curly leaf pondweed, was accomplished by your CCROA board members and lake representatives. This responsibility is time consuming and requires much vigilance as infestations can quickly grow out of control and threaten our lakes. We are pleased to report that this year, three organizations will share this task: Northland College students will cover the Michigan area to the state line division with Wisconsin, Wisconsin DNR will be monitoring Big, West Bay and Mamie Lakes and ISCCW (Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet) will survey a area north of Lindsley Lake. So if you observe this activity on your lake, please stop and thank these individuals for their efforts and support.

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so that their questions, opinions and input are heard. Our CCROA constitution and bylaws require that a majority of members must vote and be in favor of such an initiative. Ballots will be available at our business meeting, picnic and in future issues of Shore Lines. Please be reminded that in order to vote, our bylaws stipulate that CCROA dues must be current. Also paid to date membership is required to receive current issues of Shore Lines. You may contact Denise Fauntleroy, Membership Chair at 906-358-0106 or fishhawk0106@gmail.com to verify the current status of your CCROA membership.

Needless to say, the possibility of opening (basically removing) Cisco Dam would have enormous

impact on our Chain. In the past, when other non-power generating dams have been sold some buyers opened their gates and let the waters run free. If opened,



Intake of Water flowing into Cisco Dam

Cisco Lake Dam would drop the water level of all connected lakes at least five or even six feet as has happened in the past, navigation between individual lakes would be impossible and we would cease to be a chain, thus no

need for the CCROA. In addition to declining property value, the riparian nature of our wetlands would be diminished or could disappear with many species of animal, fish and bird life affected.

You are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming meetings, or if you are unable to attend, please contact any of your Board Members or Lake Representatives whose names are listed on the back cover of Shore Lines. As previously stated, more written communication will follow in Shore Lines including your ballot.

Your Association wants every member to become as educated as possible before you vote on this critically important issue.

*Gloria Andersen
Shore Lines Editor*

CISCO CHAIN RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011-2012

NEW RENEWAL

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ e-mail Address _____
 Name of Lake _____ Lake Address _____
 Lake Phone _____ Lake e-mail Address _____

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Advance payments are welcomed. Just indicate how many years in advance you wish to pay _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Lifetime Membership is only \$450.00. Amount Enclosed: _____

Amount of invasive species donation: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CISCO CHAIN RIPARIAN OWNERS ASSN.

MAIL TO: CCROA P.O. BOX 687 WATERSMEET, MI 49969-0687

Be a Volunteer! Here is an opportunity to join in and make a difference!

Officer or Lake Representative _____ Picnic Volunteer _____ (only takes one hour of your time)

Seasonal Committee _____ Educate at Boat Ramps _____