



LAKE SHORE ASSOCIATION

Lake Shore Association

Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329

September 2004



FALL IS HERE!



Please be extra careful driving on Halloween Night. We don't want any *Little Goblins* getting hurt.

REMINDER – CALENDAR of EVENTS:

October 16 There will be a free household hazardous waste collection at the Greenville Fairgrounds. This is a great time to get rid of paint thinner, oil and other hazardous waste safely. They will take almost anything.

November 2 Remember to **Vote** at Winfield Township

ANNUAL MEETING – What a *success!!!!*

Thank you members for all your suggestions. We had over 100 people at the meeting. This is one of the best meeting in a long time. Maybe next year we will have 200 people. Several topics and concerns were brought up and we hope to address them all within the next year.

Also, for those who could not attend the meeting we have included copies of the reports given by the board members and the committees. These reports will also be posted on our website by October 15th. Due to time restrictions and our regular jobs some reports will be printed in the next newsletter. We are sorry about the delay.

The year-end was in August and we will now have the financial statement audited. We will report the findings in the November Newsletter.



Also discussed at the annual meeting is the fast driving by some of the members around the lake. Please remember to slow it down, 25 mph unless posted 35 mph. Arbogast has the largest number of complaints with speeders. REMEMBER to slow down, there are children playing.

WEED COMMITTEE:

It was decided at the annual meeting by the members through a vote that the weed kill would be addressed in the spring more aggressively. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Tom Kropewnicki at 231-937-9973.

LAKE LEVEL:

The lake level is now down close to seven inches. It is time to be very careful. Both pumps are still running, but Mother Nature hasn't provided any rain.

Remember, it is illegal to pump water from the lake to your yards.



FERTILIZER:

When fertilizing your yards this year, please *do not* use fertilizer that contains *phosphorous*. Phosphorous encourages algae and weed growth.

PAVILLON RENOVATION:



Work is continuing on the pavilion. Plumbing will soon be started. The County has approved a parking lot.

We presently have Wayne Williams for electrical, Mitch Visser as plumber, and Don Postma will install the tile and, of course, Dave VanDam is the licensed contract heading the project.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE HELPING.

TEEPEE ISLAND:



The Teepee will hopefully be refaced before winter. We hope to install a flag system on the top of the teepee to help inform you of the water level. A green flag will be posted when the water level is normal to 3" below normal. A yellow flag will be posted when the lake is 4" to 5" below normal. A red flag will be posted for anything below 5". This will help you determine how close to the stump areas you may want to go. We all have bumped a stump or two with a prop when the water is low. We hope this will help give you a heads up.

There is a picnic table on Teepee Island. Enjoy!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

If you know of anyone who has recently moved to the lake, please notify or have the new members notify one of the below listed members in order to receive their "Welcome Packet." In order to make this committee successful they need your help. To date the welcoming committee has issued 8 "Welcome Packets". We are adding to our welcome packets as we receive input. We want to thank Vinnie's Video & Lattitudes for their contributions to our welcome packets.

Nancy Bradley - 616-889-4955

Judy Ockerman – 231-937-9395

John or Lorie Collier - 616-498-046

NEW BULLETIN BOARDS:

If you haven't noticed the new bulletin boards, they are now installed. One at the entrance and one at the pump house. There is also a paved drive by the pump house. The new bulletin board at the pump house will be for real estate information and lake maps.

Matt Zudwig also made us some new street signs for better direction at the entrance. They will be installed soon. Thanks Matt!

Would whoever took the key from the bulletin board at the entrance, please return to Steve Prichard.

NEWSLETTER COST:

Thanks to all the members who have called the newsletter committee stating they would go to the lake association website to pick up their newsletter. This certainly helps reduce the cost.



Please go to our website at www.indianlakes.org and pick up your copy of the newsletter. It is also in COLOR on the website.

The newsletter will be posted to the website on the following dates:

January 30, March 30, May 30, July 30, September 30, and November 30 each year.

SPECIAL PRAYERS:



Please wish a speedy recovery for Hunter Brimmer.

Please say a prayer for Paul Church and his family as Paul's father just had major heart surgery.

Thanks for all your prayers. Shellie and Tom Benjamin are on to a fine recovery.

Please remember to keep Jim and Karen Willcox in your thoughts and say a special prayer for her.

Our thoughts go out to Jim Van Dyke at this difficult time.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

Just a reminder that if any member needs help, please call. **We need members willing to volunteer.**

If you need assistance or know anyone that does, please contact Lori at 231-937-9973. We can arrange for a ride, meal, lawn work, buying groceries, or other tasks that may be needed.

If you can volunteer please call Lori at 231-937-9973 or Steve at 231-937-5010



SURVEY:

Soon all members will be sent a survey highlighting certain issues or concerns that the members have brought to the boards attention. This survey will help the board revise the bylaws. A draft of the bylaws will be mailed to all members for them to review. Once a final draft is completed a vote will be taken as to whether or not the association will adopted the new bylaws. PLEASE complete and mail the survey. We need your input and help.

DOGS:

Biting, barking, and charging animals have been a real problem in the area. Please be a responsible dog owner and respect your neighbors and members of the lake. Your Dog must be controlled on your property. All dogs must be on a leash when they leave your property. Barking dogs can be a nuisance to your neighbors.



ROAD COMMITTEE:

We need volunteers for a road committee. This committee will be responsible for using information from Montcalm County as to the cost of total repair, upgrading and paving of our roads. They will be responsible for talking with other associations that have had their roads fixed and how to go about it. When they have gathered all the information they will report the information o all the members and obtain a vote as to whether or not the Lake members want a special assessment for road improvements or continue working with the township.

Since Roads were one of the concerns addressed at the Annual meeting we felt that this would be the correct way to go about solving the problem.

Please contact Steve at 231-937-5010 if you would like to be on the committee.

Area News:

The Red Hatters have arrived in Howard City! Join us for fun and conversation. Our first outing will be October 19th at 7:00 pm at the Chinese restaurant in Newaygo. We will meet with another group. 50 years + wear a red hat and purple shirt. (the hat is not a must but the purple shirt is).

Please see the attached flyer on page 8 for further information.

BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
Vice President – Doug Cooke	616-784-8934
Treasurer – Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6762
Trustee – Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Tammy Williams	231-937-6762
Lori Kropewnicki	231-937-9973
Nancy Bradley	616-889-4955
Sherrie Gerrits	616-437-5378
Lorie Collier	616-498-0463

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

John & Lorie Collier	616-498-0463
Nancy Bradley	616-889-4955
Judy Ockerman	231-937-9395

LAKES & STREAMS COMMITTEE:

Tom Kropewnicki	231-937-9973
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CLASSIFIED ADS:

We are starting a new classified section and we will be advertising businesses allowing for revenue to help reduce the cost of the newsletter. This will always be the final page of the newsletter.



2003 12' Jon Boat \$900.00 with trailer, trolling motor, battery & oars. \$900.00

Contact: Matt Zudwig- 231-206-7660

Pontoon Trailer: - 231-937-9973

A pontoon trailer is available for anyone who needs their boat put in the water and taken out of the water at the end of the season:

Contact: Tom – 231-937-9973

**Charge: \$25 for putting the boat in and out of the water for the season
\$15 for one way**

If anyone has an ad they would like to have placed in the newsletter, please call a member of the newsletter committee. The members and their telephone numbers are listed above. We will need all ads by the middle of October to run them in the November newsletter.

LOST AND FOUND:

Found – a two man-raft – contact Steve Pritchard 231-937-5010.

Found – a wristwatch – contact Steve Pritchard 231-937-5010.

Lost – prescription glasses – contact Tammy Williams 231-937-6762.

VOTE for STEVE PRITCHARD as TRUSTEE for WINFIELD TOWNSHIP:

Thank you for your support in the Primaries! I will need your help again on November 2nd. I feel strongly that we need a voice on the township board. We have been known as those people at Indian Lake, they can fix their own problems. It is time to get involved with the township board, and get things evened out among all citizens. We need better fire protection ,police patrol and more money for the roads. Is it even possible.? We are not all farmers that live in this township. Indian Lakes provide approximately 40% of the tax base for Winfield Township. Indian Lake has grown and is still growing. Who knows we may hit 50%.

Help me help you with your vote on November 2nd.

**Thank you,
Steve Pritchard**

(This ad has been paid for by the Committee to Elect Steve Pritchard.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 2004.

Presiding President: Steve Pritchard (October 2003 thru August 2004)

Item accomplished:

- Scheduled monthly board meetings
- Created Smoke Signal Committee
- Preside at Smoke Signal Meetings
- Created Weed Control Committee
- Improved communications with Drain Commissioner, Don Cooper
- Had Don Cooper come to a board meeting and educate all of us.
- Got involved with the lake pumps by working with John Wesveer to be come familiar with pumps, wells, dams and the burn
- Met with the Engineering group, Don Cooper and John Westveer to discuss an action plan for the current wells and new well.
- Improved communications with Zoning Administrator Bobby Hall.
- Had Bobby Hall come to a board meeting and discuss our concerns and his.
- Improved communications with township officials
- Headed up lake side clean up day.
- Assisted in Park cleanup day
- Assisted in Park maintenance, improvements and Teepee Island.
- Assisted in new signs (entrance, bulletin boards and soon street signs).
- Assisted in Pavilion remodeling, (permits, bids, and health dept.)
- Had parks survey and some fenced
- Had boat ramp fixed with new stone
- Made anchors and installed new no wake buoys
- Helped stain new picnic tables and assisted in delivering to parks
- Assisted in revision of bi laws
- Currently killing purple loose strife in parks
- Tried to return all calls and handle many miscellaneous items
- Currently running for township trustee.

Future Plans:

- Continue supporting all committees
- Get our roads fixed
- Vote on new bi laws
- Continued park improvements and fencing
- Finish pavilion and maybe add a parking lot
- Continue communication with the Drain Commissioner and Zoning Administrator
- Better Police Patrol
- New boat sticker system
- Streetlights
- Winter Festival
- Golf outing

SECRETARY'S REPORT AUGUST 2004

Tammy Williams

Items accomplished:

Very active in enforcing boat stickers and guest passes
Involved with the Smoke Signals Committee
Clean up of Teepee Island
Trimming & clean up of cedar park
New tables and chairs for Pavilion
Assisted with placing swimming area buoys in parks

Enforcing the gate at the boat ramp
Renting and Cleaning of the Pavilion
Removal of old picnic tables, setting of new
Shoveling of sand at Waterslide park
Organized the Easter Egg hunt with prizes
Attended board meetings

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SECRETARY'S REPORT AUGUST 2004

Tammy Williams

Future Plans:

Have some sort of security on the lake.
Hold monthly activities in the pavilion (bingo, arts & crafts)
An office for the board in the pump shed
Variety of playground equipment at all parks
Winter activities for lake members
Halloween party for kids around the lake
Set up Community Child Watch Program

Have the teepee redone and painted
Electric to pump shed
New boat stickers
Light at the boat ramp for safety and security
Paint faded playground equipment
Set up neighborhood watch program

TRUSTEE'S REPORT AUGUST 2004

Ray Brimmer

Items accomplished:

Weekly cleaning at Birch Park
Instillation of Swim Buoys at all parks
Pick up of new tables & chairs for Pavilion
Cleaning and grooming of Teepee Island
Assisted in placement of no wake buoys
Shoveled sand at Birch Point beach
Monitored dumpster on Trash removal day
Assisted in instillation of playground equipment
Trash pick up from Apache Trl. to entrance (whole family)

Locking and un-locking of bathrooms
Initiated Clean up at Cedar Park
Allocated picnic tables at parks
Marking of stumps with orange & whit jugs
Designated dock spaces
Installation of new floating swim area ropes
Instillation of Goose String at Birch Park
Gave real estate agents dock space info
Filled holes at boat ramp

Future Plans:

Horse shoe pits at all parks
Spring animals at parks
Picnic Tables at Burmania Point and Teepee Island
Lights at Boat launch
Remove Bath houses

Grills at parks
Walkway at Cedar point park
Electric to pump house and remodeling
Parking area at Cedar Point Park
Fence in pump house

SMOKE SIGNALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Items accomplished:

Bi-monthly meetings with the President
Started Helping Neighbors corner
Started lost & found section
Reported address changes and ownership changes to Paul Church

Printing and mailing of the Smoke signals
Started Classified section for members

Future Plans:

Start a classified Section for Businesses to create revenue to offset the newsletter cost
Get more members to visit the website to obtain information
Keep you informed as the lake grows.

Business Classifieds

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Howard City, MI 49329

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937-4579

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Give a member of the Smoke Signals a Call!***