



Smoke Signals

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Information to LSA Members *Dues*

In accordance with past practices and the requirements of our Association By-laws, the Board of Directors has issued "Dues Statements" for the annual dues which are due and payable on or before April 1.

As we all know, there have been three dues increase initiatives in the past year and a half. None of them were successful. Thus, the Association must control its expenses to coincide with the available revenues from the current \$150.00 annual dues amount.

Inasmuch as the last dues increase vote was favored by far more than half of those voting (failing to meet the 2/3's requirement by 3 votes) AND it is not practical to initiate another dues increase vote prior to April 1, the Board of Directors have designed the April 1 Dues Statements to provide a provision for any member wishing to make a voluntary contribution to be able to do so and to designate a specific purpose or use of their gift.

We encourage you to look closely at your Dues Statement, when it arrives, and to seriously consider paying the proposed (but defeated) dues increase amount of \$195.00 ■

Change in Election Process

The Board of Directors has made a change in the LSA election process which would complete the election before the Annual Meeting allowing for the New Board to be introduced at that meeting. The time table of events is as follows:

June 15, 2015, Last day to file an application for candidacy. June 27, 2015, "Meet the Candidates" meeting at the pavilion.

July 01, 2015, Mail out the ballots.

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August 08, 2015, Annual Meeting, and meet the New Board of Directors.

Law Suit Update

Your LSA Board of Directors is pleased to inform you that on January 23, 2015 the Honorable Suzanne Kreeger, Judge of the Circuit Court for Montcalm County signed the "Judgment following Placement of Settlement Terms on the Record June 24, 2014." This signing by the Judge comes after nearly six months of work between the attorneys for the Plaintiffs and the Defendants working thru the details of the "Global Agreement" that was put on record with the court on June 24 of last year. The full document that was signed by the Judge is available for everyone to read on our Association web-site, Indianlakes.org.

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Change in Board Membership

On December 4, 2014, the Board of Directors received a written letter of resignation from Susan Pohlrad who at the time was serving as the Board Secretary. The Board wishes to THANK Susan for her dedicated services.

Sue Guigelaar, the Board Treasurer assumed the additional responsibility of Secretary. On February 25, 2015 the Board welcomed Darrin Bernatowicz as an appointed Director to serve the balance of Susan's term. Darrin ran for a Board seat in the last annual election and received the 6th most votes. (The top five were the elected Board). Darrin is a 16 year resident of Indian Lake and resides at 17080 Winona Lane.

Indian Lakes Sign

Many of you expressed concerned about the entry sign. We are in the process of getting three (3) estimates for replacement. If anyone is interested in putting in a bid, please send one to Sue Guigelaar, soon so the Board can get ready for replacement when the weather is conducive for breaking ground.

On early Sunday, November 09, 2014, the sign at the entrance of Indian Lake, located at Almy and Indian Shores was destroyed by someone driving a vehicle into it.

There was an incident report taken by the Montcalm County Sheriff Department. We were told by the Sheriff Deputy that the sign was hit by a vehicle and then backed out over it dragging the sign into the roadway. At this time we do not have a clear indication of what happen.

If any member has any information in reference to the incident please contact any of the LSA Board of Directors or contact Montcalm County Sheriff Department. Thank you for your help in getting any information. ■

Humor for the Day

My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, "Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim."

Paula Poundstone



Lexington, KY

- It is illegal to transport an ice cream cone in your pocket.

From the Secretary/Treasurer's Desk:

It's that time of year again for annual dues. I have included a return envelope for you to make it easier to return your payment. If it is more convenient, you may stop by the Office at my house and I will give you a receipt at that time. Call first to be sure I'm home; (231.648.6193).

They say that spring is just around the corner. I'll believe it when I see it. However, in the interim, we need to think about common docks. For those of you are assigned to common docks, you will need to have them in good repair before you moor your watercraft at them. Many of them are in horrible repair and create a liability for the Association. When the weather permits, I will be visiting each dock to check for safety and notifying the user regarding repairs. I will also issue new contracts for each of you to sign. Let's get together on this project and get your docks ready for the upcoming boating season.

Fireworks



If there is enough donations for the fireworks show, it will take place July 3rd at dark. To make your donation please send the amount in with your annual dues.

PLM



PLM will be at the Pavilion at our next meeting in April 18, 2015. Please come and ask PLM questions about our lake.

Neighborhood Watch



Some of our members are gone to warmer weather for the winter. So if you know this is the case **PLEASE**, watch out for your neighbor. If you see someone or something not right about a property, call the police.

Funny Quotes

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

Groucho Marx

A man can't be too careful in the choice of his enemies.

Oscar Wilde

Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.

Charles M. Schulz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

PAVILION

10:00 A.M. ON APRIL 18, 2015

Information, PLM talks on our Lake.

FIREWORKS

INDIAN LAKE

DARK ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

If enough donations have been received.

Boat Parade Friday July 3rd before the fireworks.

SKI SHOW

INDIAN LAKE BY TEEPEE ISLAND

ON SUNDAY JULY 5TH, BETWEEN 1 AND 2 P.M.

Annual Ski Show

LAKE WIDE YARD SALE

JUNE 6, 2015 SPRING

AUGUST 1, 2015 FALL

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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This winter has seen several ice fishermen trying their best to fight both the fish and the cold bitter temperatures. Hopefully they caught several fish!



Looks to be a cold day on the Lake! No fishermen out today.



Just remember this from last year. It will return again.

Advertisement of Business



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