

Smoke Signals



Lake Shores Association

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Fall Edition



Can't say it wasn't an interesting summer! Rains started early and the Lake was about to over flow. We've had over two feet of rain since January. This, along with all the pumps running kept our Lake at a safe level, until Labor Day weekend. The latest rains have brought us back up to two inches below court level.

The big storm sank some boats, dislodged some boats, and brought down trees and power lines. It was nice to see all the neighbors help each other.

We had a terrible boating accident Labor Day weekend. Thank the Lord no one was fatally injured. The DNR and Sheriff departments are still investigating this accident. If you were an eyewitness to this crash please call Sherrill Houser at 616-984-5398.

All summer events went well, a great turn out for kids fishing day. Thanks to all the volunteers that gave these kids a memorable day.

The fishing tournaments were fun, and bragging rights keep changing hands.

Forth of July was touch and go with the weather, but all went as scheduled. Thanks again to Keith Alexis for sponsoring the ski show. Fireworks were beautiful!

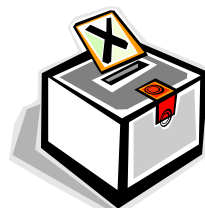
Hope everyone has a great fall, winter and spring.

ELECTION:

Thank you to all the members who voted. Below are the results of the election.

Steve Pritchard: 157 votes Tammy Williams: 152 Votes Bobbi Jo DeVries: 36 votes

Congratulations Steve and Tammy!



Association Board:

Recently there have been some changes to our association board. Unfortunately due to health reasons George Verheek had to resign as our board trustee. We wish George the best and thank him for his input, wisdom and time spent as our board trustee.

THANK YOU GEORGE!!!!!!

Please keep George and his family in your prayers.

Due to George's resignation the board had to appoint a new trustee until the election next year. The board has appointed Mike Moody as the new trustee. Thank you Mike for stepping up and helping out. So, due to the changes that have occurred your new board is as follows:

President- Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
Vice President- Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946
Treasurer- Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary- Tammy Williams	231-937-6409 Cell- 231-629-1877
Trustee- Mike Moody	231-937-6338



ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual meeting went great. We had close to 100 members present.

A big thank you is sent out to Jason Broekstra from Professional Lake Management. That was the first day of his vacation with his family yet he still stopped in to give a report and answer any questions we might have had.

Thank you Jason.

Also Sherrill Houser from the DNR was present to answer any questions and concerns. Thank you Sherrill for all your input and help through this past year.

Montcalm Co Marine Sheriffs came and answered questions and left information pamphlets for members to take on boating laws and safety.

Thank you Tammy Williams for cleaning and setting up the pavilion for the meeting. Thank you Dave & Nancy Bradley for the donation of coffee and doughnuts.

The minutes from the Annual Meeting are attached to this newsletter along with officer reports and our 2006 statement for weed kill from Professional Lake Management. We have also attached the fish report. Thank you again to all members who attended.

DONATIONS:

Please keep the donations coming!!! We are hoping to get new, or repair the windows for the pavilion.

Thanks to all the **BIG** Donators. All the members appreciate it. Remember every little bit helps.

If everyone could spare \$ 30.00, we sure could use it.

PUMPS:

The third pump did help this year. Mother Nature was our best friend this year though. We only had to fly our yellow flag for a few days urging boaters to use caution. Thank you Steve Pritchard for monitoring the flag system. The Drain Commissioner, Don Cooper, is looking into the possibility of a 4th pump , before the new pumping regulations go into effect. Stay Tuned!

WEED KILL:

The Milfoil is gone. Professional Lake Management did a great job again. Please see the 2006 statement for weed kill attached to this newsletter.

Remember to use only ***PHOSPHORUS FREE*** fertilizer as this will help with the control of the weeds.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

If you know of anyone who has recently moved to the lake, please notify or have the new members notify the Welcome committee in order to receive their "Welcome Packet."

Welcome committee – **Ron & Mary Vierheilig - 231-937-5525**
 Lorie & John Collier - 616-498-0463

BYLAWS:

The bylaw committee is still working on revising the bylaws.

Thank you bylaws committee!!!

DOCKS:

Norma Taylor notified Steve Pritchard, President of the Association, that the DEQ requires a "**marina permit**" for the docks located in our "common" areas.

We now have a marina permit. Along with this marina permit comes new regulations for docks in the common areas. All dock owners will be notified via the mail of the new dock regulations.

ROAD REPAIRS:

Winfield township board has decided to put a road millage on the ballot this year. We have attached information given to us for all to review. This information is published as it was given to us, with out changes. This information may be helpful, so you know what the road millage will be used for. Please see the 2 attached letters from Norma Taylor.

Please contact Norma Taylor at 231-937-4750 if you have any complaints, concerns, or suggestions with reference to the roads.

****** VOTE NOVEMBER 7th ******



HALLOWEEN:

There is a lake Halloween party for the kids again this year. It will be on Saturday October 28 @ the Pavilion. The time will be announced at a later date. Watch the Bulletin Boards!! We need donations and volunteers! Donations can be either money so we can purchase candy, prizes ECT. or you can donate prizes, candy ECT. If you would like to donate to this great time please call Tammy Williams @ 231-937-6409.



Trick-or-Treating will be done on Halloween night. We have listed some friendly reminders and safety tips for everyone.

Never go to a home without a porch light on.

Carry a flashlight.

Wear something that is reflective or lighted. The glow stick bracelets are great.

Don't eat any candy until an adult checks it.

Be respectful of your neighbor's property.

All drivers go slowly. Watch for all the kids.

Lets have a fun and safe night.

Neighborhood Watch:

As many of you know, or have experienced, there has been a lot of vandalism around our lake. Jami Cheek has stepped up to the plate to head a neighborhood watch program. We need Volunteers to help her. Please contact Jami Cheek at 231-937-7479.



Street Lights:



Ten Street lights are going in around the lake. This is to help with safety and vandalism issue we have had. Below is the street corners or parks where 8 of the 10 lights will go.

1-End of East Suwannee

2-East Suwannee & Huron

3- Blackfoot & Huron

4-Pawnee Point Park

5-Boat Ramp

6-Tall Oak Park

7-Cedar Point Park

8- Apache Trail & Indian Shores (by the bulletin boards)

If you feel your area needs a streetlight please contact Steve Pritchard. All suggestions will be considered.

PARKS:

Our parks will soon have signs!! Matt Zudweg took the time to make these signs. We had two parks fenced this summer. Please stop and check out the improvements. Thanks Ray for keeping them up!

Thanks:

We would like to say thank you to Lori Kropewnicki for her dedication and hard work on the smoke signals. Lori has resigned from the smoke signals committee. Thank you Lori.

DUES:

We have many members who have not paid yet. It is time to pay up!
You may mail your dues without the invoice to Lake Shores Association, P.O. Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329.
If you know your lot number, please notate this on your check.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6762 or 231-629-1877
Trustee – Mike Moody	231-937-6338

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Tammy Williams	Home :231-937-6409
Tammy Williams	Cell: 231-629-1877
Nancy Bradley	616-889-4955
Sherrie Gerrits	616-437-5378
Lorie Collier	616-498-0463

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Ron & Mary Vierheilig	231-937-5525
John & Lorie Collier	616-498-0463

LAW ENFORCEMENT NUMBERS:

DNR – Sherrill Houser – 616-984-5398
Poaching – 800-292-7800
Animal Control – 989-831-7355
Injured Animals – John – 231-937-4687
Drain Commission: 989-225-7322
Road Commission: 989-831-5285

Michigan State Police/ Lakeview Post
989-352-8444
Montcalm Co. Sheriff- 989-831-5253
Howard City Police- 231-937-4311
Emergency- 911

Please attend the TOWNSHIP MEETINGS – They are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Winfield Township Hall.

LET's GET INVOLVED. It's our Community.

2006 Officer Reports

President's Report: Steve Pritchard

Held monthly board meetings to stay proactive
Improve security and safety of our community by communicating with our local law enforcement agencies.
Fencing of parks to head off any law suits from infringing upon park property and to improve security and safety
Assisted Jim Vandyke in heading up kid's fishing day
Headed up dumpster programs for clean up days and yard waste
Remove no wake buoys and helped install stump markers.
Headed up getting anti-funneling ordinance (public hearing should be in September)
Assisted with fish planting (read report)
Assisted with boat stickers
Worked with smoke signals committee
Initiated a committee for bi-laws revision
Returned all phone calls and handled complaints and concerns
Handled concerns with our wildlife.
Took Vacation to Alaska and my wife and I caught our first halibut

Goals for next year

Continue to improve lake assoc. property for member's safety and enjoyment
Continue fighting for your concerns at the township and county levels
Continue to work towards finishing pavilion so more open meetings could be held
Continue working with DNR & Marine Sheriffs to improve boating safety & wildlife welfare
Continue to improve communication between members and board officers
Get signs at our parks indicating their names
Get streetlights at parks and dark intersections
Get more committees to get more things done and have more member involvement

Vice Presidents Report: Ray Brimmer

Daily opening and closing of park bathrooms
Repair and installation of bathroom doors and locks
Painting of Bathrooms
Installation and removal of stump marker buoys, swim buoys, no wake buoys
Installation of No trespassing signs at all parks
Boat launch duty
Boat stickers
Dumpster duty
Boat patrol for 4th of July fireworks
Shoveled beach sand at Birch Park
Cleaning of tall pine and pavilion parks
Dock Assignments
Monitoring of parks after dark

Goals

New park equipment
Neighborhood safety
Continue to do all I can to improve our lake community

Secretary Report: Tammy Williams

Kids Halloween party
 Installation of Swim buoys, no-trespassing signs
 Cleaning of parks
 Holiday patrol of boat launch. (Every Holiday)
 Lake patrol
 Boat stickers
 Opening and closing of bathrooms
 Painting of bathrooms
 Disking of parks
 Pavilion rentals
 After dark park patrol
 Helped with boat parade
 Shoveled sand at parks

Goals

Security at boat launch
 New park equipment
 More kid and family activities i.e.: field day, bike parades, turtle races etc.

Treasurer: Paul Church

Here is a recap of the lakeshore Associations finances. Cash in the bank \$48,519.78 Accounts Receivable (Money not collected) \$11,543.59 I have worked hard to collect past due accounts and have developed, and host the Indian Lakes web page. I am also in charge of the fireworks. Over the next year it is my goal to protect members from speeding vehicles, reckless boating, vandalism, and destruction of the parks. We want this to be a safer place to live.

Fish Planting Record

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Minnows	100,000.	100,000.	100,000.	100,000.	100,000.	0
Bass	600	800	400	400	400	400
Perch	1200	1500	1000	1500	1000	1234
Channel Catfish	0	500	300	300	0	0
Shell Crackers	0	0	0	4000	0	0

NOTE: Shell Crackers have been unavailable since the 2004 plant, which was done in the summer.

Roll Call: Present: Steve Pritchard, Ray Brimmer, Tammy Williams, George Verheeks

Absent: Paul Church

Approve Agenda: motion to approve agenda.

Read Minutes from Last Yrs. Annual Meeting, motion to accept.

Guest Of Board: Jason Broekstra(Professional Lake Management)

Sherrill Houser (D.N.R)

Marine Sheriff Patrol

Jason Broekstra spoke about the concerns of Milfoil, collected samples and sent to lab-recovery results should hit target dosages. Native plants doing well, water clarity good, lake is doing well. Weed control budget was set at \$20,000.00-\$35,000.00 to date we have spent \$22,000.00.Surveying next year, managing Milfoil and Pondweed, additional algae treatment as needed. Sherrill Houser spoke of the PWC watercraft rules, and people harassing wildlife: swans, ducks, Loons. Spoke of the slow no wake rules, Alcohol and boating issues, inland lakes speed is 55mph.

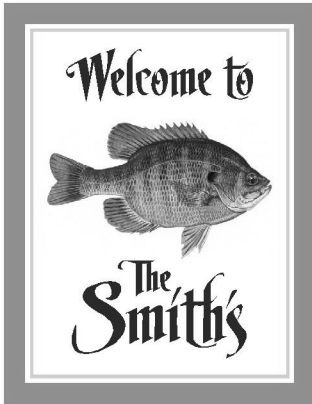
Officer's reports read by seat holder.

Recognition of volunteers

Open Floor to Public Comment.

Election Committee: John and Lori Collier read results from election ballots.

Adjourn meeting: motion to adjourn meeting approved.



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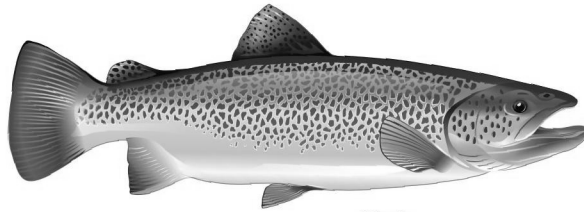
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