



LAKE SHORE ASSOCIATION

Lake Shore Association

Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329

May 2005



GET READY FOR SUMMER!



We are gearing up for summer and getting ready to have fun with family and friends!!!!

BY-LAWS

Thanks for all the members who completed and returned their ballots; however, the Board did not receive enough votes to form quorum, therefore, the election did not count. So, the old by-laws remain in effect and will be enforced.

Just to mention again that less than half the ballots were returned; however, the Board received some good feedback both by phone and in writing. It seems there were just a few things of concern, which the Board will make some changes and let you know through the Smoke Signals what they are and try to get some feedback before the Board tries again.

Again, thank you to those who returned the ballots and thank you for your concern for your community.

The Board is trying hard to serve the needs of 500 members and ALL input helps the Board make better decisions.

PUMPS:

The drain commissioner is receiving bids to drill a new well. Right now the drain commissioner and the Board are looking for a new location to put the well. We are not able to put a well at the boat launch due to available space.

Now, Pawnee Point Park or the pavilion is being assessed for a possible site to put the well.

WEED KILL:

Professional Lake Management is here and have completed their survey. The tentative dates for treatment are attached. Also attached is the "Notice" for use and restrictions that the Board is required to send to you. There is also informative information on the Risk/Benefit Statement.

TEE-PEE ISLAND:

The island will be cleaned up and all the brush removed. The tee-pee is going to be re-skinned. A flag system will be in place next week advising members of the water level. Green is good, yellow is caution, and red is at your own risk. Remember this is for information only and not a guarantee. You will always need to be careful due to bogs floating and moving. Stumps and bogs are not stationary.

STUMPS:

Steve Pritchard and John Westveer went to Canadian Lakes to look at their stump cutter to see about the possibility of cutting some of our stumps. The stump cutter will only work if the stump has not been cut at root level. John and Steve will mark any of the stumps that can be cut. If you see a **blue and white float do not remove it**. After the stumps are marked and counted, Steve and John will determine if this is cost effective and will update us on what will occur.

SUMMER EVENTS:

Below are the dates of our summer events.

We need volunteers for all the events like the boat parade, volleyball tournaments etc.

If anyone would like to volunteer or has any ideas for summer events, please contact Steve Pritchard at 231-937-5010.



<u>May 14th</u>	Spring Clean –UP
<u>June 4th</u>	Lake Wide Garage Sales
<u>June 4th</u>	Bass Tournament
<u>June 11th</u>	WLAV Kids Fishing Day
<u>July 2nd</u>	Pike Tournament, Volleyball Tournament, Boat Parade
	Fireworks
<u>Aug 6th</u>	Lake Wide Garage Sales
<u>Aug 13th</u>	Annual Meeting and Pot Luck
<u>Sept 5th</u>	Bass Tournament



FIREWORKS:

***** Please note that our “Fourth of July” activities will be celebrated on July 2nd, 2005. This is a Saturday. In case it should rain, the alternate date for fireworks will be July 9th. *****

Thanks for all the members who sent in donations for the fireworks. Donations are always welcome and please send to Lake Shore Association, PO BOX 63, Howard City, MI 49329.

BASS TOURNAMENT:

Again, please call Mike Moody for details or questions at 231-937-6384.

GUEST PASSES:

NO MORE GUEST PASSES will be issued. From the survey conducted last Fall and from the input at last year's annual meeting, this is what the majority of the members asked for.

DOCK SPACE:

Remember, if you currently use dock space in the common areas, your dues had to have been paid by April 1, 2005, to ensure continual use of your dock. If not, this dock may be allocated to a member who is waiting for dock space and has paid their dues.

BOAT STICKERS

All watercrafts (boats, jet skies, canoes, paddle boats, kayaks, etc.) must have new Lake Association Stickers. A board member or a designated volunteer will place these stickers on your watercraft. Stickers will not be handed out.

If you have not received your stickers please contact Tammy Williams, Ray Brimmer, or Steve Pritchard.

Bulletin Board

Steve Pritchard is working with the County Road Commission developing a safe pull-off area to park your vehicle when viewing or placing notices on the bulletin board.

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.

This committee will also provide Paul Church, Treasurer for our lake association board, with your updated information so that you will be placed on the mailing lists, dues lists, and any other information that needs to be mailed to you. The committee will also provide information in your "welcome packet"

on who to contact with questions and concerns relating to lake policies, dues, newsletters, safety information, building information including sheds and fences, and other concerns you may have.

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

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting at the Township Hall. This meeting was productive and successful due to all interested parties attending.

The County Road Commission noted while repairing the corner where the bulletin board is located, that due to all the ATVs and dirt bikes riding along the drainage ditch located on the

south side of Apache Trail erosion is occurring. **This will no longer be permitted and you will soon notice signs stating “No Motorized Vehicles Allowed.”**

The Township accepted the contract to pave Arbogast from Almy to Blackfoot Trail. This will relieve a lot of traffic off of Apache Trail and finally have a better secondary entrance and exit to the lake. HOORAY!!! HOORAY!!!

WLAV Kid’s FISHING DAY

This is what it’s all about!!!! Fifty kids are chosen from a contest hosted on the Morning Show with Tony Gates. The kids, parents, or guardians enter this contest on why they would like to fish. These can be kids that have never fished or rarely fished because they do not get the opportunity. Many of the stories are heartfelt for one reason or another. We (members of the lake) get the opportunity to brighten the kid’s day for four hours. It’s all catch and release with lots of photos for memories. Just ask any of the captains from last year what a joy it was to see the expressions on the faces of these kids.

All kinds of businesses donate items from supplying bus rides, drinks, bait, fishing poles, shirts, cameras, tackle, life jackets, etc.

Please volunteer this year. These kids will remember this for a life time. Be a part of it. Usually, fives kids are on each boat with a captain and two helpers.

Call Steve Pritchard at 231-937-5010 to volunteer.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Remember the spring clean-up will be on May 14th. There will be three 40-yard dumpsters for everything except the following: **No large appliances, hazardous materials such as tires, batteries, gas, oil, and paint.** If you have large appliances that you need to dispose of you may do so at Wilson’s located on M-82 west of Countyline/Newcosta Road on May 14th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 P.M.

There will be a smaller dumpster for yard waste. Please, **no plastic or large limbs** so we can put more of your yard waste in the dumpster.

The dumpsters will be at Pawnee Park, which is the waterslide park, located on the corner of Warrior and Apache Trail.

The dumpsters can only be filled to the fill line or we risk being fined.

The hours are from **8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT for ROADS:

Lake members have been tossing the idea around of the possibility of a special assessment to get our lake roads repaired.

As you should realize, State Revenue Sharing is dwindling at approximately 15% per year and our Township has already lost \$60,000 the past two years.

To the best of my knowledge, here's how it works:

We would need 51% of lake residents to sign a petition asking for a special assessment before any further proceedings could take place. The law does not require a petition to move ahead, however, it demonstrates public support. The petition would then be filed with the Township and the Township would hold a special hearing to listen to any objections. After this hearing, the Township Board will make a decision to proceed or stop with the special assessment.

If the Township makes the decision to proceed, by resolution, they may petition the Board of County Road Commissioners to initiate the procedure. The County will provide an estimate and propose a cost over ten years or less.

This proposal will be mailed to each resident within the special assessment district for review. The project may be stopped with a 51% counter petition.

Before we start, please go to our website at www.indianlakes.org and answer the survey to verify if we need to go door-to-door with a petition.

Steve Pritchard
President

BOARD OPENINGS:

There will be two openings on the Board this year. Please submit all resumes to John & Lorie Collier, our Election Committee, at 17340 Apache Trail, Howard City, MI 49329 by June 30, 2005. If you have any questions, you may reach John & Lorie at 616-498-0463.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOARD MEMBERS:

President – Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
Vice President – Joe Lake	231-937-6195
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:

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

LAKES & STREAMS COMMITTEE:

Tom Kropewnicki	231-937-9973
Richard Woodruff	616-874-5707

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

John & Lorie Collier	616-498-0463
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