

## LAKE SHORE ASSOCIATION

Lake Shore Association

Box 63, Howard City, MI 49329

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks to all the members for sharing the joy of the holidays with their Christmas light displays. Everyone enjoyed them.

### SURVEY:

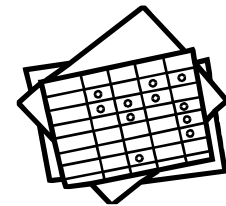
Thanks to everyone who sent their survey back to the Board. The response was great and helped the Board finalize the by-laws, which were sent back to the attorney for final approval.

Once the Board receives the by-laws back from the attorney, they will be mailed to all members for review. There will be a ballot sent with the by-laws for your "yes" or "no" vote. (See By-Laws Section below about when you should receive the by-laws in the mail.)

### Survey Results:

**204 surveys were returned to the Board. We have listed the results below. Please keep in mind that not all the questions were answered on all the surveys.**

- 73% of the returned surveys were from year-round members.
- 27% of the returned surveys were from summer-only members.
- 72% were from waterfront members.
- 27% were from back lot members.
- 24% used the lake for boating only.
- 19% used the lake for fishing only.
- 33% used the lake equally for fishing & boating.
- 65% prefer the current boating hours 11am to 8:30pm.
- 13% would prefer the 11am to 7pm boating hours.
- 5% would prefer the 10am to 8pm boating hours.
- 3% would prefer the 10am to 9pm boating hours.
- 41% were concerned with watercraft and skiers coming to close (within 100ft) of docks & boats.
- 33% were concerned with no spotters for skiers and tubers.
- 32% were concerned with all types of watercrafts going the wrong direction.
- 25% were concerned with the age of drivers of all types of watercrafts.
- 68% of the returned surveys were in favor of a fine for boating violations.
- 30% of the returned surveys were not in favor of fines for boating violations.



### Survey Results Continued:

**54%** were in favor of continuing the Bass Tournaments.  
**21%** were not in favor of continuing the Bass Tournaments.  
**76%** were in favor of eliminating visitor passes for boats.  
**17%** were in favor of keeping visitor passes for boats.  
**51%** were in favor of camping passes for family & friends.  
**43%** were not in favor of camping passes for family & friends.  
**83%** like the direction that the Board is going.  
**5%** didn't like the direction the Board is going.

**The survey says:** (listed in order of highest response first)

**The most popular type of fishing is:**

**Fish you would like to see more of:**

Bluegill  
 Bass  
 Perch  
 Crappie  
 Pike  
 Rock Bass  
 Catfish

Perch  
 Bass  
 Bluegill

**The top four visions for the lake were:** Roads, weeds, stumps & lake level.

**The question was:**

**What small amount would you be willing to pay in an association fee increase?**

**31% said none**  
**19% said \$10-\$15**  
**14% said \$20-\$25**  
**13% said \$35-\$40**  
**8% said \$15-\$20**  
**4% said \$25-\$30**

**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.

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

**ROAD COMMITTEE:**

Thanks to Greg Ockerman, Glenn Irwin, and Scott Barber we now have a Road Committee. Their first meeting was 1/10/05.

They hope to have information by the next Board meeting. We will keep you updated and provide more information in the next newsletter.

## **Helping Hands:**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Helping Hands Organization. We hope to do another food drive in March and will let you know the dates in the next newsletter.



## **Reminder:**

If you snowmobile, please be respectful of your neighbor's lawns. Remember to always use caution when going on the ice.

## **PUMPS:**

**The Board is working with the Drain Commissioner, Don Cooper, and a new well is in the works for this summer.**

## **SUMMER EVENTS:**

**We would like to publish our spring/summer events by the March newsletter.**

**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.**



**THANKS to DOUG COOKE** – Our Vice President Doug Cooke has moved. We wish him well and will miss him. We thank him for his contributions, friendship, and loyalty to our lake association.

The Board is currently looking for a new Vice President. If you are interested please call Steve Pritchard to be put on the candidate list.

## **BY-Laws:**

***Within the next few weeks you will be receiving the revised by-laws to review and then vote. If you do not receive the by-laws by February 25, 2005, please call Steve Pritchard, 231-937-5010.***

## **ASSOCIATION DUES:**

***The Association dues are enclosed with this newsletter. They are due in April. If you did not receive your dues in this newsletter; please contact Paul Church, 231-937-8353.***

**WEED KILL:**

The Board has hired Professional Lake Management to maintain and treat our lake for weeds. We will see great results over time. They will also eliminate purple loose strife due to the plant being so invasive. **This plant will takeover native plants and make the wildlife suffer.**

**Professional Lake Management** is one of the largest lake management companies in the Midwest and has been managing lakes since 1979. They are a **Full-service** lake management company. They offer a large range of services to provide the best type of management for our lake.

The employees of Professional Lake Management have Masters Degrees, Bachelor’s Degrees, or have been with the company for a number of years and are specially trained in aquatic plant management.

Say a big “thank you” to Richard Woodruff, Weed Control Committee, for requesting Professional Lake Management to conduct a lake survey and make recommendations.

We hope all members will see great improvement with the control of weeds this summer and future summers.

**CHUCK DAVIS BAND:**

**Chuck Davis Band “Quick Silver Band”** will be performing at **GETTING PICKY** on March 12, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. The last band Chuck Davis was playing with was Luke Galloway and the Drifters Band. Two other members of Quick Silver Band are from the original Drifters.

For more information on the ticket sale contact GETTING PICKY at 231-937-7033, Donna at 231-937-8214, or Tanya at 231-937-9787.

Come down and enjoy some Good Ole Country Music. All ages welcome.

They will also be playing on April 29 and April 30 at the LC Roadhouse in Hesperia, MI located on M20 N 164<sup>th</sup> Street T.R. on the end of the street.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President – Steve Pritchard	231-937-5010
6762	
Vice President – In the Works	
9973	
Treasurer – Paul Church	231-937-8353
Secretary – Tammy Williams	231-937-6762
Trustee – Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:**

Tammy Williams	231-937-
Lori Kropewnicki	231-937-
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:**

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