



LAKE SHORE ASSOCIATION ☐ Box 63 ☐ HOWARD CITY, MI 49329 ☐ May 2002

Spring is finally here!

We have many updates and events as summer approaches.



RESUMES: If you wish to run for the board you must have your resume submitted by May 20, 2002.



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Weed Kill And Fish Plant

The weed kill was applied on April 16th. This is the treatment of Avast/Floridone which has done so well on many other lakes. Gordon Potter rode with Dick Soper from Pinecrest and applied the chemical to the total shoreline area and all the bays in the morning. The center of the lake was treated in the afternoon. Gord will be taking water samples four times during the next month. The milfoil is very high for this date. Dick says that in about 30 days it will stop growing and

start diminishing direction, and in 60 to 90 days it should be gone! A special thanks to Gordon Potter and Don Postma for their help in getting this completed. The anticipated cost for the initial treatment is 25,000 dollars.



FISH PLANT

The fish plant went as scheduled this year (the last week in April) which included: 800—4-6" bass; 1000—4-5" perch; 500—5-7" perch; 500—4-6" channel catfish; and 500 gallons fat-head minnows. It would be helpful if you would keep boats and jet skies away from the shoreline where the fish are bedding.

Respect Your Neighbors....



Please clean up your yards!

This helps keep property values high and your neighbors happy.

Also please be considerate when burning trash, watch the way the wind is blowing so that debris does not blow on your neighbors.



BOAT SAFETY



Please do not violate boating regulations! This includes, but not limited to, noise violations, the 100-foot rule, and skiing without a spotter! We will be video taping the violators and prosecuting. Everyone's safety is most important.

4th of July Fish Tournament

The Indian Lakes Bass tournament is scheduled for the Fourth of July. Please contact Mike Moody at 937 6338 or you may e-mail him at moodym@pathwaynet.com. Entry fee is \$10.00 per boat. Tournament hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be a pre-tournament meeting at the boat launch at 6:15. You will need to fill out an entry form and the tournament rules, which you may get from Mr. Moody or off the web site at

www.indianlakes.org and go to the members section.



This could be YOU!

NEW BY-LAW COMMITTEE FORMED

A by-law committee has been started headed by Wayne Hubers. A special thank you to Wayne and all the other volunteers for taking on this project. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts.



4th of July Fireworks



The fireworks are scheduled on the Fourth of July. Trident will be putting on the show, which should be bigger and better than last year. A special thanks to all members that con-

tributed to the Fireworks Fund. You must keep your boat 600 feet from the island, since the fireworks will be shot toward the big part of the lake. Please do not go any-

where near the island that night, as we want no one to be hurt (fireworks begin at dusk). Celebrate the birthday of our nation at Indian Lakes this year on Thursday, 4th of July. Look forward to an evening of fun.

Invite your family and friends to see this year's show which should be bigger and better than last year!

4th of July Ski Show

The ski show is scheduled for the Fourth of July. We need to raise \$1,000.00 to make it happen..



Flying High in the Water

If you would like to contribute or know a business that would like to contribute please call Dave Van Dam at 937- 4170. Thank you.

THANK YOU

The Board would like to thank all members for their support and help with various tasks around the lake. Also, the positive and encouraging cards, emails, and phone calls have been most appreciated! There are just too many people to thank in this newsletter.

Financial Statement as of March 31, 2002

Income

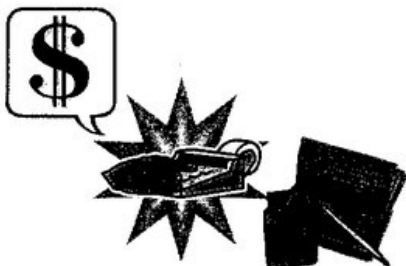
Building Permits	200.00
Fireworks Donation	2,362.00
Pavalion Rental	100.00
Membership Dues	47,795.00
Interest Income	184.00
Total Income	\$50,641.00

Expenses

Advertising	26.00
Collections	487.00
Electric	415.00
Lakes and Streams	362.00
Liability Insurance	2,765.00
Lien Expense	1,200.00
Legal Fees	325.00
Legal Fees – Burmania	1,948.00
Misc Expense	845.00
Park Maintenance	390.00
Port a Potties	795.00
Postage	835.00
Printing Expense	408.00
Professional Fees Accounting	3,600.00
Property Taxes	55.00

Total Expenses **14,456.00**

Total Net Income **36,185.00**



Association Lawsuit

Many members have asked about the lawsuit between the Lakeshore Association and Burmanias. The piece of property in question is at the very end of East Suwannee.—where the old barge is located. We believe this property belongs to the Association. The disagreement started with the Association wanting to give some members permission to put in a few docks so that the back lot people could have access to the lake. Both Burmanias and Wagners objected to the docks being placed on the property. We believe the Burmanias currently have some of their things on Lakeshore property. We had the property surveyed so that we could accurately mark the property boundaries; however, the survey stakes mysteriously disappeared. The Association paid \$400 for the survey.

The Board has asked Burmanias to remove their items from the property. We in turn would drop the lawsuit. The Burmanias have refused, therefore, we have no choice but to defend our right to this piece of property. The Board

feels that all members have the right to share any common property and no member has the right to claim Association property as their own.

The board approved a lawsuit to clarify the situation. Almost immediately, the Wagners settled and have agreed to abide by the Lakeshore rules and regulations. There is no dispute of the Wagners in response to the LSA Suit. The Burmanias made an adverse possession claim. This basically means that they are claiming that this property is theirs. It is the board's position that the property belongs to the Association and it's members. The Burmanias and their supporters are pursuing the lawsuit. We have retained Brian Vincent to represent us. The lawsuit will be very costly. We feel this is very unfortunate since we need money to go to other lake-related expenses, but the Board feels that Association property must be protected.

The Board feels that the members have a right to how a substantial amount of your money will be spent. We will keep you informed as the lawsuit develops. Currently the Association has incurred \$5,178 in legal expenses.

NEW LAKE ATTORNEY

The board has hired Cliff Bloom as the lake attorney. Cliff is the attorney for Michigan Lakes and Streams and specializes in lake and aquatic matters. Cliff will be assisting us with day to day lake matters and will be attending the annual August meeting so that he can help answer questions and maintain order.

SEPTIC TANK CLEANING

We are planning our annual septic tank cleaning. This will take place on June 8, providing we get enough people to sign up. The advantage is two fold: one you get your tank cleaned at a discounted rate; and secondly, it helps keep the lake water clean. Call John Brooks 937-5196.

ANNUAL PEST CONTROL

If you would like your home sprayed for spiders, please call Don Postma (937-6414). Make your check for \$35 out to *Grand Rapids Pest Control* and drop off at his house by May 28. The spraying will take place May 30 & 31.

SMOKE SIGNALS

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