**CRYSTAL LAKE- PERCH LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Fall Meeting November 5, 2016**

**TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:**

x Ann Love, President; x Bob Conn, Lakes; x Marty Mulloy, Secretary

x Stan Kirkwood, Treasurer; x Jim Tetreault, VP; x Mary Lou Suarez, Special Events

x Chuck Hopkins, Roads

**Call to Order**: Ann Love at 10:00AM, led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESIDENT REPORT (Ann Love):** Ann asked for any new members to please stand and introduce themselves. Vanessa Campbell and Elizabeth LaPorte were welcomed to the lakes community. They kindly offered lake members to drop in at their home in the future.

Ann introduced the new Board member in charge of Special Events -- Mary Lou Suarez. Ann thanked Mary Lou for graciously stepping up to help. Barb Yamarino graciously offered to assist Mary Lou during the transition.

**LAKES REPORT (Bob Conn):** Bob noted that our budget expense for the lakes is $19,000. Funds are allocated for: weed control $14,000, fish stocking $4,000 and cutter boat maintenance $1,000.Bob’s proposed budget was approved.

The Fish Committee stocking plan is on schedule – we have recently stocked the lake with 250 Small Mouth Bass, 1000 Walleyes and Flathead Minnows. Bob asked the members to give himself or Rick Applegate (Fish Committee Chair) a call to let them know what they are catching. This will provide a good indication if our stocking plan is working as planned.

Bob mentioned that we are not stocking Perch Lake – we have too many Pike in the lake and stocking with small fish would be counter-productive. We need to put larger fish in Perch Lake with the hope they can survive and reproduce naturally.

We are working well with our supplier PLM – they have been cooperative in helping resolve our issues. We are presently working with PLM to address our usage of copper sulfate – this chemical is extremely harmful to fish beds and we are researching an alternative that will kill weeds without harming our aquatic life.

Unfortunately, we had an eruption of blue green algae blooms this summer. They are toxic to swimmers and fish. The best way to avoid these weeds contaminating our lakes is to reduce the phosphates leaking into the lake. Things that contain phosphates: dish washing soap (washing your car), lawn fertilizers, farm fertilizers, leaking septic tanks, bird poop, etc.…. We all need to be mindful of these contaminants and take appropriate action to insure our lakes stay healthy. If you have any questions about the chemicals you are using, please contact Bob Conn.

Bob reported on the weir that controls the flow of water from Crystal Lake to Lake LeAnn. We have been informed that Lake LeAnn is planning to lower their lake level by 20 feet to do some clean up. Lake residents have expressed concern that boards from the weir could be removed, thus channeling water from Crystal Lake to replenish Lake Le Ann’s drainage this coming Spring. Dave Vanderworp made a motion to investigate the possibility of building a weir that could not be manipulated by a third party. The motion was seconded by Jim Tetreault and passed by the members. Judy Moskus suggested that we inform Lake LeAnn before taking any action that could be misinterpreted. Judy volunteered to take a look at the legal property issues involved in making changes to the weir.

**VP Report (Jim Tetreault):** Nothing new to report.

**TREASURER’S REPORT (Stan Kirkwood)**: Our present checking account balance is $44,272 with an additional $45,000 approximately in savings. At the present time, 98 out of 125 (78%) of the lakes members have paid their Road Dues and 17 of 28 (61%) have paid their Administrative Dues. These numbers will improve once we send out reminder notices later this month.

**ROADS REPORT (Chuck Hopkins):**  Our former snowplowing vendor has moved onto other career opportunities (we wish him well – he did a terrific job). We have contracted Jason Sumner to plow our roads this winter.

Reminder, please do not throw any unauthorized material in the lake yard waste area. We are particularly concerned about nails embedded in boards. We ask your cooperation to notify us if you see non-lake residents dumping their leaves into the pit.

Special thanks to Mike Holden who volunteered to help maintain the roads on the North side of the lake and to those members that have volunteered to cut the grass at the entrance to Crystal Lake off of South Jackson Road.

**SECRETARY REPORT (Marty Mulloy):** Members were asked to check the sign in sheet and please write down any changes to their home address, phone number and email address.

Marty mentioned he received several requests for a new Lakes Directory that could be published in the future. Marty asked if the members had any concern about their personal information being included on a lake wide directory. It was recommended by Thea Kirkwood that we send a note out to members to see if they had any objection and, if so, what if any information would they authorize for publication. Marty said he would follow up on the issue and report back to the Board.

Marty explained that he was working on a welcome to the lake information package for new residents to the lake. Several examples of specific materials that would be included in the welcoming package were shared. A number of members asked for copies of the package once the assignment is completed.

**Special Events (Mary Lou Suarez)**. Mary Lou noted that the Annual Christmas Party was scheduled for December 3, 2016, at the Somerset Township Hall from 6pm -10pm. We need volunteers to offer their services to coordinate a silent auction. Last year we made $2500 for the Lakes Foundation – these funds were put to good use improving the lakes.

**Lakes Foundation (Dan Mandernack).** Dan updated the members on the composition of the Lakes Foundation Board. Officers include: Dave Vanderworp – President, Tom Lieblein – Treasurer, Linda McCracken - Secretary, Bob Conn – Association Representative. Carolyn Driscoll and Sue Gagneur have resigned from the Foundation Board.

The lock combination currently in place will remain so until March 31st. Members noted a decrease in unauthorized lake traffic since we installed the new lake combination process.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ann noted the contribution of Ryan Carmody and Mela Belle in producing our most recent Newsletter. They also generously offered to update our Lakes Web page – more information forth coming.

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was recommended that weconsider having a Facebook page. Ann said she would take up the issue with Ryan and Mela and see what they think.

Rachel Massey is interested in organizing a Game Night for residents that stay at the lakes over the winter. Rachel asked that interested parties please contact her (An email blast was sent out to all residents informing them of Game Night).

Women’s Book Club meets once a month and is offering more members to join. It has been thus far very successful and a good opportunity for meeting new friends on the lake.

Roxana Hopkins has offered to make another quilt for the Christmas Party – the members enthusiastically supported the idea and asked if the quilt could be photographed and emailed to all residents to increase interest. Jim Tetreault suggested that no bid ceiling be placed on the quilt when it is auctioned.

Carolyn Driscoll noted that we had a loon spend 2 weeks on the lake and an Osprey and a Bald Eagle that are frequently visiting the lake. Bob Conn mentioned that a tripod could be installed to attract Eagles for nesting at the lake. Members endorsed the idea to determine the cost and move forward according to the recommendation of the Board.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn by Rachel Massey; second by Cheryl Coury: approved. Meeting adjourned @ 11:10 PM.