

2016 Summer Newsletter

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President's Report

Chuck Fifield

It has been my pleasure to serve the CLPLPOA membership as a Trustee for the past nine years and a honor to serve as your president for four of those years. I can honestly say that all of the trustees that I have served with during that period did so with mutual respect for one another with all striving to improve the CLPLPOA Community. You too can be part of making a positive difference by joining a committee, the CLPL Foundation Board, or be elected as a trustee at this July's Annual Meeting.

Looking out to 2020, the board is asking for your ideas and suggestions for what you would like to see done to improve our lake community. Creating a Five Year Plan would be the result and would capture what we all would like to have accomplished to enhance our experiences at Crystal and Perch lakes.

This newsletter has articles from the Trustees concerning their areas of responsibility and the efforts they are making on your behalf. Please provide them with comments or concerns based on the information they provide.

Mutual respect for fellow members and their property cannot be over stressed. Please make every effort to obey our lake rules, roadway traffic signs, and the posted rules for use of our new environmental waste site. We are all living or cottaging here to enjoy the lakes and our neighbors. Treat others and their property as you would like to be treated.

Your Trustees work to serve the membership. Thanks for your continuing support.

Chuck Fifield

Vice President's Report

Jim Tetreault

Welcome back to another beautiful summer at the lake!

The threat of non-native species invading our lakes is one every member of CLPLPOA should be concerned about. We already have significant issues with Eurasian Milfoil and Carp in our lakes, but other species like Red Goby (fish), Quagga and Zebra Mussels, Rusty Crayfish and Hook -Tailed Water Fleas pose significant risks to our native plants and animals and the enjoyment of our lakes.

These invaders typically have no natural predators in our lakes, so they multiply rapidly. They also reduce the native populations of aquatic plants, fish, insects, crustaceans and shellfish and ultimately can replace native species.

So here are the things you can do to assure we, or our guests using the lake, are non inadvertently contaminating our lakes with these invaders:

- Never dump aquariums into the lake. In addition to introducing live plants, which are not native to our lakes, very harmful bacteria and viruses can be introduced as well.

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- Never, ever, dump bait of any kind, or the water it was purchased with in our lakes. This includes all minnows, crayfish, worms and any other live baits. The water may also contain diseases organisms. So always dispose of unused bait on land. Dig a hole, pour the bait and water in and it will fertilize the area. Even "certified bait" purchased locally can have mis-identified minnows or diseases in the water, so it is vital that all bait is disposed of properly.
- When purchasing a used boat, or a new boat trialed in a lake other than ours, the boats should be power washed, drained from every conceivable place water could collect and allowed to dry for a minimum of five days before putting in our lake. On kayaks and sailboats, open the drain plugs and tilt the boat to remove all water accumulated internally on these boats. Even if you cannot see plants or animals, there are microscopic hitchhikers which must be eliminated to protect our lakes. This applies to pontoons, kayaks, sailboats, canoes – even floating rafts. If it was in another lake or stream – it should be thoroughly DRAINED – WASHED – DRIED before putting in our lakes.
- Please make sure your guests at the lake are aware of and follow these rules.

Jim Tetreault

Roads Report

Chuck Hopkins

- Dust control has been applied to the roads and will be repeated in July or August as necessary.
- The roads were still soft and not frozen this winter when the snow plowing occurred. This caused an unusual amount of gravel build up at some properties. Sometimes it's hard to fight with Mother Nature!
- The 15 MPH speed limit is not being observed by some property owners and visitors. Please slow down! Summer means many more walkers and children playing along our roadways. We do not want a tragedy. Thanks in advance for your help!
- PLEASE REMEMBER: The compost pit is for yard waste only.
- I'd like to thank Mike Holden for volunteering to help with road maintenance.
- I'd like to thank Xavier Web for volunteering to assist with the mowing on the Perch Lake access lot.

Chuck Hopkins

Treasurer's Report

Stan Kirkwood

Greetings! Finally the weather has changed and we can enjoy our beautiful lake. A quick update in relation to road dues – 12 owners have not paid their road dues for 2015-2016. We think part of the problem for several of the owners is inaccurate addresses. To remedy this issue we are reconciling the township's address list to our most current directory. Quite a few hours have spent trying to create an accurate list.

A reminder to property owners: There are two repercussions to not paying road dues. First anyone in arrears is not permitted to vote at our annual lake meeting. Secondly, per CLPLPOA bylaws, liens will be placed against those properties. I will have a list of those who haven't paid in case you are uncertain. Or you can contact me at skirkwood@gmail.com if you have questions.

If you are one of those that have not paid please write a check to CLPLPOA for \$275 and mail it to CLPLPOA P.O. Box 51, Somerset Center, MI 49282. See you at the meeting.

Stan Kirkwood

CLPLPOA Treasurer

Lake's Report

Ann Love

It is almost summer, and the lakes are foremost on the minds of all water enthusiasts. I have been working closely with both the Foundation and PLM (our lake management company) to organize permitting, testing and treatment of the lakes. Treatments have begun on Perch and are scheduled soon for Crystal. Requests for donations went out a while back and many residents have been very generous with donations. If you would still like to donate, it is not too late. Make out your check to the CLPL Foundation and mail it in c/o the treasurer, Tom Lieblein, 2274 Crystal Lake Dr. South, Cement City, MI 49233. An ad hoc committee for lakes has been working on various projects and I will report on our progress at the summer meeting. Meanwhile, a fishing interest group has also been formed. They have compiled guidelines for catch and release based on the DNR rules and fine-tuned to our specific lake conditions. See Below.

Ann Love

Crystal Lake/Perch Lake Association Fishing Guidelines

Species	DNR Minimum Size (in)	DNR Daily Possession Limit	DNR Legal Season	CLPL Association Guidelines
Largemouth Bass	14	5	Saturday before Memorial Day until Dec 31	Catch and release all. Great sporting fish but not the best to eat.
Walleye	15	5	Last Saturday in April until March 14	1 per day only until the population is established in a few years.
Northern Pike	24	2	Last Saturday in April until March 14	Keep all over 24 inches. Large Pike eat desirable panfish at a great rate.
Yellow Perch	No Size Limit	50	Open all year	Species is in recovery on our lakes. Daily limit of 4 on Crystal. Release all on Perch
Sunfish/Bluegill	No Size Limit	25	Open all year	Great panfish. Keep all on Crystal. Release all on Perch until population recovers.
Crappie	No Size Limit	No Limit	Open all year	Same as DNR
Bullhead	No Size Limit	No Limit	Open all year	Same as DNR
Carp	No Size Limit	No Limit	Open all year	Keep all and compost. Carp are an undesirable invasive species.

Secretary's Report

Marty Mulloy

Selected members of the Board are in the process of updating our Lake's Directory. Please send me a note at mjpmulloy@gmail.com advising if you have a change of mailing address, email address or phone number.

Marty Mulloy

Special Projects

Barb Yamarino

Summer Events – Save the Dates!

4th of July Boat Parade - Monday July 4, 2016

Registration will be at the Crystal Lake boat launch starting at 12:45.

The Parade will start at 1:00.

Registration and Prizes will be Lot Numbers.

Please make sure your Lot Number is visible for the Judges to see.

Please contact me if you are interested in being a judge

Barb Yamarino
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Summer Picnic - Saturday July 9, 2016

McCourtie Park Pavilion
6:00pm - 9:00pm

The annual Summer Picnic will be held at McCourtie Park in the pavilion.

We will provide meat from West Texas BBQ, rolls, water, ice and setups.

Please bring a side dish to share and the beverage of your choice.

This is a great time to make new lake friends and reconnect with old friends!

Notice of CLPLPOA Annual Membership Meeting

SOMERSET TOWNSHIP HALL

SATURDAY, July 9, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

PROXY STATEMENT FOR July 11, 2015

I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the Crystal Lake-Perch Lake Property Owner's Association, revoking all prior proxies, do appoint:

(Name of Proxy) _____

As proxy to represent the undersigned at the meeting of the Members of the CLPLPOA on July 11, 2015 and all adjournments thereof and to vote on all matters properly coming before the meeting.

Signature: _____

Dated: _____ Lot Number: _____

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Admin Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Lakes Report
5. Roads Report
6. Special Projects
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

I am sad to report that we lost Peppi, our neighborhood mascot, last October. He is missed!

