



Crystal Lake Perch Lake
Property Owners Association

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President's Report - Marty Mulloy

The new board for the lake association met this summer to determine the roles for members. A lot of thought has gone into trying to match positions with expertise and experience.

The new board positions are as follows:

President – Martin Mulloy

Vice President – Stanley Kirkwood

Secretary- Mela Belle

Treasurer- Micheal King

Roads – Richard Applegate

Lakes – Robert Conn

Special Projects – Marilou Suarez

Any of our board members can be reached through the website contact form found at www.crystalperchlakes.com

I am very pleased to say our board is aligned to serve the needs and allocate the resources at our disposal to maximize the common good of our lake community. At our summer membership meeting a number of issues were raised and they will be addressed by the board. Among these include: water level of the lakes, increasing the percentage of members that contribute to the Lakes Foundation (vital to sustaining a healthy lake) and developing a longer-term plan for our lakes.

Lastly, Crystal & Perch Lakes Property Owners Association was originally founded in 1939 and the cornerstone of the original charter states “A gentleman’s agreement to ensure peace and quiet to all members”. This agreement is as relevant today as it was almost 80 years ago – we ask each lake association member to conduct themselves and their guests in such a way that lives up to this cornerstone agreement.

Treasurer - Mike King

Hope everyone is enjoying our extended summer!! I am glad to be part of the board and getting to know more of my lake neighbors. I wanted to pass on a thanks to Stan Kirkwood for his service as Treasurer and getting me up to speed on the Treasurer duties.

CLPLPOA invoices for roads and administration were sent out the third week in September.

We try to keep everyone’s address current but if you did not receive an invoice please write a check to CLPLPOA for \$275 and mail it to CLPLPOA P.O. Box 51, Somerset Center, MI 49282.

Roads - Rick Applegate

Fall road maintenance and preparation for winter is ongoing and requires assistance from our residents.

Please do not dispose of leaves along side of our roads! The compost area has plenty of room for excess leaves. The compost is to be used for grass clippings, leaves, and light brush. **No logs or any foreign matter!** As volunteers, we appreciate your help as well.

A special thanks to Chuck Hopkins and Mike Holden for staying on to help with maintaining our roads and equipment.

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Secretary's Report- Mela Belle



Ryan and I are taking steps to develop and improve communications on the lakes through the website and newsletter. Pertinent information is posted to the website at crystalperchlakes.com. This newsletter is published twice a year, summer and fall when all the action is. Distributing the newsletter by email is by far the most efficient way (time and cost). For those not using email, expect yours within the week following the digital version.

We are only able to inform those who keep us current with their contact information. Please check to see if yours is up to date with us. ***We need: your correct lake lot number(s), lake USPS mailing address, home address if different, phone number(s) and email address.*** If anything changes, please let us know by using the contact form on the website.

Several people have requested a new, updated lakes directory of the property owners. Times are changing and not everyone is comfortable with having their contact information public. So for the moment all the board is comfortable releasing is information that is already public, lot numbers and owner's names. This listing will be available at the fall meeting on November 4.

Listed below are Lake events we have scheduled for the remainder of 2017 through 2018 — hope to see you there!

Events:

* Autumn Meeting — November 4, 2017 from 10 am to Noon

* Christmas Party — December 2, 2017 from 6 pm to 10 pm

2018 Event Dates:

* Spring Meeting — April 4, 2018 from 10 am to Noon

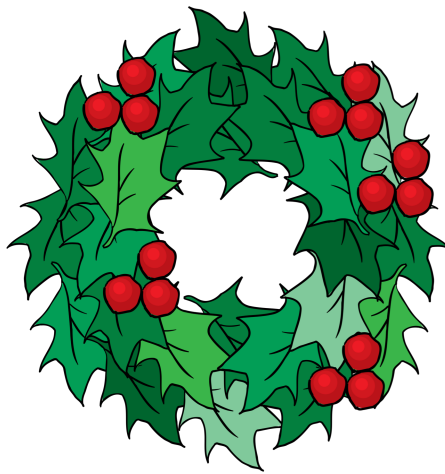
* Summer Meeting — July 14, 2018 from 10 am to Noon

* Lakes Picnic at McCourtie Park (included Pavilion)— July 14, 2018 from noon to 5 pm

* Autumn Meeting — November 3, 2018 from 10 am to Noon

* Christmas Party — December 8, 2018 from 6 pm to 10 pm

All Lake Meetings and the Holiday Party will be held at the Somerset Township Meeting Room



Winter holidays are right around the corner! Please join us at the Somerset Center Township Hall on December 2017 for our annual Holiday Party regardless of what you celebrate! It's a special time to get together with lake friends in the dark of winter. Name tags provided, you may not recognize your neighbors in their sweaters!

Starting at 6:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:30

Coffee, water and pop provided

BYOB

Lakes Report- Bob Conn

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer even with the lack of rain causing lake levels to be so low. For more details check out this MI drought conditions link, we are located within the yellow drought area.

<http://www.plantmaps.com/interactive-michigan-drought-monitor-map.php>

The weed treatment has gone as planned with additionally spraying a section of Lilly pads entering little Crystal. I have been working with PLM to ensure we have the proper permits in order to spray the entire entrance into little Crystal and keep it open for next year.

Next year the plan is to use Sonar as the herbicide with the intent to avoid the need for treating the lake but every other year. This is an attempt to give the fish spawn eggs and little newborn fish a chance to survive. I will be doing my best to also balance the time PLM comes in for Personal Lot frontage weed spraying and the spawning cycle as to not disrupt the spawning. Looking for the win / win for everyone.

We had our first Carp caught by Jeff Greep, winning \$10.00 from our contest.



The fish committee has been busy and the plan for 2018 is 1225 Perch 4-5 inches long split between Crystal and Perch. 750 Redear (sun fish) 2-4 inches 600 for Crystal and 150 for Perch. 1500 Crappie 4 inches long with 1200 going into Crystal and 300 in Perch.

This winter we also establishing small mouth bass spawning areas so we can hope for the small mouth we planted to reproduce. I have included some pictures taken September 13 at the Weir to help show we are not losing water to Lake Leanne above and beyond the set height made by the court ruling. The Weir integrity is in place.



What Else is new?

Where is the water?

The question on everyone's mind is what is going on with the low lake levels. Is this normal? Should we be worried?

<http://www.hillsdale.net/article/20120828/NEWS/308289973>

2017 Silent Auction needs donations!

We will be holding another Silent Auction at this year's Christmas Party to help fund our lake ecology, fish stocking, habitat and spawning grounds. Any and all donations are appreciated! If you have a talent, piece of art or an offering to include please reach out to Marilou or Rick using the contact form on the website. Thank you in advance!

Why not?

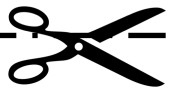
Volunteer! Your volunteer board could use some extra help from the members from time to time. Have a little free time? Let us know! Reach out via the contact form on the website.

Have any interesting or fun news, photos, comments or events? Send the information to

Ryan and Mela crystallot11@gmail.com



Hope to see you at the Fall Meeting!



Proxy Statement for November 04, 2017

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 November 04, 2017 and all adjournments thereof and to vote on all matters properly coming before the meeting.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Lot Number: _____