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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Marty Mulloy

Recently our Secretary, Mela Belle, submitted her resignation from the Board due to family issues that required her full attention. I would like to thank Mela for her outstanding contribution to our lake community. Mela was a significant contributor in developing our lake community's Vision of the Future and Strategic Plan. Her insights and dedication will be missed. I would also like to thank Ryan Carmody for developing our website.

Former Board member, Judy Moskus, has graciously volunteered to come back and serve as the Secretary of the Board, effective November 3, 2018. We are fortunate to have someone of Judy's intellect and experience on the Board.

Our Board member responsible for Special Projects, Marilou Suarez, will be leaving the Board in mid October. Marilou has done a terrific job and will be missed. She is a hard worker who has delivered on all of her assignments. Denise Schlotz will be picking up responsibilities on Special Projects. Denise brings a great deal of enthusiasm and organizational skills to our Board.

It is imperative that everyone contributes his or her fair share to the Lakes Foundation. The quality of our lake community depends on the quality of the water in our lakes. Money donated to the Lakes Foundation goes directly to preserving our lakes and its natural habitat. Presently, approximately 65% of our members contribute – we thank you for your support. The remaining 35% -- we need you to kick in and share the load with your neighbors.

I want to thank my fellow Board members for their contribution to our lake community. They have worked countless hours on everything from maintaining roads, cutting weeds, eradicating invasive weeds, nurturing wild life, balancing budgets, protecting the purity of our lakes, developing strategic plans, fostering communications, sponsoring fundraisers, hosting community events, promoting fishing, and generally advancing the well being of our lake community. Their unselfish and tireless contribution has saved our lake members thousands upon thousands of dollars for services that would have otherwise been provided by paid professionals, which would have resulted in increasing everyone's annual assessments.

Lastly, the Crystal & Perch Lakes Property Association was founded in 1939. The cornerstone of the original charter states "A gentlemen's agreement to ensure peace and quiet to all members." This agreement is as relevant today as it was 80 years ago – we ask all lake association members to conduct themselves and their guests in such a manner that lives up to this cornerstone agreement.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Stan Kirkwood

The reception to the Master Plan at the annual meeting was very positive. People were energized and many expressed their desire to help drive the plan forward. There are two overall goals for our association: to maintain a healthy lake environment, and to have a vibrant community. Those goals were further broken down into initiatives and projects which will help us to attain our goals.

The board has met to identify the follow-up items and the lead responsibility for each initiative. These include projects for ensuring water quality, managing watercraft, and managing plant and animal life as well as providing social opportunities, educating residents and maintaining the up-north feel to our lakes.

Due to some physical challenges I have been faced with, I have not been able to stay as involved at this time but am aware of progress that is reported. For example, the "Welcome New Residents" initiative was completed. The group involved with that project put together a great binder which introduces new residents to the lake and to our surrounding community. There is a wealth of information included, and it was delivered to our newest resident just last week. Great job!

The Fishing Committee has continued to meet to provide direction for the health of the lake and to enhance the fishing opportunities. This group plays an important role for many who enjoy the benefits of lake living.

On a personal note, I have experienced the rewards of living in a vibrant community. Due to my illness, I am unable to do any of the things I could do before. Our friends at the lake have helped in so many ways, and I cannot express the depth of my gratitude for everything that you have done. I look forward to joining you next year and continuing the progress of our master plan.

Please accept my many thanks to all of you who have participated in our lake community and to those who are willing to be involved as we make our plan a reality.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We are continually updating our Lakes Directory. To ensure we have accurate information, please email any changes to your email address, home mailing address, or phone number to Janet Mulloy at mjmull4@comcast.net until November 3, 2018 and Judy Moskus at jamoskus@gmail.com after that.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mike King

I apologize for not issuing the annual dues notices yet. It has been a very busy summer for me and our family. We have been blessed with a new granddaughter this August and spent several weeks in Holland, Michigan with her and in Chicago helping with our other grandchildren. On the downside, my step dad fell, was in the hospital, and is now home under Hospice care.

There have been several properties that have sold, and it has kept me busy since realtors, banks and title search companies have me on their speed dial!

I made a trip to the Hillsdale County Register of deeds and removed six liens but there are still two outstanding; however, it looks like I will need to file a new lien for last year dues.

I plan on getting all the invoices for the dues issued by the end of September.

ROADS’ REPORT – Rick Applegate

Thank you to Chuck Hopkins for continuing to share his knowledge and help on our roads. He has made this transition easy and effective. Additionally, thank you to Mike Holden, Dick Johnson and several other residents who have helped care for our roads and roadside trimmings.

Roadwork related to dust control and snow plowing is directly affected by Mother Nature. We have been working with a better gravel mix which has helped with any washouts created by a hard rain. Our goal is to do the best we can with the resources available.

Compost – Our compost area is filling up fast. No vendors are allowed dumping privileges on our site. Limbs or logs must be 6” in diameter or smaller. Please contact me if you see someone abusing our compost site.

Since taking over the roads, there is one obstacle which continually resurfaces: residents, their guests, vendors, or contractors are going way too fast. PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

LAKES’ REPORT – Bob Conn

Hello fellow Lakers as I wanted to give just a brief update and still include information from summer lakes update.

1. *Weed spraying has been completed for this year successfully managing a balance between weeds for boaters / swimmers and fish.*
2. *Sonar application for perch was a success where milfoil was impacted positively with no nutrient load requiring multiple copper sulfate treatments.*
3. *Little Crystal project has been a success in that purchase of boat and motor to agitate muck and accelerate break down is working. Thanks to Chad Fish, Mike Holden, and Rick Applegate.*

LAKES' REPORT, continued – Bob Conn

4. Perch Lake hydrosweep needed some repairs this year, as have two of the cutter boats. We are down to one cutter boat on Crystal at the moment while the Perch Lake cutter boat is now running well. Thanks go out to Chuck Hopkins, Ed Lewis, and Tom Lieblein.
5. Water level for this year did go down on both lakes, but it remained higher than last year. Some minor weir repairs were done by Rick Applegate to ensure we keep the water we are supposed to have.
6. The Board wants to stress the need for Lake Donation participation. Meaning no lot spraying or use of foundation equipment unless you have made the initial \$100 contribution and hopefully a \$25 fish management donation.
7. 9,000 fat head minnows were added to Crystal and Perch Lakes on September 6th to continue our bottom-up approach to fish management.
8. The proposed lakes budget for 2019 will remain at \$19,000. \$14,000 allocated for weed management, \$2,000 for equipment maintenance, and \$3,000 for fish stocking as needed.
9. Please do not feed the ducks and swans.
10. Early September water testing samples came back with our lakes looking great, once again. Please keep up all of your good work to maintain our environment.
11. If you have not donated to the Lake Foundation, there is still plenty of time to do so. You may contact me at 734-320-4258, and I will help make your contribution.

LAKE REFLECTIONS – Gedy Love

Dr. Gedy Love has graciously volunteered to provide a historical narrative of our lake community. Dr. Love has lived on the lake for 67 years; she is a former Board member and created the Lake Preservation Foundation. As an advocate for protecting the purity of our lakes, Gedy spearheaded environmental research that has benefited generations of lake residents, family, and friends. Dr Love has an undergraduate degree from MSU and a PhD from U of M.

My love affair with our lakes started at a very early age.

In 1951, my parents and I fled Buenos Aires, Argentina, as the socialist uprisings became more violent. My parents had moved to Buenos Aires to be with my grandfather in 1950, so they didn't stay long. We came to Crystal Lake to stay with my grandmother and step-grandfather, Gladys (Bailey) and Larry Anderson, Lot 26, until my parents could find work. I was under a year old when I first saw Crystal Lake and my new brother was born soon after (1952).

As a child, I discovered the great fun of rolling down Grandma's hill toward the lake. This was a time before we had to worry about the gifts left by the geese. I would roll over and over again down her hill.

My mother taught me how to swim with my life jacket on. It was bright orange and was scratchy! My brother soon learned to swim with his life jacket too. We graduated out of our life jackets when we were

LAKE REFLECTIONS, continued – Gedy Love

more capable and older.

There were mushy places to walk in the lake, but Grandma had pea-gravel dumped in front of her house so the lake bottom would be firm. (Today we can't do this without a permit from the DEQ.) We had to stay away from the neighbor's beach because he dumped his garbage in the lake. (Subsequent neighbors have fished out all kinds of junk, including old batteries.)

We learned that if we stood still for a while, the minnows would nibble our legs and toes. The bigger fish made fish nests. These nesting fish were fun to watch as they swam in circles around their nests. We were to leave these nests alone.

Grandma always said that Crystal Lake is THE place to live. That is why she moved here from Jackson. She said they called it Crystal Lake because the water was crystal clear. Then she would point into the lake and say, "See, you can see right down to the bottom—crystal clear!"

Grandpa Larry took us fishing on the dock and sometimes in the row boat. We had to wear our life jackets in the boat. He put the worms on the hooks and he took the fish off the hooks. Grandpa would clean the fish in the basement. He has a special sink for this. I couldn't watch! Grandma would fry up the fish and it was delicious! We never went hungry at Grandma's and Grandpa's house.

We would go for long (for young legs) walks along Crystal Lake Drive. At that time, they put oil on the roads to keep the dust down. The roads were as hard as asphalt in most places. We couldn't walk on the roads right after the treatment because it smelled badly and there were puddles of oil. It didn't smell too good on hot days either! Sometimes they oiled the road twice a season. This practice was outlawed a long time ago. It is remarkable how Mother Nature has cleaned up our roads!

This is my first installment. I hope you enjoyed sharing with me. In future articles, I will discuss the past picnics, adventures on the lakes, Lake Preservation, and many other topics.

[The information in this reminiscence was requested (over and over again) by many of you. I am sharing my experiences at Crystal Lake and Perch Lake on a continuing basis. I also hope to share my love affair with our lakes and to explain why we do things the way we do at Crystal Lake-Perch Lake Property Owners Association. You are invited to ask questions which I can address in future articles or share your own experiences for submission. Please email them to me at drgedy@frontiernet.net]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Meeting – November 3, 2018 from 9:30 to 12 noon

Spring Meeting – April 6, 2019 from 9:30 to 12 noon

Summer Meeting – July 13, 2019 from 9:30 to 12 noon

Lakes Picnic at McCourtie Park (including pavilion) – July 13, 2019 from 12 noon to 5:00

Autumn Meeting – November 2, 2019 from 9:30 to 12 noon

All lake meetings will be held at the Somerset Township Meeting Room. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9:30 with the meeting beginning promptly at 10:00.

Please refer to our website at www.crystalperchlakes.com to keep yourself up to date on all matters concerning our lake community.



Proxy Statement – November 3, 2018

I, the undersigned, a member of 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 for the Members of the CLPLPOA for the above date and all adjournments thereof and to vote on all matters properly coming before the meeting.

Property Owner: _____

Date: _____

Lot Number: _____