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“Time wasted at the lake is
time well spent.”

- Unknown

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*A helping hand, compassionate heart;
A sunny smile, each do our part;
A kindly act, or worthy deed;
A tolerant mind, a friend in need;
A prayer each day, if these things done...
We'll keep this "The livin'est Place Under the Sun!"*
-- Unknown

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Marty Mulloy

Our Summer Membership meeting scheduled for July 10, 2021, will not be held at the Township Hall. The Board has decided to move the meeting outdoors to McCourtie Park. Given the fluid circumstances of Covid, McCourtie Pavilion provides the best venue for our meeting. We will follow state protocol in coordinating the meeting to ensure safe health standards.

Secondly, this years Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2021. We will be hosting the picnic at McCourtie Park Pavilion. There will be subsequent communications from the Picnic Committee chaired by Ann Dyjach providing further details as we get closer to the date of the picnic.

We are being impacted by raising inflation resulting in higher raw material costs. These expenditures are affecting our Roads spending. Rick Applegate’s submission will highlight the challenges we are facing and the impact upon our budget. The Board will be recommending at the Summer Meeting to increase the Road Dues from \$225 to \$275 per year. This \$50 change will increase revenues by approximately \$6,000.

Without the contribution of our “Road Warriors” — Rick Applegate and Terry Yamarino, and our distinguished alumni Chuck Hopkins and Dick Johnson, this lake community’s Road Dues would be double what we are paying today.

I want to recognize the contribution of Bob Conn, Dave Vanderworp, and our Lake Foundation volunteers for their work on sustaining the purity of our lakes, while at the same time, balancing the environmental impact of using chemicals to kill invasive weeds that threaten our native plants, fish and wildlife.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, continued – Marty Mulloy

Our lakes have recently enrolled in the Michigan Cooperative Monitoring Program. We have volunteers from each lake regularly monitoring water clarity, algae, dissolved oxygen & temperatures, invasive aquatic plants, and phosphorous load. Our thanks to Wayne Snyder for coordinating this effort and to Linda McCracken for monitoring Perch Lake.

As you are aware, our efforts to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for our lakes was placed on hold by the Township until the Covid restrictions are rescinded and normal business operations resume for the Township. Please see Judy Moskus' submission for details.

Unfortunately, our lakes will continue to be in jeopardy as long as we have only 60% of our members contributing to the Lakes Foundation. Without adequate funding, we are in the perilous position of counting on the generosity of a handful of lake members to make up for the 40% that refuse to do their part in supporting our lakes. Lacking sufficient funds to combat invasive weeds and aquatic species, our wonderful lake community could turn into a very undesirable place to reside.

Lastly, I want to recognize the contribution of our former board member and friend Stan Kirkwood. His contribution to our lake community was outstanding. He was unselfish and tireless in his effort to build a sustainable lake community from developing broad strategic plans to sorting through the details of data analysis. Stan worked to make this a very special place to live. He will be missed for years to come.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Judy Moskus

Thea Kirkwood has kindly agreed to rescue me from my position as board secretary. I am grateful for her willingness to assume this important job. I am also grateful for the opportunity to have served with the current board. Truly a great bunch of guys! We all owe them a debt of gratitude for the time and effort they have expended on the association's behalf.

I would also be remiss not to mention all of the great work that Stan Kirkwood undertook on the association's behalf. Thanks to his considerable efforts and vision, our association now has a blueprint or plan to guide us for the future. Bless him, and may he rest in peace.

Of course, I cannot go quietly. Thus, I offer my "swan song." A swan song is a metaphorical phrase for a final gesture, effort, or performance given just before death or retirement. And so while I leave the board in a formal capacity, I have agreed to remain in an ad hoc role to shepherd the establishment of a special assessment district (SAD) for lake management to a conclusion.

Unfortunately, our efforts in this regard remain stalled. The township has never been particularly enthusiastic about doing this, and it took us a long time to get them to pass the initial resolution and set up the first public hearing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, continued – Judy Moskus

That hearing was canceled because of Covid restrictions on public meetings. While these sorts of restrictions are slowly lifting, it is still not entirely clear what the current protocols are to hold a public meeting. The township has previously declined to do any type of a video meeting.

So I will redouble my efforts to get this thing to a decision point, whatever that decision is. Support from our membership for the establishment of a SAD has been substantial, and I hope the township will take that into consideration once hearings and other procedural processes resume.

A NOTE FROM INCOMING SECRETARY – Thea Kirkwood

This July marks the beginning of my tenure as secretary for the board. I accepted this role out of gratitude for the many hours of service previous members have contributed to the association. I look forward to collaborating with each of the team members and hope to meet the needs of our valued lake community residents. My thanks to Judy Moskus for stepping in when there was a need and Janet Mulloy for her enthusiastic assistance and training. You may contact me at clplsecretary@gmail.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mike King

I wanted to thank everyone that has paid this year's dues. We have received 119 out of 123 road/administration dues and 20 out of 27 administration dues to date. I have sent out 2 separate past due notices so far to the members who have not paid their road/administration dues. If we don't receive payment by the end of this fiscal year, liens will be issued against their property.

Dues Received for 2020-2021	\$29,555
Expenses to Date	\$31,454*
Checking Account Balance	\$21,974
Savings Account Balance	\$46,930

Once again, thank you to all who are current on their dues which provides the necessary funds to maintain our roads and wonderful lakes environment.

* Does not include an estimated expense of \$13,500 in 3Q 2021 to improve the north and south entrances off S Jackson Road.

ROADS' REPORT – Rick Applegate

Our 3.1 miles of roads are currently in very good condition. Looking ahead into next year's budget, we have to address price increases from fuel, dust control, maintenance of our grader, and literally all aspects of our road work costs that have gone up significantly in the past few years. We will have to adjust our road dues accordingly or the quality of the roads will suffer.

Road Report as follows:

- Storage - Storage of our Maintainer (grader) in Dan Stevick's pole barn year-round has proven to be the best solution for protecting our investment and we thank Dan for working with us to store not only the Maintainer, but equipment as well.

ROADS' REPORT, continued – Rick Applegate

- Snow Plowing - Snow covered roads can be challenging for both snow removal and sanding. Salt and sand are applied in areas where ice accumulates from the freezing and thawing.
- Dust Control - We apply dust control as our budget allows which is twice a year. Lack of rain can greatly affect the effectiveness of dust control and how long it lasts.
- Compost Area - The compost is for CLPL residents only. Please do not give the code to nonresidents or contractors.
- Mowing - Mowing is subcontracted and done at the two entrances and boat launches. We also mow along roadsides which takes place in June.
- Speed Limit - 15 MPH. Please be considerate and let your guests know what our speed limit is as many folks walk our roads with their kids or dogs.
- Summer projects - Normal roadside trimming and cutting will take place along with drainage work. This summer we are resealing the North entrance approach, replacing the South entrance approach with new blacktop and adding 40' of paving to this approach. (This work will require all of us to be patient and considerate as the work will be somewhat congested until completed).

Thank you to my coworker Terry Yamarino for his continued help for the past four years. By having another worker to help out on the roads and maintenance projects, we were able to accomplish a lot. Thanks to Chuck Hopkins, Dick Johnson, Tom Lieblein, and Tim Ostrosky for their continued help throughout the year. As an additional note, I will be staying on as head of the roads for one more year. I would like to recommend Terry Yamarino as my successor for the roads. Terry has the experience, and equally as important, is devoted to helping out our Association in any way he can..

LAKES' REPORT – Bob Conn

Greeting neighbors.

Summer is upon on and I wish I could say the rain was also. Completely opposite from last year having very high lake levels, we are way down to levels usually seen in late summer. Depending on how hot and sunny our summer is we could be in for algae and weed growth issues. Crystal and Perch have had their early summer invasive weed chemical treatments. I will continue to monitor fish spawning, algae growth and manage them in way to minimize impact on fish reproduction and yet meet needs for swimming.

I would remind everyone that finding a happy balance between lake life and the lake users can be extremely challenging. The addition of 60,000 fat head minnows into the lakes continues to support our efforts in finding natural solutions to algae and sediment build up in our lakes. I would add that your support by donations allows for keeping our lakes healthy and useable. Spread the word and speak with your neighbors about helping this very important endeavor.

LAKES' REPORT – Bob Conn, continued

Be septic tank wise, and ensure your septic is pumped at least every three to five years. Use septic safe products and chemicals that are low in phosphates to minimize the impact to the lake. Please keep your lot numbers on your water craft, and if you invite a visitor (property owners only), make sure they have your written permission via email, text, or note. I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.

The spring water quality test was done for both lakes with report yet to be given us.

FOUNDATION – Dave VanDerworp

As you know, the Crystal Lake Perch Lake Foundation collects donations from lake property owners to finance the lake treatment, fish stocking and other projects that benefit the health and well being of our lakes. This year we have a goal of collecting \$19,000. As of April 10 we have received \$12,575 in donations. In the past years, we have collected about \$3,000 during our fall auction and t-shirt sales. This means we need to receive about \$4,000 more in individual donations to reach our goal. If just 23 more owners contributed \$175, we would reach our goal. In a week or two, we will be sending out reminders to those who have not contributed. Let's all do our part in funding the necessary lake treatments to keep them healthy and free of invasive plants.

The Foundation has also been collecting donations in memory of Stan Kirkwood. Many people have felt a need to memorialize Stan's leadership and love of our lakes. To date we have collected about \$10,000 in his memory. We are forming a committee to direct the expenditure of this money. More information will follow as it becomes available.

We still hope we can hold a Kids Fishing Tournament like those we have had before Covid. This has been a very fun and successful way to introduce the young ones about fishing, fish regulations, fish identification, boat etiquette, and how lake health protects fishing in the future. Perhaps in August if the pandemic allows.

We may also host a Septic System Awareness event to coincide with National Septic Week, September 20 - 24. We are trying to get a local septic pumper company to get us a special rate that week and to provide volunteers to help you locate your septic tank. Details are still being worked out.

A special thanks to Wayne Snyder and Rick Applegate for producing a pamphlet that outlines the fishing regulations and guidelines for our lakes, explains the work of the Association in keeping our lakes healthy, and the role of the Foundation in collecting donations for that work. Many thanks for all the volunteers who delivered those pamphlets door-to-door.

If anyone would like to join the Foundation, please contact Dave VanDerworp at Vanscamp@Wowway.com

LIFE AT THE LAKE



Attention all dog owners: The number one complaint from members is barking dogs. If you have a dog, please be a responsible dog owner. The incessant barking is sound pollution that has neighbors at wits end.



Our Lake community is sponsoring our Sixth Annual **Carp Harvesting Contest**. Only a handful of carp have been captured to date this summer, but that number will increase as the water temperatures rise. A \$50 prize will be awarded for the heaviest carp caught. As you may be aware, an over abundance of carp can devastate our lakes' vibrant and diverse fish population. Left unabated, carp could eventually be the lone species in our lakes. We started the carp harvesting initiative to protect our native species of bass and panfish. Over the past few years, we have averaged 35 carp per season – one large female carp can lay up to 300,000 eggs! Lastly, our goal is to minimize the expense of fish stocking. It is far better for the fish and more economical for them to reproduce in their natural habitats. The best way to achieve this objective is to provide a healthy lake with a minimum of carp destroying their fish beds.



We have a new family making a home on the north side of Crystal Lake – the island. Please enjoy watching these magnificent creatures from a distance!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Somerset Township Special Assessment Meeting (SAD) Public Hearing – TBD

Summer Meeting – July 10, 2021 at 10:00 (coffee and doughnuts at 9:30) at McCourtie Park

Summer Lakes Picnic – July 11, 2021 at 11:30 at McCourtie Park

Kid's Fishing Day – Tentatively August – details to follow

Fall Meeting – November 6, 2021 from 10:00 to 12 noon (coffee and doughnuts at 9:30)

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