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“Skip a stone.
Take a hike.
Sit a spell.
Listen.
Daydream.
Just breathe.
This is lake living.”

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*“The tip of the trees at the autumn lake are tinged redly,
The white swans quietly floating, silently the bubbles which’re arising,
And rustling leaves, wind making sounds, they’re playing mutually,
And people have left, even as the sun sets, their nests,
the birds are forgetting.”*

– Kinsley Lee

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Kevin McMaster

Welcome to our fall newsletter. You know we are seeing summer slowly pass by and fall edging its way in when you watch the steam coming out of the lake on cold mornings. The lake temperature on Crystal maxed out just south of 80 degrees this summer, where last year we were in the mid 80s to a high of 89! We have had great weather overall this summer compared to the rest of the country breaking heat records and having numerous 100+ degree days. The only complaint, as we have moved to the lake full time, is the number of power outages while we had people visiting. Thank God for generators!

Lake Happenings

This summer had a 4th of July boat parade, eagle babies taking flight (and screeching all over the lake), fun flotillas, Meckley’s Sunflower Festival, many sunsets, quiet pontoon rides, floating and swimming, barbecue dinners, a blue moon sighting and night cruise (next Blue Moon in 14 years), cards with friends... euchre, 5 crowns, hand and foot. We love the lake and all the Crystal / Perch Lake community!



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PRESIDENT’S REPORT, continued – Kevin McMaster

Fall Meeting

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 7th, held at the Township Hall. Donuts and coffee will be available at 9:30 with the meeting at 10:00.

Annual Meeting

Thank you for your great attendance! Trustee election:

Special Projects – Laura Dietrich

Roads – Rick Applegate (1 year extension), Rob Shier (ad hoc trustee)

Lakes – Bob Conn (1 year extension), Jim Carr (ad hoc trustee)

Congratulations to our new board and ad hoc trustees!

Mexican Fiesta party after with great food, sombreros, piñata... thanks to Laura Dietrich and Barb Yamarino for a truly fun event!



Lake Board and Others

**** Thanks to our Lake Board members and other volunteers! ****

Vice President: Patty Maher

Secretary: Thea Kirkwood

Treasurer: Diane Ostrosky

Roads: Rick Applegate, Terry Yamarino, Frank Dietrich, Tim Ostrosky, Rob Shier

Lakes: Bob Conn, David VanDerworp, Wayne Snyder, Jim Carr

Special Projects: Laura Dietrich

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Patty Maher

Summer is winding down but September and October are some of my favorite months to be in Michigan and I look forward to more sunny days on the lake or at least lakeside. I will miss the chili cook-off but look forward to seeing many of you at the fall meeting on October 7th.

My major focus for the CLPL Board this year has continued to be leading the ad hoc committee which is refreshing the CLPL website. As a reminder of the update given during the annual meeting in July, the committee's focus is on two main areas:

- 1) Updating the content and design of our Crystal and Perch Lakes POA website, and
- 2) Creating a space on our website to further document and share the history of our lake community.

Summer has significantly slowed down the progress of the committee formed in the fall of 2022. (Summer travel and commitments called and we answered – rather than sitting inside writing at our desks!) However, over the past two months, we chipped away at some of our assignments and have collected a few new documents that will be helpful as we develop the content on the history of the CLPL Property Owners Association. (NOTE: If you have any documents about your property or the lake community that you would like to share, please bring to the fall meeting or contact me and I can make arrangements to pick up and return to you as soon as I can make a digital copy for use in our history project.)

The committee plans to have a working draft of the refreshed website for the spring meeting.

If you would like to help with any aspect of this project or have any questions or suggestions, please contact me – Patty Maher (clplveep@gmail.com or via mobile at 734-417-1549).

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Thea Kirkwood

I would like to extend my appreciation to the membership for your always cordial communications with me. This role, like others on the board, provides me an opportunity to meet and interact with many people on the lakes. My 3-year tenure will be up at the summer meeting in 2024 so, if you feel this is a role you would like to explore, please let me know and I can work with someone for a smooth transition.

We want to share our condolences with Leon (Lon) Sheffer on Perch Lake who lost his beloved wife, Karen Sheffer. A copy of her obituary was emailed in our September update notice for those who wish to read more. Please feel free to share your expressions of sympathy with Lon via his email, ldsheffer@comcast.net.

Thank you to Crystal Lake community member, Marty Frew, for establishing a Facebook page for Crystal and Perch Lake residents. The page is private and can only be joined by contacting Marty at dwyerfrew@comcast.net and requesting access to the page. We currently have 37 members who have joined the page to share photos, experiences, and information about our beautiful lakes.

As always, remember to notify me if you make changes to your address or contact information so that we can keep our directory current and keep you informed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Diane Ostrosky

Invoicing for the 23-23 fiscal year has begun. They were again sent out to everyone's email; if you have not received your invoice, please contact me at ostroskydl@comcast.net. Venmo payment is also available (@CLPLPOA). Please include your address or lot number in the memo on electronic payments.

If you were not in attendance at our last meeting, the Association members approved a \$25 annual increase to road dues. You will notice that on this year's invoice.

With increasing interest rates, we opted to open a high-yield Certificate of Deposit with a portion of our savings. There is no penalty if we need to withdraw the money before the term is complete, but this should help build our savings.

One third of our members have already paid their dues. Thank you for your speedy action!

ROADS' REPORT – Rick Applegate

My co-workers Frank Dietrich, Terry Yamarino, Chuck Hopkins, Tim Ostrosky and I are pleased to report that our 3.1 miles of roads (although challenging with the early summer drought) are in good shape. Please keep in mind that homeowners can do their part by keeping their road frontage clear and maintaining small drainage areas along their roadside property preventing puddling and potholes.

The speed limit is 15 MPH for everyone. We have plenty of signs out there. Advise your contractors, visitors, and family! We don't want to see anyone get hurt.

The compost area is filling up fast. We encourage residents to rent their own chipper to handle debris from storm damage on their property. Please keep in mind that we don't have a secondary site once our compost is full. Thanks to those who did rent their own chipper this summer.

Snow plowing is done by Precision Lawn Care. Marking some areas of your property with reflectors helps the snow plow driver but keep in mind, the snow has to be piled somewhere! The driver plows as best they can, diverting side to side. Get your shovel out and clear your driveway at the roadside. Exercise is good for all of us. Thank you!

Last but not least, please show appreciation to our road crew and fellow board members. A thank you can mean a lot to the volunteers.

LAKES' REPORT – Bob Conn

I trust everyone is still enjoying the late summer and early fall at the Lake. This summer has seen great weather with ample rain and plenty of nice days for lake fun. Thanks to help from PLM, we have kept control of problem areas on both lakes with both channels on Crystal Lake open. Heading into the fall season I would remind everyone to make sure vendors doing yard leaf cleaning do not blow leaves into the lake. The fall water health checkup will take place in October. We also hope information from RLS will be forthcoming.

LAKES' REPORT, continued – Bob Conn

Please make sure that if you invite guests to ice fish this winter, they need to have written permission via email, text or note to be on our lakes. I have been working with Jim Carr from Crystal Lake who has volunteered to work alongside me in a smooth transition to becoming the new lakes board member. I encourage everyone to please give him your support as this transition takes place. If I'm not at the fall meeting, I wish you all a wonderful and safe winter here at Shangri-La.

SPECIAL PROJECTS – Laura Dietrich

The Fall Chili Cook-Off will be on Saturday, September 23rd from 12:00 noon to 2:00 at the Somerset Community Room. Prizes will be awarded to the top three chilis! Please make sure you pre-register to bring chili (if you have not already done so) to ensure that we have table space and sample cups ready.

We are excited to let everyone know that the 2024 calendars are in and ready for pre-orders!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Chuck Fifield for offering his amazing artwork in the making of the calendar. He has offered to sell a signed copy of any of the prints in the calendar for \$20. All proceeds for the sale of the prints will go to fish stocking. Thank you so much Chuck!

The calendars will be available for purchase for \$25 at both the Chili Cook-Off and Fall meeting (cash or check made out to CLPLPOA). Please text Laura Dietrich (502-905-1235) to pre-order your calendar.

FOUNDATION

The Crystal Lake Perch Lake Foundation members are Dave VanDerworp, Anna Marie Asher, Robert Burns, and Wayne Snyder. We could use another member or two, especially from Perch Lake. We will hold a 50/50 raffle at the upcoming Chili Cook-Off. "Be There or Be Square!" We are eagerly awaiting the results from Restorative Lake Services about the extensive survey they have done for our lakes. This will be distributed once received.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chili Cook-Off – September 23 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm – Somerset Community Room

Fall Membership Meeting – October 7 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, coffee and donuts at 9:30 –Somerset Township Meeting Room

Spring Membership Meeting – April 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Summer Membership Meeting and Picnic – July 13, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Fall Membership Meeting – October 5, 2024 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon