



School Section Lake POA Crier

Fall 2011 Issue

THE PREZ SEZ

by President Jerry King

This has been a very safe & enjoyable summer. Every evening saw many pontoons cruising to cool off after the warm days. Fishing was good and many water skiers & tubers were able to enjoy the weather. Thanks to everyone who came to the 6th annual Meet Your Neighbor. It was the biggest ever. The officers of the Association donated the pig for the 2nd year, and many delicious side dishes were donated by various lake residents. Getting to know our "Lake Neighbors" is an important part of keeping School Section Lake a safe & enjoyable place to be. We are always in need of volunteers. If you have ideas on how the Association can improve the lake, or are willing to give a few hours of your time to volunteer, please contact any of the board officers or your area rep. Have a safe Fall & Winter.

2011 SSLPOA MEMBERSHIP

by Ellie Thering, Treasurer

Thank you to all 147 members who paid dues for 2011. Our goal for 2012 is 150 members. Dues notices will be sent early in 2012. Your continued support provides the funds necessary to operate our association and protect this beautiful lake.

Fishing Tournament

The annual Fall Fishing Tournament was not held this Fall because of the lack of a chairman. In previous years this has been an enjoyable event. If you are interested in continuing having this tournament, and could volunteer a few hours to help with it, please contact Jerry King.



The fabulous flower garden is beautiful from the first sign of spring through the final days of fall, thanks to Jim & Roxanne Simon's daughter, Pam. While living in Lansing, Pam has spent four years creating her masterpiece during visits to the lake. Most of the plants have come from her yard as she's experimented with deer-proof varieties. As a thank you to Pam and her four legged assistant, Lucy, please consider making a donation to the Simons in appreciation for all the time, effort and care that Pam puts into making our entrance so inviting.

FISH COMMITTEE REPORT

by Jerry King

We are all set with permit in hand to plant walleyes in October. More and more people, including myself, are catching more and more. The quality of the fish is very good, thick with beautiful color. We are always in need of donations to make sure we have enough money for the fall planting. If you wish to donate, send a check to Ellie Thering at 9251 E. School Section Lk. Dr. or call me at 231-972-7446. The park has always been a good partner with us with a donation every year. Thank the park if you get the opportunity. Good fishing. Maybe I'll see you on the ice.

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE ROAD REPORT

By Larry Bunker

Another summer season has passed. Hopefully we have good news for those living on Wood St. Next year, 2012, Buchanan Rd in Morton Township is to be worked on by the Mecosta County Road Commission. Morton Township is attempting to add the repaving of Wood St. at the same time as the Buchanan Road work.

The private section of West School Section Lk Dr, (the northern portion), is maintained by a \$30.00 annual fee per lot assessment. The \$30.00 annual fee is added to the tax statement for the property owners involved. This \$30.00 charge has not changed since the paving in 1997. Last year our winter and summer maintenance charges were approximately \$4300.00 while we only took in some \$3200.00. That being said, a petition was recently sent out to see if those involved would be willing to raise the fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00 annually. We need to hear from those people who were sent ballots. If we don't receive 51% in favor, our roads will not be maintained, because when we run out of money, all maintenance and plowing will cease. Please return those ballots as soon as possible.

LAKE LEVEL REPORT

Our "Lake Level Committee" met after the "Meet your Neighbor" event and discussed the survey results about looking at establishing a spillway. The survey showed 68% of members who completed the form, favored establishing a consistent lake level.

Committee members are: Brace Case, Sandra Roberts, Rosemary Wade, John Rowland & Jerry King

WATER QUALITY REPORT

By Tom, John, Jim

All test were taken and turned in on time. One more test, a phosphorus test is due 9/15/11. We will receive the results in the spring.

WEBSITE

by John Rowland

We continue to grow our web activities and encourage all members to visit: www.schoolsection.com . If you have pictures of fish, historical or special events please forward to our webmaster: Viking@voyager.net

LIGHT UP THE LAKE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY!!

by Kenny Murdoch

In 2012 the 4th of July falls on a Wednesday. We are considering having the traditional boat parade on Tuesday, July 3 at the usual time. We would also like to try something new! After dark on July 3rd we would like to see a gathering of lighted pontoons on the lake. This would be an informal parade, gathering off the North end of the island (large end of lake). A new opportunity to show off your creative decorating skills using lights.

Take advantage of the Christmas Light sales & *"Light up the Lake on Independence Day"!* Read the Spring newsletter for more details.

2010-2011 Audit

A "Financial Audit" of the 2010-2011 books has been performed. A spot check was done of the income & expenses of the "General Fund", "Fish Fund" & "Weed" Accounts. The books were in balance & found to be complete and very neat and organized. There were no discrepancies.

Board Officers:

Jerry King, President
John Rowland, Vice Pres.
Ellie Thering, Treasurer
Marlene Schalm, Secretary

Park Director, Gary Brown

Area Reps:

Darlene Bunker
Tom Thering
Margo Miller
Larry Bunker
Jim Pratt
Ronald Seif
Judy Rowland
John Sheppard
Dan Salisbury
Diane Diehm
Sue Cozat
Kurt Cotter

Committee Chairs:

Finance Committee – Maxine Murdoch
Fish Planting Project – Jerry King
Newsletter Coordinator – Maxine Murdoch
Park Liaison – Jerry King
Lake Water Levels – John Rowland
Water Quality Management – Tom Thering
Road Committee – Larry Bunker
Web Site Master – John Rowland

“MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR” 2011

by Margo Miller

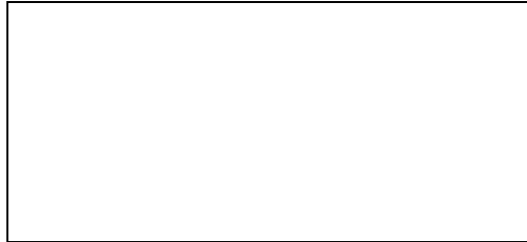
The 6th annual “Meet Your Neighbor”, was held Saturday, August 13, 2011, and was met with much success. Over 100 School Section Lake Property Owners and their families attended. We again enjoyed a wonderful pig roast with great networking and fellowship. Property owners got to meet their association board of directors as well as special interest committee members who included the Fish Committee, Road Committee and the Web Site Master. Norm Zion from the Aquatic Nuisance Control was on hand to give a report on the weed conditions of our lake and how they will be addressed.

On site vendors, Lakeside Motor Sports and the Yellow Rose Upholstery, were present to familiarize property owners with their businesses and both conducted their own special door prize drawing. As usual, door prizes were a big hit and were given out as follows:

Ralph Tonak	Folding Chair	First Bank
Nick Boroff	Rain Gauge	Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control
Heather Sprague	Pizza	J & W Pizza & More
Marty Foster	Pizza	Dave's Pizza
Dorothy Metcalf	Pizza	Mancino's
Mary Sheppard	Pizza	Mancino's
Gail Bullard	Hair Products	A Flair for Hair
Alice Narloch	Rain Gauge	Norm Zion, Aquatic Nuisance Control
Dorothy Markle	\$25 gift certificate	St. Germain Antiques
Pat Haynes	\$20 Gift Certificate	The Corner Sweet Shop
Jim Simon	Solar Lights	Ace Hardware
Marion Heil	Mum Plant	Rosemary Wade, SSLPO
Jeanne Heil	Mum Plant	Rosemary Wade, SSLPO
Laura Liles	Mum Plant	Rosemary Wade, SSLPO
Jim Pratt	Stained Glass Box	Dan Salisbury, SSLPO
Darlene Bunker	SSL Cap	SSLPOA Fish Fund
Jim Garland	Sweatshirt	SSLPOA Fish Fund
Beth Davis	Vase of Gladiolas	Ardith Smith, SSLPO
Leo Perrin	Lamp	Marlene Wadell, SSLPO
Janet Thomas	Butterfly Plaques	Marlene Wadell, SSLPO
Joyce Furze	Oil Lamp	Terry Payne, SSLPO
Lois Steig	Flameless Candle	Margo Miller, SSLPO
Deb Thomas	Flameless Candle	Margo Miller, SSLPO
Dan Salisbury	Flameless Tealights	Margo Miller, SSLPO
Ralph Morrison	Flameless Tealights	Margo Miller, SSLPO
Mary Jane Post	Flameless Votives	Margo Miller, SSLPO
Susan Godfrey	Sauce Dishes	Margo Miller, SSLPO
Alan Metcalf	Cooler	Yellow Rose Upholstery
Larry Bunker	Campfire Forks Set	Yellow Rose Upholstery
George St. Clair	Campfire Forks Set	Yellow Rose Upholstery

The Festivities came to a close with a few rain drops and everyone having a great time, good fellowship and a greater appreciation for our lake. The goal of our School Section Lake Property Owners Association is to leave our lake for posterity better than we found it. With continued networking, we can accomplish this

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2012 DATES TO REMEMBER:

Annual Meeting: Sat. June 9, 9am, Twp. Hall

Meet Your Neighbor: Sat. Aug. 11 – Co-chair &Volunteers needed

Recycle: each Sat. of the month 9am to noon– Canadian Lks Fire Barn

POA Board Meeting Dates: April 14, May 12, July 14, Sept. 8 & Oct. 13 at 9am

Volunteers Needed for:

Winter & Fall Fishing Tournament

Meet your Neighbor Assistant

Boat Ramp Assistant

Neighborhood Watch