

# **POW WOW**

## **Papakeechee Protective Association Newsletter-Fall 2017**

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*The POW WOW is published to provide important and general information to the PPA membership.*

### **POW WOW Distribution**

In an effort to reduce POW WOW expenses, we have begun to utilize email services to distribute our newsletter. Please send us your email address via: [papakeechee@gmail.com](mailto:papakeechee@gmail.com). The POW WOW will also be available for viewing at: [www.lakepapakeechee.org](http://www.lakepapakeechee.org).

### **Message from the President**

How quickly time flies! It seems that it was just a short time ago that I assumed the duties as the PPA President. I am proud to report that in that time, several exciting things have been accomplished.

The first is something for which we all can be relieved. The loan for our Dam/Levee construction has been paid in full. A big part of this accomplishment can be directly attributed to the outstanding efforts of Larry Clough. His efforts literally saved us tens of thousands of dollars. That being said, there will be no 2018 assessment for the Dam/Levee Project.

It had been many years since a fish study had been done on the lake. In 2016, both a fish study, and a plant study were conducted. With the hope that we can use this information to better manage the lake, data from both these studies are being carefully scrutinized.

Arleen Corson has graciously headed up the huge project to bring our wetland area up to state standards. Through her, and several other volunteer's efforts, we have continued to move closer to being relieved of our state mandated regulations that have cost us thousands of dollars the last few years.

Remember, we are all a part of a very pristine community. It takes each one of us to do his/her part. We need to maintain our property in a manner that is not

offensive to our neighbors, and we should work in union with each other to make this a pleasant place to live.

With the continued cooperation, and voluntary efforts of our board and the PPA membership, we will continue to move forward. I am fully confident that we can accomplish much more in our effort to conquer our challenges, and reach our goals. Again, I will be counting on your support in these efforts.

Thanks for your support,  
Pat Ebetino, PPA President

### **Boating on our lake our Lake**

*The use of any type motor to propel a boat on Lake Papakeechee is strictly prohibited.*

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

January 2018, invoices for annual PPA Dues to be mailed to the membership

April 2, 2018, Dues payment past due

The 2018 PPA Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August, 11<sup>th</sup>. Election for the following will be held at the meeting: President, Secretary, and representatives from districts; 2, 4, 6, and 8. If you are, or you know of anyone who is interested in running for a position, please let us know.

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### Board Meetings

Throughout the year, the Board of Directors normally holds monthly and sometimes special meetings. Members are welcome to attend. You will find upcoming meeting dates and times, as well as other interesting information on the PPA website: [www.lakepapakeeche.org](http://www.lakepapakeeche.org)

### 2017 PPA Annual Membership Meeting

2017 PPA Annual Membership Meeting was well attended. Both the Secretary's Minutes, of the 2016 Annual meeting and the current annual Treasurer's Report were distributed and approved. A handout of the 2018 Budget was provided and explained. Our annual Comprehensive Financial Review has been completed, and everything has been found to be in order. Election of Officers and District representatives resulted in the following: The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and District Representatives stayed the same, except for District 5 in which David Floyd was elected. An association dues increase was approved by the membership. Beginning in 2018, each Association member shall pay One Hundred Ninety dollars (\$190) annual dues for each lake front lot and Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) for each non-lakefront lot.

As reported at the annual meeting as of 6/30/17. Our income for the last fiscal year was \$154,478.79 and expenses were \$233,156.22. Our total cash assets as of 08/31/2017, was \$39,698.23.

John Hart reported on the 2016 fish study that was conducted by Aquatic Control. When the study was conducted, it was a cold, rainy night. The study boat went around the entire shore line of the lake. He said that he and Paul Garl followed the boat for about 1.5 hours. The study determined that we are a healthy fishery, which is typical of other lakes. There were a few issues, but nothing overwhelming. The board has formed a committee that will formulate an action plan that will deal with them. They have recommended we conduct an additional fish study in 2019.

Concerning various issues related to the association and the lake, good discussions were had.

### Social Events and Fundraisers!

If you would like to organize an event, let us know at: [papalakeevents@gmail.com](mailto:papalakeevents@gmail.com), or contact John Hart, at: [jhartysyracuse@gmail.com](mailto:jhartysyracuse@gmail.com)

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### Weed Control/Lake Maintenance

Due to the mild weather, last winter, this summer we had more weeds, than the prior year. To say the least, the harvester has had a very busy and productive summer. Overall, we feel that we have a good process in place, however, as always; we will be closely monitoring the lake's vegetation growth and taking any additional action that is needed.

Soon we will be pulling the dam stop log so that we can achieve the lakes winter level.

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### Wetlands Progress

The wetlands mitigation area inspection was in early August. Williams Creek Consulting came and inspected the mitigation area and briefed us on what their report will say. We need to have our mitigation area approved in order to be released from the obligations of our building permits for the dam. WCC will recommend to the US Army Corp of Engineers and IDEM that they release us from any further inspections concerning these construction permits. Provided that the agencies agree, we may have to do a self inspection next year and write a letter to USACE and IDEM with the results. If all goes well we may be released next year.

‘satisfactory’ which is the highest rating that is given. As usual we have about a dozen action items listed in the report that we will be responsible for correcting. None are safety issues but they have to be addressed none-the-less. We’ve estimated that the repairs will cost the association a few thousand dollars. Estimates will be refined as we work with the contractors and bring information to the Board of Directors for their approval before proceeding. The report contains the comment that we should have an Emergency Action Plan. This same comment was in the last report two years ago and will probably appear in every report until we have one prepared. Larry Clough will be looking into what is required and how we can obtain a plan at the least possible cost. He continues to work with the IDNR and the Association of State Dam Safety Officials to develop contacts among experts that can help us with the EAP.



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We will accept business ads on a first come, first served basis. We believe that this is a great opportunity for you to let your neighbors know of the many services available within the membership and the surrounding area. At present, we would like to run at least three (3), or four (4) ads per publication. For pricing and more information, contact Bernie Ebetino at (260) 639-0046, or [ebetinob@gmail.com](mailto:ebetinob@gmail.com). Since space is limited, now would be a good time to secure a spot for your ad in our 2018 Spring edition. Please support the businesses that advertise, and let them know that you saw their ad in the Pow Wow.

### Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI)

On behalf of Lake Papakeechee residents and the PPA Board, members of Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI) continue to focus on the health and sustainability of our lake.

Activities during 2017 include:

### Dam/Levee Inspections

Our second biennial dam inspection took place in April. Terry Radtke and Larry Clough met with the dam inspector and we have now received the report and it contains no surprises. The dam passed the safety inspection and has no safety issues, so it’s rating remains

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- Monitored water quality of the lake. Testing includes clarity, temperature, E. coli, phosphorus, nitrogen, dissolved oxygen and microcystin detection. New this year is equipment to sample at various depths and a test for microcystin (produced by some types of blue-green algae). Ongoing long-term testing is essential to understand the quality of the lake and how it changes over time.
- Incorporated LaPSI as a not-for-profit (501(c)(3)) Indiana corporation. This status was achieved in the spring and will facilitate fundraising and grant opportunities. Anthony Serianni spearheaded this effort.
- Conducted a plant survey, led by Charlotte Hill. The techniques are consistent with the 2016 Aquatic Control survey, and will be ongoing. A plant identification workshop will be held June 2, 2018.
- Annual Spring cleanup day – 10 residents collected 50 bags of trash from roadsides, which Borden Waste-Away Service disposed for us. Come join us in April 2018.
- LaPSI website [www.nd.edu/~aseriann/LAPSI.html](http://www.nd.edu/~aseriann/LAPSI.html) was improved and expanded samples with a Van Dorn sampler. The temperature differences at various depths fascinated him.



The next generation of LaPSI. 5-year-old Cameron is helping Diane Tulloh collect

Participants and volunteers are always welcome for any LaPSI activities contact Diane at 317-670- 9991.

### Monetary Donations Needed

Like most of our association members, you may not be in a position to volunteer your time helping with all the routine and emergency activities that are constantly being performed in order to keep our lake and its surrounding landscape in such pristine condition. If you desire, you can donate either to the general fund, or specify how your donation is to be allocated. Several areas of need have been identified. Just to mention a few, these include; common pier maintenance, stocking of the lake with desired fishes, PPA building, grounds upkeep, LaPSI projects, PPA mailings, and unbudgeted expenses. If you are interested in donating funds to the PPA for any reason, please contact your district representative, or any of the PPA officers.

### Unkempt & Nuisance Properties

Unkempt and nuisance are both an eyesore and a safety hazard to both your neighbors and yourself. Please be a good neighbor, and properly maintain your property(s).



### Welcome to Lake Papakeechee

New association members, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA), welcome to our lake. Be sure to visit the PPA website, ([www.lakepapakeechee.org](http://www.lakepapakeechee.org)). As well as helpful

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information concerning our association and lake, the PPA Covenants & Bylaws, are available for access on the site. Below is a list of the current PPA officers and board of directors.

### **Fishing in our Lake**

*The State of Indiana requires that state fishing licenses must be purchased to fish on Lake Papakeechee.*

### **PPA Officers and Board of Directors**

<b>President</b> – Pat Ebetino	260-312-3637
<b>Vice President</b> – Dave Hewitt	574-551-3902
<b>Treasurer</b> – Sally Whitehead	574-457-4081
<b>Secretary</b> – Candace Wallace	574-529-0751
District 1 – Paul Garl	574-354-1830
District 2 – Bernie Ebetino	260-639-0046
District 3 – Larry Clough	260-437-6433
District 4 – Steve Herendeen	574-349-5741
District 5 – David Floyd	317-500-0930
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District 6 – Jim Whitehead	574-457-4081
District 7 – Steve Schwartz	574-457-6778
District 8-9 – Terry Radtke	574-529-4433

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