

# POW WOW

## Papakeeche Protective Association Newsletter - 2020

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

foreign objects that impede our effort to maintain the area.

You can be a tremendous help by removing all these hazards from the lake.



Be assured that we hear you loud and clear. This issue has become a very high concern to us. In addition to continuing the harvesting of weeds, we are actively pursuing better and more effective ways to control weed growth. Please understand that there are many areas of the lake that are too shallow to operate the harvester. If you want a weed free beach area, it is up to you to expend some effort to maintain the area to your standards.

As in the past, this year we will continue to confront our challenges, and strive to reach our goals. By working together, we will accomplish great things. I am fully confident that our board and the PPA membership, will continue with their cooperation, support, and voluntary 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 Papakeeche is strictly prohibited.***

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

The 2020 PPA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August, 8<sup>th</sup>. Election for the following will be held at the meeting: President, Secretary, and representatives from districts; 2, 4, 6, and 8-9. If you are, or you know of anyone who is interested in running for a position, please let us know.

### **POW WOW Distribution**

In an effort to reduce POW WOW expenses, we have been utilizing email services to distribute our newsletter. Please send us your email address via: [papakeeche@gmail.com](mailto:papakeeche@gmail.com). The POW WOW is also available for viewing at: [www.lakepapakeeche.org](http://www.lakepapakeeche.org).

### **Welcome to Lake Papakeeche**

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

### **Message from the President**

Thanks to all who contributed to all the successes and accomplishments of the past year.

As many know, throughout last summer, we faced a huge challenge controlling an unusually high rate of weed growth. We had an unusually high amount of rainfall last spring and summer. In addition to our usual chemical weed treatment, at least 130 hours were expended on the lake for the actual operation of the harvester. The condition of the lake in some areas make it almost if not impossible to navigate, and or safely operate the harvester.

Unfortunately, our weed control effort fell short of our goal. As a result, we had an abundance of weeds, and received a few well noted concerns. A new season will soon be upon us. Please help us in our weed management process. We have noted that in some areas, there are fallen trees, unused pier poles, and other

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### Financial Status

The balance on January 1, 2019 was \$17,408.43, and the yearend balance in the account on 12/31/2019 was \$38,066.52. Our income for 2019 was \$439.15 above our projections and our expenses were \$12,884.94 below our projections. One reason our expenses were lower is due to the efforts of board members and volunteers who help out. The 2020 Association Dues/Harvester Assessment Invoices were mailed out on 1/1/2020, and will be considered delinquent if not paid by 4/1/2020.

### Social Events and Fundraisers!

If you would like to organize an event, let us know contact Linda Minnick, at: 574 518-0746, or [relicpress@gmail.com](mailto:relicpress@gmail.com)

### Weed Control/Lake Maintenance

This coming spring, we plan start chemical treatment of the lake. Depending on the findings of our effort to find a better process, this year's treatment may differ from that of past years. We will inform you of any changes that may occur. As in the past, signs and buoys will be posted around the lake. As always, we will continue our efforts to fine tune this process so that it is both beneficial to the lake, and financially affordable. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

### Wetlands

As previously announced, last year the USACE, IDEM, and the DNR had approved of the current state of the wetland area, and released us from all permit compliance obligations.

Arleen Corson, while utilizing her horticultural expertise, and utilizing many hours of planning, has continued to head up a huge project which is intended to maintain the wetland area to state standards. This process is very work intensive. In order control, and, or remove invasive plant species, as well as to introduce various native plant varieties, countless work hours have been logged by her and numerous volunteers. We thank Arleen and all who are contributing to the success of this project. For a more detailed look at recent wetland activities, please see the "Wetland Activities, November 2019 thru February 2020" report posted on the PPA Website.

Anyone wanting to volunteer, or for more information about our wetlands, please call Arleen at 574 528-0301.

### Please Be Considerate of Your Neighbor

Several PPA member's properties abut the Dam/ Levee. Although the top of the levy/Dam is owned and maintained by the PPA, association members and their guests (as defined by PPA covenant) are permitted to use the area (owned by the PPA) for walking & bicycling. When accessing this area, please be considerate, and contain your activity only to PPA owned property.

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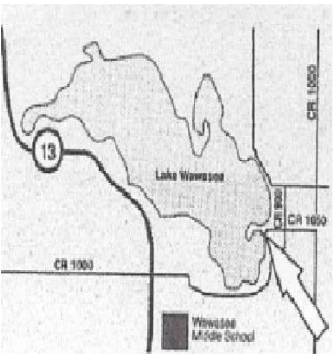
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It has been reported that the properties owned by some of our members in the area are being used as a point of access. As property owners, they have the right to request that you leave their land. They also have the right to contact law enforcement and if they desire, file trespassing charges. **In addition, except for maintenance purposes, motorized vehicles are not permitted on the dam/levee structure.**



### Dam/Levee

Our number one priority is to protect the integrity of the dam. The 2019 PPA Dam/Levee dam/levee inspections went well.

The grassy down slope of the west levee is to be mowed only by the association. Due to state mandate as to how this land is to be maintained, property owners whose land abuts this area are not to mow the PPA owned portion of the levee.

Due to high cost and maintenance issues, this spring, we plan to cover the turtle crossings areas with rip rap.

### Advertise Your Business In The POW WOW

We appreciate, and 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 next 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)

Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation established in 2012, with 10 active members from the Lake Papakeechee (LP) community. We are citizen-scientists interested in gaining a deeper understanding of LP, and assisting the PPA Board and other lake groups in adopting policies that ensure a healthy future for lakes in the Wawasee Area watershed. During 2019, LaPSI continued its water testing on LP, and acquired new testing equipment, including two GPS mapping devices and a test kit to measure water acidity. This new equipment adds to that already owned by LaPSI, which includes equipment to measure dissolved oxygen, temperature, clarity, phosphorus, nitrogen, bacteria, and microcystins from blue-green algae. We have measured the lifetime of the spring Fluridone (herbicide) treatment for the past two years. We use external laboratories for some testing. Last fall LaPSI developed a research proposal to investigate the environmental impacts of the Tri-County Fish and Wildlife Preserve on LP. We submitted a grant request to LARE (IN Lake and River Enhancement) in a first effort to secure external funding of our work. Do you want to gain a better understanding of LP?

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Do you want LP to remain a beautiful place to live for the next generation, and to see your property grow in value? If so, please consider becoming a LaPSI member and joining our community of LP citizen-scientists, or simply become a volunteer.

For more information, contact Diane Tulloh at 317-670-9991 or [dtulloh@gmail.com](mailto:dtulloh@gmail.com), Anthony Serianni at 574-631-7807 or [aseriann@nd.edu](mailto:aseriann@nd.edu), or see our website at <http://www.nd.edu/~aseriann/LAPSI.html>.

### **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.

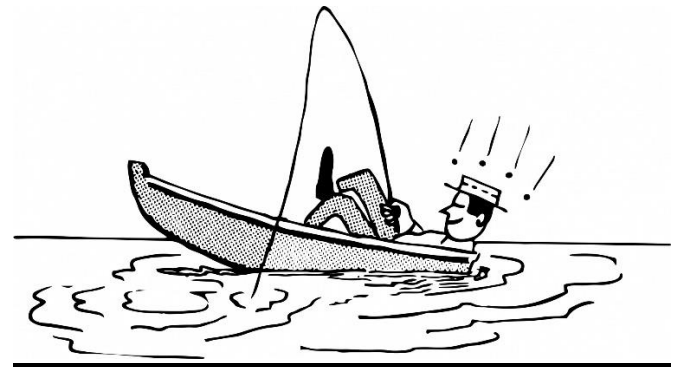
### **Unkempt & Nuisance Properties**

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). Remember, we are all a part of a very pristine community. It takes each one of us to do his/her part to make this a pleasant place to live. In the past year it has come to our attention that several properties are in disrepair, and are not being maintained. Several also have the yards strewn with discarded items and other debris. If any member is aware of any property that is not maintained to Kosciusko County code. They should file a complaint with the county and inform their district representative of their actions.

### **Permits Required for Remodel/Repair/Construction**

Please remember that for any type construction, Kosciusko County Area Planning requires that permits must be obtained.

### **Fishing and Other Activities On Our Lake**



Per PPA Covenant, fishing of any type on Lake Papakeeche may be done only by association members (property owner), their families, and their guests. While residing therein, renters, and lessors are considered as owners. A guest is limited to a visitor to the home, while either staying at the property, or visiting with its owner, or family.

Please note, it is not permissible to give approval to “non-guests” whether they be friends, or anyone else, to enter upon the lake to fish, or for any other purpose. State of Indiana requires that state fishing licenses must be purchased to fish on Lake Papakeeche. From time to time throughout the year, especially the winter months (ice fishing) fishermen who do not belong on our lake have been observed. It is very difficult, if not impossible for the PPA to police this situation. You, as a member have the right to challenge anyone, and if determined that they do not belong, request that they leave. Please feel free to clip the notice which appears on page 5, and place it on the windshield of any vehicle owned by someone who you suspect is using our lake for fishing or any other purpose.

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### PPA Officers and Board of Directors

<b>President</b> – Pat Ebetino	260-312-3637
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<b>Treasurer</b> – Sally Whitehead	574-457-4081
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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	219-561-1182
District 5a – Linda Minnick	574-834-2159
District 6 – Jim Whitehead	574-457-4081
District 7 – Sherry Doherty	260-856-3224
District 8-9 – Terry Radtke	574-529-4433

### 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)

### Dear Fishermen/ladies

I hope you enjoyed your day of fishing on Lake Papakeeche. In case you didn't know, this is a private lake and only property owners and their guests are allowed to fish on Lake Papakeeche. I have taken your vehicle information and license plate number. Hopefully no further action will need to be taken. Thank you for respecting the privacy, and rules regarding Lake Papakeeche.

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