

POW WOW

Papakeechee Protective Association Newsletter-Spring 2019

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

Boating on our lake our Lake

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

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: papakeechee@gmail.com. The POW WOW will also be available for viewing at: www.lakepapakeechee.org.

Mark Your Calendar:

The 2019 PPA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August, 10th. Election for the following will be held at the meeting: Vice President, Treasurer, and representatives from districts; 1, 3, 5, 5A, and 7. If you are, or you know of anyone who is interested in running for a position, please let us know.

Message from the President

As many know, throughout last summer, we faced some unwanted challenges. We had some major mechanical, and safety issues with the old harvester. This caused a significant delay to our weed removal program. Less than 60 hours were expended on the actual operation of the harvester on the lake. As a result, we had an abundance of weeds, and received many complaints.

At the 2018 annual meeting it was decided to suspend operation of the old harvester, and either outsource the lake weed harvesting to an outside service, or replace the harvester with a new machine.

We are still weighing the benefits of entirely removing weeds from the lake via a harvester conveyor system (estimated cost \$30K). We still have many unanswered questions.

Thanks to all who contributed to all the successes and accomplishments of the past year. This year we will continue conquer our challenges, and reach our goals, I hope that our board and the PPA membership, will continue with their cooperation, and voluntary efforts. As always, I am fully confident that we can accomplish great things. Again, I will be counting on your support in these efforts.

Thanks for your support,
Pat Ebetino, PPA President

PPA Purchases New Weed Harvester



As previously announced, we have purchased a new weed harvester. We want this new machine to last. To ensure safe harvester movement around the lake, please remove from the lake all unused pier support pipe, pier section, and any item that is not being used.

Our new harvester (H5-200) stainless steel hull (will not rust), is made by Aquamarine, the same manufacture as our old 39-year-old unit. Its key features include a water-cooled diesel engine, centralized bearing lubrication system, uses a water-soluble hydraulic fluid (EPA approved), The unit features enhanced weed cutting width and depth 5 feet x 5 foot-6-inch depth. This equates to a one (1) foot wider & six (6) inch deeper cut than our old harvester was able to do. Also, it holds more harvested weeds than the old unit.

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In addition, we purchased a trailer which is made to fit the H5-200. The new trailer will make it easier to launch & remove the harvester from the lake.

Financial Status

As of Feb, 28 2019, we had \$56,384 in checking/savings account. This year, our projected income from dues is around \$66,500 and as of 2/28/19, we had collected \$21,4200 and our total cash assets were \$62,185.

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

Weed Control/Lake Maintenance

This coming May we will start chemical treatment of the curly leaf pond plant. Signs and buoys will be posted around the lake. There is no danger to humans, pets, or creatures in the lake. However, for 30 days after application, do not use lake water for lawn irrigation. 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


The USACE, IDEM, and the DNR have approved of the current state of the wetland area. According to the USACE they hold no further requirements for the PPA, therefore they have released us from all permit compliance obligations. In addition, Larry Clough who took the lead roll for the entire wetlands project, has recorded all related paperwork with the county. Thank you, Larry, for such a wonderful job.

Arleen Corson headed up the huge project which was instrumental in bringing the wetland area up to state standards. The restoration process was very work intensive. It included not only her horticultural expertise and many hours of planning, but countless hours logged by her and numerous volunteers. In order to meet state standards, development of the area required the control, and or removed invasive plant species, as well as the introduction of various native plant varieties. We thank Arleen and all who contributed to the success of this project.

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

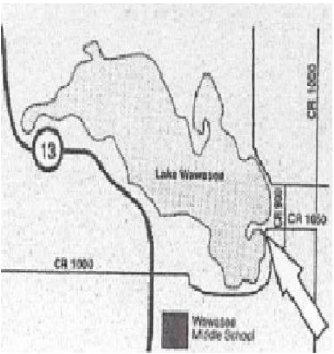
Please Be Considerate of Your Neighbor

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.

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When accessing this area, please be considerate, and contain your activity only to PPA owned property. It has been reported that the properties owned by some of our members in the area are being used. 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.**

concern. The rip rap adjacent to the sidewalk in the area where the old dam was located is disappearing, or sinking. When EEI does conduct the April inspection, Terry plans to discuss these issues with them.

Our dam 2019 inspection proposal for EEI has been accepted, and ratified by both parties. The inspection cost is not to exceed \$5,000 and is consistent within our budget. It is basically the same contract we have used in the past. As always, we will only pay for whatever is required.

The four (4) Turtle Crossings have presented quite a challenge. Due to the results of both unauthorized human traffic and the fact that various animals use them for lake access, maintaining the crossings has been both time consuming and costly. Our number one priority is to protect the integrity of the dam. We plan to eliminate the turtle crossings. These areas will be covered with rip rap.

Advertise Your Business In The POW WOW

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. Since space is limited, now would be a good time to secure a spot for your ad in our 2019 fall edition. Please support the businesses that advertise, and let them know that you saw their ad in the Pow Wow.

Lake Papakeeche Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI)

LaPSI has implemented additional water testing, and will continue to monitor the quality of our lake water. The data that they gather is very helpful and aids in our efforts to assure that Papakeeche meets and exceeds state standards, and remains one of the cleanest lakes in the state.



Dam/Levee

The December 2018 PPA Quarterly Dam/Levee dam/levee inspection went well. The east dam concrete armor flex is nicely filling in with natural greenery. More than likely, within the next few years the armor flex will no longer be visible. When inspecting the area, it was observed that we have an issue with the sidewalk located in the area on the north side of the dam drop box. The sidewalk is cracked (approximately 100 to 125 feet), and has begun to pitch downward toward the lake. It was noted in our last inspection that this is not a safety

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LaPSI members Kendall Floyd, Kim Harp, Mac Hedges, Charlotte Hill, Dawn Juif and Shawnita and Steve Longstreet, as well as Diane Tulloh, Jody Hedges, Jan

and Mark Laurent, are acknowledged for the time they generously donated last summer to conduct water quality testing and related activities. LaPSI also thanks Anthony Serianni for his continued financial support of its work.

Charlotte Hill will conduct weed identification training on Friday, June 28. Between commercial studies, she and other residents monitor weeds. If you can participate, contact her at: rjohill1@hotmail.com

If you would like to join, LaPSI, or simply volunteer for a specific project, simply 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). 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.

Permits Required for Remodel/Repair/Construction

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

Fishing in our Lake

Per PPA Covenant, fishing of any type on Lake Papakeechee 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 Papakeechee. 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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Dear Fishermen/ladies

I hope you enjoyed your day of fishing on Lake Papakeechie. In case you didn't know, this is a private lake and only property owners and their guests are allowed to fish on Lake Papakeechie. 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 Papakeechie.

Welcome to Lake Papakeechie

New association members, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Papakeechie Protective Association (PPA), welcome to our lake. Be sure to visit the PPA website, (www.lakepapakeechie.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.

PPA Officers and Board of Directors

President – Pat Ebetino	260-312-3637
Vice President – Dave Hewitt	574-551-3902
Treasurer – Sally Whitehead	574-457-4081
Secretary – 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	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.lakepapakeechie.org

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