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Papakeeche Protective Association Newsletter - 2021

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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 been utilizing email services to distribute our newsletter. Please send us your email address via: papakeeche@gmail.com. The POW WOW is also available for viewing at: 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). As well as helpful information concerning our association and lake, the PPA Covenants & Bylaws, are available for access on the site. Page 5 contains 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 of you know, throughout 2020, and so far, this year, we have all faced a huge challenge dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Unfortunately, it looks like we will continue to endure this scourge a bit longer. In the past year, around the lake, in an effort to make our community quite visually pleasant, there has been an abundance of work being done on some members properties. Please remember, we are all a part of this 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 unison with each other to make this a pleasant place to live. Last season, in addition to our usual chemical weed treatment, at least 130 hours were expended on the lake for the actual operation of the harvester. This effort

accounted for over 100 loads of weeds cut within the lake. The condition of the lake in some areas made it almost impossible to navigate, and or safely operate the harvester. This year, in order to better control our aquatic vegetation issues, we have decided to try a different approach. In an effort to maximize the effect of the herbicide applied, weather permitting, we will be lowering the lake water level even further than our winter level, and applying the chemical at an earlier date.

As always, 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

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

Mark Your Calendar:

The 2021 PPA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August, 7th. 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.

Financial Status

The yearend balance in the PPA account on 12/31/2020 was \$79,747.21. Income for the year 2020 was \$273.58 short of our projection. Expenses were \$785.73 higher than we had projected. The 2021 Association Dues were mailed out on 1/1/2021, and will be considered delinquent if not received by 4/1/2021.

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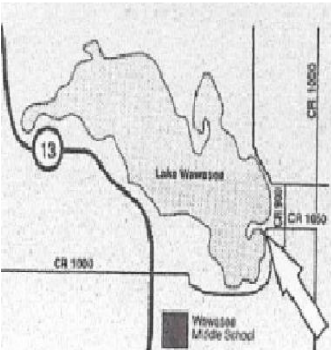
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Social Events and Fundraisers!

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Weed Control/Lake Maintenance

As stated in the Message from the President, this spring, we plan start an earlier chemical treatment of the lake. Depending weather conditions, hopefully, treatment will occur sometime in the 1st week of April. As in the past, signs and buoys will be posted around the lake. We are again asking you to help us in our weed management process. We have noted that in some areas, there are fallen trees, unused pier poles, and other foreign objects that impede our effort to maintain the area. You can be a tremendous help by removing all these hazards from the lake

This issue remains a very high concern to us. In addition, 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

Mowing and Land Weed Control

We hire an individual to mow the association owned grassy areas. Due to state mandate as to how this land is to be maintained in a very specific manner, and in order to comply with these regulations, we must insist that the grassy down slope of the west levee/dam is to be mowed only by someone who the PPA hires and has been instructed on how to care for this land. Hatchery Rd. property owners whose land abuts this area are not to mow, store, place, or park boats, trailers, or any other objects on the levee/dam.

Wetlands

The wetlands have reached a new level of maturity. They have become what we had expected. They are performing very well, and with great success. Because the circumstances have been right, and as the result of abundant volunteerism, all of this has been made possible. We are pleased to see that the wetlands are coming of age. Historically, the wetland area was used as fish ponds. Both, over time and through state mandated mitigation, they have now been developed into the wetlands of today. The mitigation was mandated to offset the impact of our dam replacement.

This past winter, in an effort to support depletion due to wildlife foraging's, and also to deter invasive cattail, seed balls filled with rush and reed seeds, were strategically released throughout the area. This seeding process helps provide both food and nesting materials for area wildlife. Among the various forms of wildlife to frequent the wetlands are: ground sparrows, tree swallows, red wing blackbirds, geese, cranes and green herons. A bald eagle has actually visited the workers when they have been caring for the wetlands. Many residents visit the wetlands, take pictures, and enjoy quiet time with the various wildlife.

Arleen Corson, has and will continue to utilize her horticultural expertise, to head up ongoing workload which is intended to maintain the wetland area to state standards. This process is very work intensive. It is intended to help control, and, or remove invasive plant species, as well as to introduce various native plant varieties. We thank Arleen and all who continue to contribute to the wetland's success. For a more detailed

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look at recent wetland activities, please see the "2021 January Wetlands 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

Last fall, we reported that 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.

It has been reported that the properties owned by some of our members in the area are still 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/levee. The 2020 PPA Dam/Levee dam/levee inspections went well.

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. 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 Papakeeche Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI)

If you might consider becoming a LaPSI member and joining our community of LP citizen-scientists, or simply become a volunteer. For information, contact Diane Tulloh at, 317-670-9991, or dtulloh@gmail.com, Anthony Serianni, at 574-631-7807, or 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



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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.

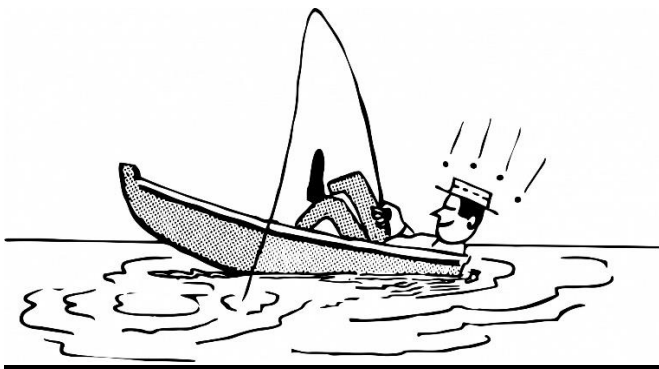
Unkempt & Nuisance Properties

Unkempt and nuisance are both an eyesore and a safety hazard to both your neighbors and yourself. 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 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.

Buglers Sought for “Taps Across the Water”

To honor Memorial Day, Chautauqua-Wawasee and Syracuse American Legion Post are working together to organize “Taps Across the Water at Dusk” for a May 30th event. The playing of Taps will be performed in synchrony by more than thirty buglers positioned strategically around Lake Wawasee, Syracuse Lake and Papakeechee Lake so it’s audible to all lake residents and boaters. The organizers are seeking buglers who wish to participate by performing in the event. Interested, and for more information, buglers should contact Debbie Yankosky, at 574-377-7543 or Chris Longenbaugh, at 574-529-0566.

Sponsored by: Oakwood Foundation Chautauqua-Wawasee, a 501-c3 non-profit organization provides life enriching experiences in support of the Arts, Education, Faith and Recreation. To learn more, see <http://www.chautauquawawasee.org> or our Facebook site.

Press Release questions: contact Mark Knecht, mknecht@CHQW.org, or 703-489-7124

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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

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