

Wildwood Valley Property Owners Association & Club
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Sept. 1st, 2024

Directors Present: President Ernie Zack, VP Curtis Goldsborough, Treasurer Dennis McCarthy, Blair Wickman, Dave Dohring, Greg “Doc” Perry, Jim Nihls, Kathie Nihls, Stuart Lorton, Steve Johnson. Excused absence Sandy Harding.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Ernie Zack at 12:02 pm. A moment of silence was held for recently passed member Tom Kowalewski.

Lake Committee Report, Blair Wickman & R.L.S. manager, Ben Schermerhorn:

- Only occasional loon sightings this year and none on the nests. Weeds are ahead of schedule due to mild winter and warmer weather. First survey found significant amounts of chara, various pondweeds and significant amounts of variable leaf milfoil (VLMF). Treatment done on 6/19/24. Second survey found small amount of pondweeds, moderate amount of chara and significant VLMF. Lake manager applied to the DEQ for a variance, which was granted for 7 days. Second treatment applied 8/7/24. Expense of treating increased significantly with 3rd weed variant drawing significantly on SAD balance. Board agreed to send letter to the township to fully collect the SAD assessment. Letter subsequently sent.
- Beaver have been active on the lake recently.
- Ben reviewed the electronic weed survey for members. Geese, e-coli and testing were discussed. Plus additional discussion on what weeds can be treated and where this can be done.
- Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Lake Committee report.

Dam & Drawdown Report, Doc Perry:

- Lake level was high all summer never falling below the spillway. As of 8/18/24 the level was 3 inches over spillway.
- Triannual inspection was completed on 6/4/24 with only minor recommendations and the dam considered in good condition.
- One recommendation was to add more grass to the dam area. A special “Cheboygan Lake Mix” was discussed for that area.
- SAD balance \$25,637.63. With no significant items cited, the dam team recommended not renewing the SAD after 2024. Nor to draw down the Lake with EGLE no longer permitting such.
- Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Dam committee report.

Secretary’s Report, Ernie Zack reported for Sandy Harding: The meeting minutes from the May 26th, 2024, meeting were posted on the website and emailed to members prior to this meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report, Dennis McCarthy:

- Membership: 119 members with 13 new this year.
- LMP SAD fund balance: \$33,257
- Dam SAD fund balance: \$25,637
- Steve Johnson reviewed Raffle status in anticipation of the 2 pm drawing.
- Ending balance in association accounts \$32,439.86 as of August 22nd.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- **Fishing Contest, Curtis Goldsborough:** The fishing contest now runs year-round – Labor Day to Labor Day. With the warm winter there was not much ice fishing. Curtis shared pictures and stories on this year’s winners.

- **Boat Parade, Leah Plank presented for Joyce Spoolstra:** As usual, Joyce's report full of great content.
 - Eight boats participated this year and at least 80 guests attended the ice cream social. The ice cream social went super—goodies, face painting, corn hole and other games. Just a lot of fun! Thanks to all who participated and helped out.
 - All the boats were winners this year.

- **Golf Outing, Ernie Zack:**
 - This year's 27th annual golf outing was held at Black Bear in Vanderbilt on July 20th. The course was in great condition and it was a successful event. 59 golfers and 72 total attended including the support staff. This year a two hole playoff determined first place.
 - A great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out. Special thanks to all who worked hard to get donations for this event.
 - Pass through donation to Bravehearts Estate was \$6,000.00.
 - Association net was \$3,841.46.

- **Clubhouse Grass Maintenance, Denny Gallagher:**
 - Special thanks to everyone who helps out. Many hands make for easier work. Contact Denny for next year's schedule openings.

- **Subdivision Garage Sale, Dave Dohring:**
 - Good foot traffic this year with 8 homes with sales. Trash Amnesty Day followed a week after.
 - Dave decided to step down from running the event. Paula and Don Stopjik volunteered to take this over for next year.

- **Pontoon Poker Run, Michelle Andrusiak & Dale Duquet:**
 - We had 26 people attend. No boats this year due to poor weather. A pizza party followed.
 - Raised \$425 for the association.
 - Special thanks to hosts the Bruscha's, Nihls' & Palazzolo's.

- **Hayride, Sandy & Bill Harding, Leah & Troy Plank:**
 - The hayride date is Oct. 5th, 2024. Meet at the clubhouse at 1:30 pm. BYOB and pot luck with soups, breads, salad and desserts. RSVP to Sandy (989) 858-1366 or Leah (231) 833-0595.

- **New Business:**
 - With the ongoing problems at the boat launch, the board voted to install a camera to monitor the area.
 - Curtis provided the members an update on the Cornwall Flooding Dam. The project is moving forward.

Adjourn: President Ernie Zack adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm.

* Raffle drawing was held at 2 pm after lunch. Winners included Paul Pena, Michael Latour, Debbie Grant and Victoria Webster for the \$100 drawing. \$500 drawing winners were Susan Hannigan and Scott Logan. The 50/50 drawing winner was Steve “Boat” Johnson. Congratulations to our winners.