

Lake Arrowhead News Summer 2012

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the web site: www.lapoa.com.**

LAPOA Newsletter:

The Lake Arrowhead Newsletter is published each October, March and June. Only the June newsletter is printed and mailed to members. You may access newsletters by logging onto the Lake Arrowhead Website. Past newsletters (with photos) are still available on the website.

Mary Davignon- Newsletter Chairperson

Lake Level

A special LAPOA Board meeting regarding the lake level will be held on June 16, 2012 at the office. Applied Geotechnical Services will report their findings and make recommendations to the board.

Annual Membership Meeting: July 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the pavilion

Picnic: July 7, 2012 2:00 p.m. at the Pavilion. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and beverages are provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Pool

We are preparing the pool for the summer season. The plumber has completed his tasks, the electrician has done his job, and the "Pool Doctor" will be out to finish the opening process. By the time you read this message, YOUR POOL will be crystal clear and maintained at just the perfect temperature. Additionally, to save costs, we are attempting to get one more year out of the solar cover. The pool gets quite busy with many members and their guests taking advantage of the outstanding atmosphere, enjoying a cool dip, or just hanging out with the many friends from our wonderful Lake Arrowhead community. Don't miss out! Lastly, the pool managers will split duties this year again: 75% Diane Elliot and 25% Judy Race. I know they will do another outstanding job – just like last year. Looking forward to visiting with you all soon.
Ron Race – Pool Chairman

Internet Access

The Waters Inn provides free WiFi (20 Minutes/Day) in the park near the pool and Pavilion. In 2010 the WiFi coverage was expanded to serve the campground. Last summer WiFi coverage was expanded to cover additional areas on the big lake. These new access points were privately funded without any funds from the association.

Facebook

A Facebook page has been established for members to share photos, thoughts, and events. When on Facebook, just search for Lake Arrowhead.

Lake Arrowhead Lots Available

The association has eleven vacant lots for sale and it might be right next door to you. Perhaps a friend, co-worker, or family member would like to become a property owner.

Have you been thinking about adding to your property? If you have been considering a garden, garage, shop, or would like to have a little more outdoor room to enjoy nature, I can help. Chris Frey here, your LAPOA Real Estate Chairperson, and I have real estate deals for you. Your small investment now could pay off in the future!

Now is the perfect time to call me about your future plans to expand your property. Check out www.lapoa.com and click on "real estate" for a complete listing of lots for sale.

Real Estate Chairperson
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Campground News-

The Campground is ready for a new year of fun! We are ready and everything is in place, thanks to Dale and Eva! So many things have been done, changed, upgraded...etc. I hope you find all of them. Some things can easily be seen and some can only be experienced first hand! We will have some openings in the Outer Ring. We have 4 Seasonal Campers leaving us. I want to thank all the Kinjorski family for spending their time with us and enjoying our Campground. Jim and Sandy, Jim and Kristy Barry and Jeff Kinjorski, thanks for spending time with us! Thank you Jim McQueen for staying with us for the short time that you did! In closing I would like to thank Dale and Eva, and Jim and Sharon Morris and all the other volunteers that donated their time to our Campground! It takes a team to make it all work.

Gordie

Shhhh...

The windows are open & sounds carry.

During your summer fun, please be considerate of your neighbors who may be trying to sleep. Some of our members have young children or they may have to get up for work in the morning. So after dark, please remember to have fun quietly!

Forestry News-

The next phase of the Forestry Stewardship Project will start May 30th and will probably run 2-3 weeks. This is a clear cut chipping operation in the NW corner of the common grounds which will impact approximately 80 acres. This is a project within the Forestry Stewardship Project that was implemented 20 years ago. This particular project is long over due. Wildlife habitat will be greatly enhanced due to this project in the area of the cut.

Gordie

Trash

The Lake Arrowhead dumpster is available for bags of household trash. Please do not dump furniture, construction debris, or other large items at the dumpster!

The Hayes Township Clean-up day will be held June 16th from 7am to 11am at Arrow Sanitation. For more info, call Arrow: (989) 732-4243.

PARKS:

Spring has sprung and summer is here. Yeah!! All parks are in good playing condition. New picnic tables have been installed in some areas. Be aware of new painting that is going on.

MAILBOXES:

Please pick up mail every day or make arrangements to have your mail picked up at the boxes or held at the Post Office. With more full-time residents in our area there is more demand for Parcel Boxes. We are in the process of adding 2 new Parcel boxes this year and 2 more next year, making a total of 10 Parcel Boxes available. By picking up your mail everyday and checking for packages, you keep boxes available to receive deliveries.

Anita

Parks, Recreation, Lakes & Safety

Healthy Lake

All of us on the lake can contribute to the health of the lake by maintaining our septic systems, natural shorelines, and vegetation on slopes. Please minimize beaches, clean up pet waste and avoid the use of chemicals and fertilizers that may run off into the lake.

Recycling is good for the environment and cuts down on the load in our dumpster.

MINUTES OF THE LAKE ARROWHEAD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JULY 2, 2011

- I. The annual membership meeting of the Lake Arrowhead Property Owners' Association was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Dave Cunningham, in the pavilion, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A. A quorum of 100 members was present.
 - B. The following board members were present: Dave Cunningham, Chris Frey, Sue Fuller, Gary Fuller, Anita Wheaton, Scott Bicknell, Chuck O'Connell, Gordie Wearsch, Kyle Stubli, Ron Race, Pete Schummer and Dave Ligget. Dave Konieczny was excused and Tim Devine was absent.
 - C. Scott Bicknell moved the minutes of the July 3, 2010 meeting were approved as written. The motion was seconded by Anita Wheaton and approved unanimously.
 - D. Treasurer's report: Gary Fuller
 - 1. Last year's budget: took in \$159,856, spent \$151,602. The remaining \$8,293 was placed in the truck replacement fund which now totals \$46,547.
 - 2. The campground took in \$25,762 and spent \$28,940. Money was taken from their savings to tile the men and women's bath house.
 - 3. We took in \$29,805 from the gas wells. The amount of gas and the price is falling.
 - 4. Scott Bicknell moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Chuck O'Connell and passed unanimously.
- III Comments and Concerns of Members
- A. Tom James: informed members of companies that sell products to treat organic silt in the lake. He tried some in front of his house and feels that it has worked. The product sells for \$70 for one acre.
 - B. Mary Grindel: she will organize the rummage sale again this year. It will be held July 29 and 30.
 - C. Mary Davignon: she has researched the silt in the lake. It will help if all members prevent the erosion of the land around the lake from going into the lake.
 - D. Dorothy James: suggested that two or three members look into the websites that treat the lake for silt and make a recommendation.
 - E. Dick Miller: Lakes of the North has installed a six inch well at Lake Harold to augment the lake. The cost of the well was \$25,000 and pumps 320 gallons of water per minute into the lake. We need to do something about our lake level. At the present time we only have use of 50% of our lake. Wants money taken from the saving to install a well.
 - F. Vince Finn: Question if the well would harm members wells. Dick explained that the well would be so deep it would pull the water from a lower aquifer. Lakes of the North went 360 feet for their well. The water level has gone up three inches since the middle of June.
 - G. William Fuller: His family is very concerned about the level of the water. They have never seen it so low.

- H. Steve Frantz: We need the wells. We need to have a special meeting to get the special assessment to install the well now.
 - I. Connie Lemley: She stated that Loon Lake controls their lake levels with wells. She also asked about the security at Lake Arrowhead. They have had firewood taken from under their deck, gas siphoned from their boats and a three person tube was taken from their beach.
 - J. Dave Ransom: Are the springs plugged? Dave Cunningham stated that when the lake was studied for dredging the springs were not plugged at that time.
 - K. Tom James: He feels that the muck is plugging the springs.
 - L. Mary Davignon: Asked if there was any indication that our gas wells would be fracked. Scott Bicknell explained that we do not own enough of the mineral rights to have any say in the operation.
 - M. Kaye Maddix: Asked if wells would also help Swan Lake? She reminded us that there is more than one lake in the association. She believes that the lakes are in a cycle and that maybe there is no man made solution.
 - N. Brian Olson: Watkins Lake has had their well for years. He also stated that the lower the lake level the faster it evaporates.
 - O. Robert Ferrall: He stated that the great lakes are down.
 - P. Pete Schummer: He stated that they are up eight inches from the thirty year low.
 - Q. William Fuller: He stated that fertilizers cause the vegetation in the lake and that it would cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 to treat the lake.
 - R. A straw vote was taken on how many members would be willing to support a raise in assessments (amount to be determined) to pay for a well? Dorothy James and Doug Webster counted the votes. The results were 87 yes and 4 no.
- III. There was no unfinished business.
- IV. New Business
- A. Report on forestry project: Gordie Wearsch reported that seventy-five acres in the NW corner of the common grounds have been staked out. Three bids are being sought for the August meeting. The work will be done in the winter while the roads are frozen and will take two to three weeks. The association hopes to receive \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the chips. The maples will be sold for lumber and the rest will be chipped.
 - B. Gated community: Scott Bicknell reported that this is a follow up report from last year's meeting. The board felt that the members should decide whether they wanted the board to spend \$5,000 for a complete site plan, in order to get bids to gate the community, which will need a special assessment of \$100 on the first lot to pay for the complete project.
 - 1. Carolyn Wright asked why it was felt the gates were needed. Scott explained that outsiders are using the lake and the pool, but it costing the members money to pay for the usage of our dumpster by non members, even contractors.
 - 2. Dorothy Finn and Doug Webster counted the votes. The recommendation was defeated by 74 no and 18 yes votes.
 - C. Report on meeting with members on rentals: Dave Cunningham

1. The board does not have the authority to stop rentals. This meeting was to start communication between the members and the members who rent property.
 2. Scott Bicknell reported that membership cards have been sent to all members in good standing and guest membership cards have been provided to members who rent. The association rules have been provided to them also.
- D. Report on security
1. The board is not going to hire a security firm. If there is a problem call the proper authorities.
 2. Jim Morse stated that the campers have talked to the owners of ATVs that are cutting through the campground and it has cut down on the traffic.
- E. Membership cards Scott Bicknell reported that the cards have been sent to members so you can identify members.
- F. Election of board members (5 positions are open)
1. Nominations: Ron Race, Jr. was nominated by Judy Race, Dick Miller was nominated by Anita Wheaton, Dave Ligget was nominated by Mary Grindol, and Mary Davignon was nominated by Larry Davignon.
- ** The meeting was recessed to count the ballots
2. Results of Election:
 - a. Anita Wheaton 99 votes
 - b. Sue Fuller 79 votes
 - c. Ron Race, Jr. 75 votes
 - d. Dave Ligget 72 votes
 - e. Dick Miller 66 votes
 - f. Mary Davignon 38 votes
 3. Anita, Sue, Ron, Dave and Dick will serve on the board for the next three years.
- V. Adjournment: Dick Miller moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Fuller, Secretary, Lake Arrowhead Property Owners' Association

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE LAKE ARROWHEAD PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

DATE: JULY 7, 2012

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: PAVILION

AGENDA:

- I. Call the meeting to order with Pledge to our Flag
 - A. Establish a quorum
 - B. Roll call of the Board of Directors
 - C. Approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2011 membership meeting
 - D. Treasurer's report
- II. Comments and/or concerns of the members
- III. Unfinished Business, including discussion and action, if needed
 - A. Questions on the written reports submitted by chairpersons
 - B. Report from the committee studying lake improvement and quality.
 - C. Other
- IV. New business, including discussion and action, if needed
 - A. Report on the forestry project: Gordie Wearsch
 - B. Lake Improvement and Quality: *The Board recommends a special assessment of \$166 per member (first lot), to be billed in August 2012, for Lake Quality and Improvement.*
 - C. By-Laws: Article IV, Section 3-a, (page 2), Any assessment not paid by June 15 of any year will have a late fee of 10% per year added to the unpaid balance. The Board recommends that this be changed to: *Any assessment not paid by June 15th of any year will have a late fee of \$50 per lot added to the unpaid balance.*
 - D. Other
 - E. Election of board members
 1. Nominations from the floor
 2. Introduction of nominees
 3. Voting
 - F. Results of Election
- V. Adjournment

Note: In an attempt to shorten the meeting, all reports from committees will be in writing and distributed at the meeting.

2012 MAIL IN BALLOT FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are four (4) three year positions available on the Lake Arrowhead Board of Directors. All ballots must be in the hands of the secretary twenty-four hours prior to the annual meeting or may be turned in at the annual meeting, sealed in an envelope with the member's name on the front. **Ballots will also be available at the annual meeting, if you would rather cast your ballot in person. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.** Two votes will be allowed to common owners of property in Lake Arrowhead regardless of the number of lots owned. Vote for no more than **four (4)**, by placing an X on the line next to the name of the person you wish to vote for. There could be two Xs on a line, if there are two owners voting. **Mail your ballot to: The Election Committee, % Sue Fuller, 7065 Arrowroot Trail A-3, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. Your name must be included on the ballot so it can be verified that your assessments are paid in full.**

_____ **Ron Race** Ron is currently serving on the LAPOA Board as Pool Chairman. He has been coming to Lake Arrowhead since it was developed in the 1960's. He currently lives here full time and he and his wife plan to retire here. His children and grandchildren were raised spending weekends at Lake Arrowhead and now his son and his family reside full time in Lake Arrowhead. Ron currently works at Home Depot as the Asset Protection Manager for the Northern Michigan District. Over his career he has been in law enforcement, fire protection, loss prevention and asset protection. He has served on many boards in many capacities. He currently is on the board and Vice President of Peace Lutheran Church. Ron enjoys serving on the LAPOA Board as it is very important to him to protect and Enhance the amenities of Lake Arrowhead for all to enjoy for many years to come.
Ron was nominated by Judy Race.

Name of member (members) voting: _____

Lot number: _____