

Fall
MLRA Newsletter #116
September 2012

Letter from The President

First of all, in keeping with the political climate of the last week of August and the first week of September, I was proud to accept the presidency re-nomination of the Moon Lake Riparian Association (MLRA) for the upcoming year, and the unanimous approval of association members at our annual meeting. I speak for the rest of the board who also agreed to continue on, and on, and were duly elected.

Great to see so many attend our annual meeting; a review of the minutes and reports shows that we are still a healthy and vibrant group. And I'm very happy to see that 49 of our 53 resident families have continued to be dues paying members. This is one of the best percentages of participation of area lake association memberships. If you are one of the few who haven't paid, we sure would like your participation!

Speaking of dues, it was voted that we would continue the \$20 amount for the next year. Please let Jim Reiels know if you are not sure whether you have paid dues for the current year. The 2013 fees are due the first of next year, but it is helpful if you would pay in advance.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the board members for their help and cooperation (especially Jim Reiels who has been our treasurer and secretary for many, many years). I feel he would really give Tim Geitner a run for the money.

As a footnote – keep supporting all us Loons on the lake. Thanks!

Roy

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
ELY MEMORIAL CHURCH – AUGUST 18, 2012 – 9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roy Porterfield, Dale Sharpee, Tom Chase, Judy & Dave Pinkawa, Frank & Kathleen Kuchevar, Dave & Mary Pat Kelly, Prudy Caudill, George Steven, John Sick, Bob Turnquist, Jim Reiels

Roy Porterfield called the meeting to order. He thanked the Wheelers for their work and report on the loons.

Dale moved/Bob seconded approval of minutes of August 13, 2011, annual meeting. Passed.

Jim gave the treasurer's report for the year. Checking balance = \$212.02 Savings= \$33315.49 ANS fund= \$2851.54. Total assets = \$6379.16. Tom moved/George seconded approval. Passed.

Dale gave an excellent water quality report including temperature, ice out & cover dates, depth and clarity. He distributed a detailed report of his work.

Tom reported on the survey taken of members concerning the social and business meeting. There

seemed to be consensus that an afternoon potluck at the LOL pavilion, preceded by the annual meeting was a good idea. Tom will check out the availability of the facility in early- or mid-August.

Bob reported on the weather station. He indicated that the wind registry is somewhat inaccurate due to its location among the trees. George will check out possibilities of tying in with the weather station at the airport.

It was suggested that hours for lake usage by high-speed watercraft be again printed on the website and newsletter. The hours are: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Frank reported on an excellent meeting at Watersmeet with the Michigan DEQ and legislative reps concerning the permitting that is required for treating invasive species in our lakes. There seemed to be good receptivity concerning cost and speed with which the permits are issued.

John Sick thanked the residents who have taken responsibility for picking up trash on the roads that surround Moon Lake.

Tom reported that other lake associations are participating in the maintenance/replacement of the lake banners along Highway B. The suggestion was made to notify the Chamber of Commerce that Moon Lake would offer to repair/replace the Moon Lake flag as needed rather than donate the \$150 for the over-all program.

John moved/George seconded setting \$20 again as the annual dues for MLRA membership. Passed.

The slate of nominations was adopted unanimously by the membership present. They are: Jim Reiels, Dale Sharpee and Mary Pat Kelly. Officers elected are: Roy president, Tom vice president, Jim secretary/treasurer. Linda, Mary Pat, Bob and Dale will continue as members-at-large on the board.

It was announced that on Friday, Sept. 28 there will be another hazardous waste collection at Watersmeet. Frank will send details to Jim for distribution.

Also, Frank will draft a letter to DNR requesting renewal of the fish-planting program. Jim will send the letter, as it requires an MLRA board officer's signature.

Dale moved/Tom seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Reiels

Secretary

MLRA TREASURER'S REPORT

April 18, 2012

Beginning balance: August 1, 2011	\$349.71
Income Dues	<u>\$660.00</u>
Subtotal	\$1009.71
Expenditures	
Ely church rental – annual meeting	\$35.00
State of MI – 401(c)3 license	\$20.00
Bob Turnquist-weather program	\$128.69
ISCCW-Lake Guards dues	\$125.00
MLSA WATER QUALITY	\$147.00
KIDS FISHING CONTEST	\$50.00
B. TURNQUIST WEBSITE	\$42.00
MLSA DUES	\$50.00
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS	\$200.00
	<u>\$797.69</u>
BALANCE IN CHECKING	\$212.02
Savings	\$3315.49
ANS <u>Fund</u>	<u>\$2851.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,379.16

LADIES OF THE LAKE NEWS

Judy Chase

Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays... Sept. 4 was Jean Reiels' birthday; hoping that her day was filled with joy and good health. There have been many birthdays celebrated since the last newsletter was published. In May, **Debbie P** hosted another wonderful birthday gathering at her beautiful home for **Karen T (5), Rhoda S (11), Linda W (19), Sally T (20), Elaine V (22) and Cassandra N (30)**. Good food and conversation were enjoyed by many of our lake ladies. In June, **Judy P (12)**; July, **Judy C (4)**; and August, **Elaine G (12)** celebrated their special days. Sept. is a busy month starting with Jean, **Linda K (15), Prudy C (22) and Kathy K (29)**. **Debbie P** celebrates on Oct. 11 and **Trisha H** on Nov. 12. We have two Christmas month ladies birthdays: **Winnie B (1) and Val P (10)**. Make a note of these days if you would like to send a card. If your day wasn't mentioned, we welcome more birthday reminders. Just send them to me at tnjchase@alphacomm.net.

Where does the time go? Good thing I try and take notes during each newsletter or I wouldn't remember anything. There always seems to be something interesting to write about. On June 28, the ladies met at Forest Lake Country Store. We had three guests attend our evening: Judy P's mom-in-law, Judy C's daughter, Katie, and Mom, Marge. Good food and laughs were included on the menu.

July 18, **Debbie P** hosted a brunch. Twelve lucky ladies enjoyed delicious food and conversation out in her screened gazebo. Debbie also greeted us with a tour of her fabulous gardens. Serenity is a perfect word to describe them. We welcomed Marla Rheel to our gathering. It is so much fun to have another lake of the lady join our group. Jean R's niece Mary Pat and Judy C's mom Marge also were able to join us. Debbie, you really are the "**Hostess with the Mostest.**"

Congratulations are in order for **Jane Shirk** and **Peter Olk**. They were married in Hortonville on Friday, August 17. On Sat. the 18th the Olks hosted a reception for family and friends in Hortonville. Rather than accept gifts, they requested donations be made to the Hermitage, a veterans' group Peter has worked with for several years. If you would like to send them congratulations, their PO Box number is 1019.

I am happy to report that **Jean Reiels** is due back home on Wednesday or Thursday (Sept. 5 or 6) to finish up her recovery from a broken hip. Thanks to Elaine and Sally for organizing the signing of a card at the Buzz on B for Jean. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We wish you a very speedy recovery **Jean**. Until next time....

Moon Lake Loon Activity Summary 2012

Tom & Linda Wheeler

August 14, 2012

March 22: official ice-out declared by Frank Kuchever.

April 1: first loon reported by Karen Turnquist.

April 25: first sighting of loon on nest platform.

May 1-2: Loon reported on nest for a day or more.

May 9: 2 eggs seen on nest.

May 27: possible chick sighting.

May 28: 2 chicks observed on the lake. This hatch was reported to Mike Meyer of Wisconsin DNR who reported back that this was the earliest hatch he has ever heard of in the UP.

June 4-5: one chick disappeared from the lake. Mike Meyer said there are many possible reasons for a week-old chick to disappear including: disease, predation by fish, turtles, eagles etc., or an encounter with boat/jet ski.

August 8: 2 adults and 1 chick doing well and chick should be learning to fly soon.

Update 8/22/12

The chick has reached its "grown-up" size. It is self-sufficient now, and all it needs to do is learn to fly. It practices by "running" across the water, rapidly flapping its wings. The chick is capable of catching fish, but continues to beg from the adults in hopes of getting a "free meal." The adults frequently leave the chick alone now.

Water Sampling and Monitoring

Dale Sharpee

The sampling of lake water for the measurement of phosphorus and chlorophyll-a has concluded for 2012. Recording of water clarity and surface water temperatures will continue through mid-September. The results of the sampling for phosphorus and chlorophyll-a and the water clarity readings will be available online and in a written report from the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Project ("CLMP") at a later date. The historical results of the sampling and readings for Moon Lake and all other lakes that participate in CLMP can be accessed at www.micorps.net/lakereports.html.

MLRA has participated in CLMP for 18 years. The program is a cooperative venture between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Lake and Streams Association. Michigan State University, the Great Lakes Commission and the Huron River Watershed Council provide technical and administrative assistance to this partnership. CLMP is a core program of the Michigan Clean Water Corps ("MiCorps"), Michigan's volunteer water quality monitoring network.

Thank-you to John Sick and Bob Turnquist for agreeing to fill in for me in 2012 when I was not available to take the samples and do the water clarity readings.

Here are some observations on the changes that occurred between 2011 and 2012 for water level, surface water temperature and water clarity for Moon Lake:

a. Water level at the gauge – The level on August 15, 2012 was 1.86 feet. The lake has declined 1.06 feet from the level recorded on August 12, 2011. The level has declined .66 feet from the level, 2.52 feet, recorded at ice out on March 22, 2012.

b. Surface water temperature - The comparison between 2011 and 2012 is based on data collected weekly for the period of May 22 to August 28 for each year. The temperature is recorded usually in the late morning at the location of the lake where the water clarity readings are taken. The water temperature was 1.75 degrees higher in 2012 than in 2011 – 71.78 degrees versus 70.03 degrees. The peak temperature of 79.2 degrees that was recorded on July 5, 2012, occurred 15 days earlier than the peak temperature of 78.3 degrees recorded in 2011.

c. Water clarity – The comparison between 2012 and 2011 is based on the weekly readings for the period of May 22 to the last week of August for each year. The average reading for 2012 based on 13 readings is 19.2 feet. This is 1.4 feet greater than the average of 17.8 feet based on 14 readings in 2011.

The periodic readings for surface water temperature and water clarity for the remainder of this summer will be posted on the **Water Quality tab** at Moonlake.org in October. The water level will be read sometime during the Labor Day weekend and at ice-over this fall.

The recording of the number of days that Moon Lake has ice cover has been initiated. The time period will span the period that begins with the day that the lake is considered to be covered with ice ("ice-over") and ends the day that the lake is free of ice ("ice-out"). Here are the number of days of ice cover for the past four winter seasons: 2008-2009 – 150 days; 2009 -2010 – 115 days; 2010- 2011 – 154 days; and 2011-2012 – 113 days.

LVD & WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

WHEN: Friday September 28, 2012; 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

WHERE: Watersmeet Township Transfer Station Area-Choate (Transfer Station) Road
(the new collection facility just inside of the gate area)

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

George Beck at 906-358-4577 ext. 124 or,
Jen Barton at 715-635-2197

ITEMS FREE –NO DISPOSAL CHARGE:

- Oil based paints only
- Solvents, pesticides, hazardous cleaners, corrosives, flammables
- Batteries for electronics: rechargeable, ni-cad, metal halide and button batteries
- Devices containing mercury
- Old gas, anti-freeze
- Cell phones
- Residential/household chemicals

ITEMS WITH DISPOSAL CHARGE:

- Fluorescent bulbs: less than 4ft. tubes, circular bulbs & CFL's--\$0.50 ea.
Greater than 4ft. -- \$0.75
- Shatter shield fluorescent tubes: less than 4ft tubes -- \$1.75
Greater than 4ft -- \$2.25
- H.I.D light bulbs -- \$2.50
- Oil filters -- \$1.00
- Floor copiers (stand alone) -- \$25.00
- Complete computer system -- \$16.00; CPU only -- \$5.00
- Computer monitor -- \$15.00
- Desktop printers/fax/copy machine, DVD/DVR/VCR/Stereo/Record players -- \$5.00
- Televisions:
greater than 21 inch diagonal -- \$25.00
Less than 21 inch diagonal -- \$15.00
Large screen projection -- \$100.00

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Appliances
- Tires
- Batteries-alkaline and car
- Asbestos containing items
- Ammunition, explosives
- Radioactive items
- Latex paint (considered household waste when dried)
- Motor oil

Note: the Township waste disposal does not charge for computer-related equipment, plus the Township charges less for TV's.

Survey Says

Prior to the annual meeting, the MLRA board sent out a survey to get the “feel” of what direction the MLRA membership would like to follow. Following are the survey questions and a brief review of the replies received from our July 17 survey:

It has been a couple years since our last association picnic. The primary issue is having a family “host/volunteer” this event. It has been suggested we rent the Land O’Lakes pavilion to alleviate this problem.

What do you think?

To increase the participation of association members for our annual meeting, it has been suggested that we incorporate the meeting with our annual picnic.

What do you think?

Our newsletter and web site should be a focal point for our common means of communication. Is the format and frequency satisfactory? Would you like to contribute articles/photos? Do you have something to sell/trade/purchase?

What do you think?

Please take time for the following:

- 1. Did you know that board members attend ISCCW meeting to keep up to date on the health of Moon Lake;*
- 2. Do you have any issues on the usage of our lake; and*
- 3. Submit any suggestions you have on any topic to help improve our association.*

REPLYS:

“1/2 the fun is going to someone's house on the lake with the option of boating over? We wouldn't technically care where you have them. Combining would probably help...”

“Wherever we have our annual party, it should be enough room for seating. As many of us get older, it is difficult to walk in to the Pavilion and have comfortable seating. I look at the list of MLRA members; I have never met a lot of these people. “

“We would like to see recreational boating cease at 5pm”

“Having the annual Meeting and picnic together sounds good (Maximum Participation), LOL Pavilion for the picnic sounds good because of family friendly location (Playground, Volleyball, and General Facilities) Selling items sounds good. “

“Having the picnic at the park pavilion sounds like a good idea”

“The idea of using the LOL pavilion for both the meeting and picnic combined we think is a good solution as long as the pavilion is navigate able by the disabled”

“We need more respect from seadoosers. They are going much too fast and too close to skiers, tubers, piers and the loons. “

“Thank you for all the work you and the Board are doing on our behalf.”

“We think renting the Land O’ Lakes Pavilion or some other public space is a great idea!”

“We would prefer not to mix business with pleasure. “

“We love the format. We like the updates on news around the lake. The website is a high quality site. Is it possible to update it more frequently? When we’re away for an extended period, it would be nice to know the weather conditions, lake conditions, etc. maybe on a weekly basis. When we’re out of town, we’re concerned about our home, landscape, etc.

We have several long-timers that are part of the association, we’re sure they would have great input into the history section of the website. It would be great if someone would interview them and record their collected memories on the site! We have wonderful people in the association and we would sure like to know their firsthand knowledge and some history of the area.

Regarding sell/trade/purchase – yes, if we have something to get rid of that someone else may want/need, why not? Who needs Craigslist, if we have our own group? Is there a group interest in creating care packages for soldiers, quilts for sick kids in the hospital, food collection for the food pantry, funds or supplies for local animal shelters, or other interests?

Other comments:

Lake Usage:

The lake has a boat launch area; it’s not a beach. They make a mess with beer cans and trash from their parties. How do we stop/reduce this?

+Northern Edge Marina uses the lake as a testing ground for their boat repairs. Is the group aware of this? “

The board is aware of Northern Edge Marina utilizing Moon Lake as a testing ground for their repairs. They have expressed that they are making a great effort to show respect for the lake owners concerns.

A comment was made on the survey sent out prior to the Annual Meeting indicating that the "Older Posts" link on the bottom of the "Around the Lake" was not functioning. The problem has been fixed so one can now look at the older posts by clicking on the "Older Posts" link. Thank you to whoever sent the comment. In the future please report bugs on the website by sending an email to webmaster@moonlake.org

We appreciate the response from our members. Please feel free to make suggestions whenever you like and send them to your MLRA board members.

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Items of Interest

Various

Welcome:

We would like to welcome David and Patsy Tolberg as our most recent newcomers on Moon Lake. They purchased Marcia Schultz's on South Moon Lake Road. They are not actually newcomers to Moon Lake, as Patsy's parents, Bob and Mary Peterson, have owned property here since the very early 1970's. Welcome, David and Patsy; we wish you many years of happiness on "The Moon."

Wha-cha-got:

Anyone having a diving platform in good condition, please call Tom Chase, 544-2415.

Observations

Tom Chase

As the cannon is fired down Land O's COHWY B, our summer is now unofficially over. It looks as though our winter may be "back to normal," as the oak trees have so-far deposited close to eight five-gallon buckets of acorns by the first of this month!

1. Please utilize our website! Next newsletter the first part of Decembe. Contributions are always welcome!
2. If you know of any MLRA member that you believe would like to be remembered (for any reason), please contact Judy Chase, and she will send out a card on behalf of the Lake Association.
3. Remember, this is your newsletter. Any article contributions you would like to share, please forward to me or any board member, and we will get them published.
4. Any website contributions can be addressed to Bob Turnquist via : www.moonlake.org