

*Gravel Lake Membership Meeting - 6/21/14 - Hosted by Beebe and DeSimone Families

Attendance: Cr. DeSimone, Reed, Pinkos, Brown, Ca. DeSimone, Dorsey, Flavin, Hochsprung, Kitzmiller, McDevitt, McGreal, Rockwell, Zwartz

Called to Order: 11:06am

Opening Remarks - happy first day of summer, welcome back

Treasurer's Report - Janice Pinkos - accepted as submitted

Officers' Reports

Secretary - Kathy Brooks could not be with us today, Melissa DeSimone took minutes

- Minutes will be posted more regularly to the GLA website

Editor - newsletters went out Memorial Day weekend, please let us know if you didn't receive one

Internet Ops.

- visit gravellake.org for dues payment via PayPal

- social survey, the new fee structure for hunting and fishing, newsletter is in PDF form, historical minutes, classified area are all available on the website

- you can also use the google group and facebook pages

Fundraising - paraphernalia available today, ideas for merch? -- GL cups

- GL home tour has been suggested - slight interest in this activity

Water Quality - Sheri Kurtyak

- 2013 figures - phosphorous levels are decreasing making our lake "younger", all the data for our lake is available online - micorp (report provided to president, update handouts available to members

- why is there a decrease snails and clams? -- zebra mussels are a likely cause, could be other causes

Weed Treatment - \$114,000 current fund balance, \$10 per year is going to be collected because of the high fund balance until further notice though the township is reserving the right to collect more in case of future issues

- How much does a full lake treatment cost? Do we have enough in the fund to pay for one?

Buoys/Signage - thank you Tom Flavin & Dan McDevitt for putting up the no wake buoys

Old Business

Public Access - Jen Kitzmiller

- new person in charge of the access, we would like to host a clean up day after July 4th or at the end of the season, DNR will give us trash bags and pick them up for disposal

- See the Kitzmillers if you are interested in participating in a clean up day

- swimming at the public access is not encouraged but difficult to enforce, rocks are on the public access beach to stop erosion

Water Quality Consultants

- Kieser & Associates, Progressive AE, Restorative Lake Sciences have all put in proposals

- Putting together a new proposal request to make an informed decision in the near future

Phonebooks - everyone should have one

Fish Stocking - Ken Hochsprung

- walleye stocking continues, channel catfish are the only other fish available to us for stocking by the DNR but so far we've only stocked walleye

Picnic Update - Thank you volunteers! Pinkos family did a lot of work!

New Business

4th of July

Venetian Night Boat Parade - Friday, July 4th, begins at 10pm

- light up your boat, register with judges at the Hipelius home on Streeter Beach at 9:30pm

Fun Run - Saturday, July 5th at 9am - ribbons and refreshments

Kids' Games - Saturday, July 5th at 12pm at the Willow Beach Resort - prize bags for all kids

Paddle Boat Regatta - Saturday, July 5th at 4:45pm

- 5 divisions, trophies and prizes donated by The Rock

- all participants must wear a flotation device

Thank you to Keith and Michelle LaLone for donating the bouncy house to the lake association!

Winkler Beach Update - Thank you to Pat Murray for serving on the BOT for over 10 years, stepping down due to scheduling conflicts

Michigan Riparian - the association will provide subscriptions to all paying members that are interested in receiving the magazine, the board will take a vote at the next meeting

Channel Dredging - Art Earl

- samples need to be taken to see what material makes up the bottom so we know how it can be removed, the dredging would uncover springs that feed the channel fresh water, we are researching ideas, we need to decide if a special assessment district would include the channel or whole lake

New Member Welcome - new member baskets, help us identify people to welcome

Seawalls & Beach Sanding - Craig asks that we please consider other options to seawalls, there are many lake-wide benefits to natural lake shores, beach sanding requires a permit

Boater Safety Cards - Thank you Jen Kitzmiller for updating the cards, they are available today

GL Social - Saturday, August 16th from 7-11pm at The Rock

- volunteers are needed, more information and tickets are coming soon

Other New Business

Inner-coastal Beaver - Suzanne is looking into getting a permit to trap the beaver

Go-Carts and Golf Carts - Suzanne will deal with the situation, everyone should be aware of speeds

Sewer - Cedar Lake has joined, how does that help us? Our assessment will not increase but Cedar's addition does not help us, some residents would like to address this issue - Craig suggests speaking with a LASA board member about any concerns

50-50 Raffle Results -

855893 - \$100 prize to Joyce Beebie

855890 - sweatshirt winner - Mrs. Dorsey

855822 - sweatshirt winner - Ken Hochsprung

Next BOT meeting - Saturday, July 19th at 10am - Porter Township Hall

Announcements

Poker Run flyers available

Picnic logistics - how and where to get food

Memorial for Paul Walter tomorrow at the Paw Paw Eagles Club from 1-4pm

Adjourned: 12:15pm, moved by Ken Hochsprung and seconded by Don VanMeter, approved.