



ANN LAKE

November 2001

WATER LOG

PRESIDENT'S CORNER – Lee Muehlmann

In case you missed the meeting in October, the amendments to the by-laws passed by an overwhelming majority. This will result in several changes to your Association. The changes include:

1. A president and vice president will be elected every year. This means that now, more than ever, we will need people to "get involved". Our nominating committee will soon be looking for individuals to fill board and officer positions for the upcoming year. If they call you, please consider their request carefully, and volunteer if you possibly can. We need new people and ideas. Remember, not only do you help others by keeping your Association strong, you also help yourself!
2. The other big change is the membership year, and annual meeting date. In the past we were restricted to a fiscal year of August to August. Now the membership and fiscal year will be on a calendar year basis, making it easier for both you and the Association to keep track of dues and expenditures.

The annual meeting date was fixed in the old by-laws to the third Saturday of August. This date seemed to be a popular one for many other summer activities, and it inhibited our ability to recruit volunteers. We now have the flexibility of meeting anytime during the month of June. While we recognize that June is a popular month for weddings and graduation parties, we hope to find a date in June with less conflict than the old date.

Look elsewhere in this issue for information on the progress of the Ransom Lake Project, and the excellent water quality of your lake.

HEALTH AND SAFETY – Lee Muehlmann

Several members have told us that we should have more control over the times the Marine Patrol Officers are on the lake. If you have suggestions for the times you think are most important for additional Marine Patrols, please let us know by either calling any Bard Member, or sending us a note. We will co-ordinate our preferences with the Marine Officers to maximize the effectiveness of both their regular patrols and ones paid for by your Association.

LEGAL UPDATES:

1. A new bill was passed by the State Legislature that would require rafts to be equipped with the name and address of the owner permanently affixed to two opposite sides of the raft, along with a reflective device on each side of the raft. At last look, the bill was awaiting the Governor's signature.
2. The laws for drunk boating were changed to increase the misdemeanor penalty for drunk boating to 93 days, providing the ability to fingerprint persons arrested, and have that data in a system to track repeat offenders.
3. Several changes were made to Personal Watercraft (PWC) laws. One change dealt with the carrying capacity of a PWC. For example, if two people are aboard a PWC and towing a third person, the PWC must be rated to carry three people. Several other regulations were also revised. To learn more about these changes contact your PWC dealer or local Marine Officer.

WATER TESTING – Joni Keskey

The year is over and everyone is getting ready for winter. We've concluded water testing for this season and have already applied to be in next year's program. We have the possible opportunity to be involved in pilot programs for weed mapping and fish measurements, but we need more volunteers before we can commit. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP), the annual conference will be held April 26, 27, and 28 at Boyne Highlands Resort. Training for the various programs will be on Friday and Saturday. Please let me know if you would like to become involved in our local program or would like to attend the conference.

This year we tested water clarity 16 times with findings of water depths ranging from a low of 10 feet (during a July "bloom") to a high of 24 feet. The average was 18 feet. This compares to last year (2000), our first full year of testing to 13 tests with findings of a low of 9 feet (mid-June) to a high of 19 feet, with an average of 13 feet. Zebra mussels may or may not be a part of the pattern. It's too early to tell.

We tested for early spring and late summer Phosphorous and took monthly Chlorophyll readings. The results will be published by Michigan Lake and Stream Association in mid-winter.

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WATER TEMPERATURE AND DISSOLVED OXYGEN TESTING OF ANN LAKE

Al and Dianne Minicucci and Dick Unger tested the water temperature and dissolved oxygen content on Ann Lake every two weeks from May 19 to September 10, 2001, at the same location.

Our membership heard from our guest biologist at the annual meeting that the overall condition of our lake water is very good. However, with building growth and higher usage, we must remain vigilant to monitor the condition of Ann Lake and urge property owners to use sound conservation practices.

As expected, the dissolved oxygen content of our lake continued to fall as the water temperature increased throughout the summer, reaching the lowest point in September. The charts are available to any member who would like to see them.

At this time, Eurasian Water Milfoil has not been found in Ann Lake. If you would be interested in participating in an organized effort to search for the Milfoil next summer, please notify a Board Member.

BOARD ACTION

At the November ALPOA board meeting, the Board voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Ransom Lake Conservancy Fund. Because 50% of the water of Ann Lake comes from Ransom Creek and Lake, it is of paramount interest to the property owners of Ann Lake to ensure the quality of that incoming water. This action is a direct support of our Mission Statement.

DUES STATEMENT

Remember, the dues are now paid for the calendar year, not the old fiscal year. If you have questions regarding your membership standing, please contact Treasurer, Ron Brown at 275-5101.

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