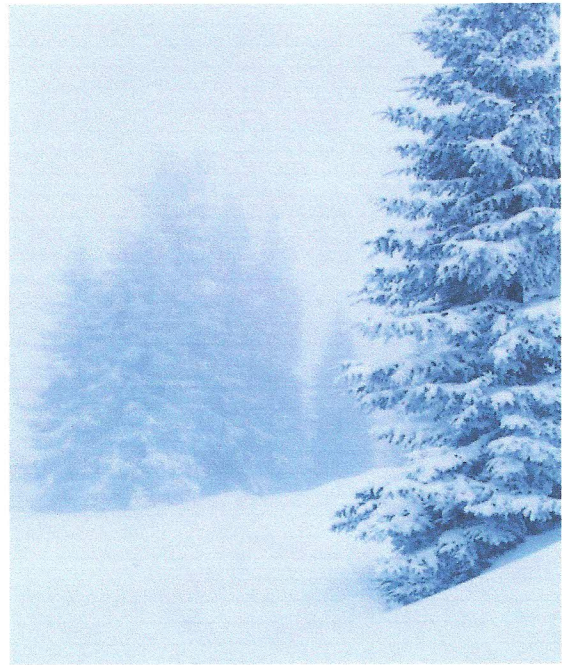


WINTER UPDATE – ANN LAKE WATER LOG

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Dear Property Owners:

Below is our first Winter Update from the Ann Lake Property Owners' Association or ALPOA.

Due to personal reasons, Don Jaeger has removed himself as the next president of ALPOA. Please keep in mind all positions on the ALPOA Board are done on a volunteer basis by individuals who care about the quality of the lake, their properties, and the safety of individuals using the lake. Extending her Presidency will be Ellie Flaherty. Please thank Ellie if you see her. She is a terrific President who continues to provide great ideas and wonderful leadership for the association.

Synopsis of Ann Lake Property Owners' Association's GREAT SUMMER of 2010, plus a peek at Fall and some Winter

JULY-----The unofficial 4th of July Boat Parade was held in spite of VERY WINDY weather. Intrepid "Captains" of 32 boats, along with their fearless passengers, toured around Ann Lake tooting their horns, waving their American flags, and generally having a good time. The lead boat carried four of ALPOA'S octogenarians as the Grand Marshalls. We would love to have more of ALPOA'S 80 and 90 years olds as Grand Marshalls of the 2011, 4th of July Parade. More information in the Spring/Summer News Letter.

AUGUST-----The first Annual Paddle, Pedal, Paddle Row event was a great success. 44 people participated. 34 of the participants completed the entire lap around the lake. Those who completed the circumnavigation of Ann Lake received a "Certificate of Accomplishment". The number and types of water craft used were...3 pedal boats, 1 row boat, 2 canoes, 2 paddle boards, and 28 kayaks.

Mark your 2011 calendars now for the Second Annual Paddle, Pedal, Paddle, Row around Ann Lake to take place Saturday, August 6, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Sunday, August 7 will be the alternate date if the weather/wind are not favorable the 6th.

SEPTEMBER-----Loon Buoys were purchased and will be installed in the Spring to mark loon nesting sites warning people to stay 300 feet away from the nests. Ann Lake loons are very special to all who live on the lake, and their protection and successful reproduction should be everyone's priority.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY-----For those of you who do not winter on Ann Lake, an update. Our first snow fall was November 5 and measured about 2.5 inches. The rest of the month of November was basically snowless. December snows started the 1st with 3 inches (all these snow depths were taken on Skunk Hollow. Depths around the lake may vary). December 12 was the blizzard with 12-15 inches, blowing and drifting et al. Ann Lake froze over December 17. As of FEBRUARY 21, the snow total thus far this 2010-2011 winter season is 107 inches, plus or minus. It's beautiful here in the winter....snow to play in, a warm fire in the wood stove to keep things cozy, etc., etc., etc

A future Ann Lake Property Owners' Association Web Site is being developed. More information next Spring.

Update in re: Michigan Riparian

Once upon a time, the association subscribed to the Michigan Riparian for every member who paid annual dues. Thus, \$8 out of every \$20 dues payment went to pay for 4 quarterly issues of the Riparian.

A couple years ago the board decided to make the subscription optional, at the member's discretion. If you weren't really reading the magazine, we might better save the \$8 for something of greater value or benefit. And many of you told us you don't need the mag.

However, when Shirley Drews (our previous treasurer) first communicated our revised subscription list, it was misinterpreted by the person who handled subscriptions for the Riparian. After I assumed the duties I discovered the problem and tried again to clarify our intentions, **to no avail!** That explains why those of you who said you didn't need it continued to receive it, and some newer members who elected to receive it, didn't.

I'm now relieved to report that late in 2010 the subscription records and duties at the Riparian were transferred to a different person. I'm reasonably confident that as of this

year, those of you who requested the Riparian will get it, and those of you who didn't, won't.

By the way, with the change at the Riparian our subscriptions now run on a calendar year basis. Thus, those of you who paid dues anytime in 2010, and elected to receive the Riparian, will receive the four issues published in calendar 2011.

Dave Maxson, Treasurer

2010 Membership has grown to 73!!! Let's aim for 100 plus in 2011. Attached is the 2011 membership form.

Treasury and Membership Report

Last year was a very good year for membership, and thus the treasury. We received dues payments for 73 – count'em, 73! – memberships, which is 17 (30%) more than the 56 in 2009. In addition, we received \$330 in donations, over and above the dues. Thank you!!

We began the year with a balance of \$3,580, and received income totaling \$1,870 during the course of the year. We disbursed \$1,472 in expenses, including \$435 to purchase three loon buoys (details elsewhere in this newsletter), leaving a balance of \$3,978 at the end of the year.

This is purposely just a brief summary. A complete, detailed report will be published in the spring newsletter later. In the meantime, if you want to be "the first on your block" to renew your membership for 2011, you'll find a printable membership form elsewhere in this email.

Dave Maxson, Treasurer

Wildlife Update

Invasive species (fauna as well as flora) will be addressed in the Spring/Summer Newsletter.

Recently, we have received photos of a rather large paw print located near the entrance to Mud Bay. These paw prints are larger than a mans hand and appear to be some sort of a large cat. Please be aware that this sort of predator is roaming the area and be careful. If we receive more information on this issue, we will inform you.

Walleye Planting

It has come to the Board's attention that Ann Lake is one of 3 lakes in contention for the planting of Walleye. To further acquaint yourself with this species of fish please visit the

website Mi.gov/fishing and click on fish species to learn more about this topic. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

In the springtime, the Platte River Fish Hatchery releases salmon in this area. Thanks to fish biologist Aaron Switzer, for providing this write-up for our newsletter and the springtime activities at the fish hatchery.

Platte River State Fish Hatchery

Platte River State Fish Hatchery (PRSFH) began operations in 1928 as a trout rearing facility. In the mid-1960's, Pacific salmon were introduced into the Great Lakes to attempt to control out of control alewife populations. In 1968 the hatchery underwent a complete renovation to accommodate salmon production needs. By 1972 we were Michigan's main salmon hatchery. The hatchery completed another renovation in 2005 to modernize the outdoor raceway facility and improve effluent management.

Presently we rear over 1.5 million Coho salmon and nearly two million Chinook salmon annually. This is 100% of the State's Coho program and better than 50% of the State's entire Chinook program. Brundage Creek and Brundage Spring are our primary rearing water sources. The Coho are in the hatchery system for approximately eighteen months. About half of them are planted in the Platte River right here at the hatchery in the spring; the others are planted in various rivers along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The Chinook are on-site for about six months. All of the Chinooks are stocked out in rivers along the Lake Michigan or Lake Huron coast.

The Coho that are stocked in the Platte River migrate out to Lake Michigan where they spend approximately eighteen months, then return to the hatchery in the fall. Once back at the hatchery they are spawned and the life cycle continues.

PRSFH is staffed by a Hatchery Biologist, four Fisheries Technicians, two seasonal Fisheries Assistants, a Maintenance Mechanic and a Trades Helper. The Hatchery Manager, Secretary and Maintenance Supervisor all split their time among Platte and other State run fish hatcheries. If you would like to learn more stop in and take a tour of the hatchery, located at the intersection of CR 669 and US Hwy 31. We are open every day from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Check us out on the internet: www.michigan.gov/fishing

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