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Summer comes to an end as a boater enjoys Hardwood Lake on Labor Day weekend.

Hardwood Lake Board, board meeting scheduled October 14

The 2nd annual Hardwood Lake Board board meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, October 14, 2000 at the Richland township hall in Prescott. This meeting was originally requested from lake owners to review the past year on lake clean-up and look to the future. Scheduled to attend will be the following people: Tony Groves or another representative from Progressive Engineering, Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner Mike DeMatio, County Commissioner Rose Walsh, trustees from Richland and Logan townships Brian Bellville and Jess Primm, a representative from the DNR, and Hardwood Lake Association representative David Sommers. Last year about 25 members were present and the meeting lasted about 1 1/2 hours.

Last year questions about tax rates and why different

sized lots pay the same rate were referred to the next tax hearing coming up in the summer of 2001. The meeting's main purpose was to explain the use of the chemical Sonar which was in the planning stages and needed DNR approval. Questions were asked about other forms of weed treatment and concerns about fish in the lake. A board member made this statement: "No matter what we do we will never have a pristine lake. In the past people couldn't let their kids wade because of weeds. I have a friend in Genesee county who can't use their lake. You have something good. Try selling it with weeds."

At the October 14 meeting expect a recap of how Sonar worked on Hardwood Lake and a look at future treatments.

Come with questions or sit and listen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7 - St. Joseph Parish Annual Octoberfest Arts & Crafts - West Branch
November 18 - Art & Craft Bazaar, Ogemaw Fairgrounds (517) 345-1415
December 2 - Craft Show - Ogemaw Heights High School Music Boosters' holiday arts & crafts. (517) 345-3566.

Annual Lake Association Meeting

The annual Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) meeting was held July 8, 2000 at the Richland township hall. With the cool and unpredictable weather this summer it was a wise choice. Refreshments were served and beverages were available. Twenty-two property owners attended. Current membership is around 51. A current membership roster is included in this newsletter. Next year's meeting will be Saturday, July 7, 2001 at 10 a.m. It was decided to hold it during the July 4th week for more attendance.

Association President David Sommers gave a Lake Board explanation for new members. He also reviewed lake clean-up. The May 4th treatment of Sonar put 7 gallons in the lake to bring it up to 6 parts-per-billion. It is a slow acting chemical. By the end of August virtually all the milfoil was gone. Algae treatment was applied three times during the summer.

On June 30th Progressive Engineering looked at the lake after eight weeks of treatment and said the milfoil is dying off as expected. Costs were a little over \$18,000 so far.

Some questions that came up were:

Q. Are there a lot of carp in the lake and should we get rid of them?

A. DNR would have to be contacted. Carp are bottom feeders and clean up crud. A study would have to be done.

Q. Where is the dump in Prescott?

A. South East corner of the township. **SEE MAP ON BACK PAGE.**

Judy Sheehan reported the dilapidated house on Hardwood Heights was slated for demolition. Eymer's was awarded the bid. **SEE NEXT PAGE.**

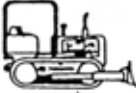
Discussion of road brining and gypsy moth control came up. Director Gil Ezzo gave a report on the gypsy moth and history. Road brining cost the association about \$320 per application. It was unanimous among the attendees that there is a desire to go forward with a petition drive to form an assessment district for both issues. Members present signed an informal petition which was to be delivered by Art Fernandez to the Richland township board to see if they could or would proceed with a township wide gypsy moth assessment. Rough costs for gypsy moth control is \$10 an acre. If all goes well, it would take 2 years from now to start the spraying.

Road brining costs \$640 for two applications a year (usually before Memorial Day weekend and July 4th. A third application before Labor Day, if needed) on Hardwood Heights and Gillings Road. The county pays 1/3 and the HLPOA pays 2/3. (We pay \$320 per application and the county pays \$160 per application.) This is money the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association collects from members dues. It would be a great benefit to our

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

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association to pursue this assessment. Future money could be used for other goals.

Election of Officers

Rod McLane was re-elected vice president for the third time unopposed.

Judy Sheehan - Secretary/treasurer was also re-elected unopposed.

Bruce Trevithick resigned from the campground committee. A replacement, Debbie Richardson, was named. Her name will be submitted to the township board.

Door prizes were awarded to six lucky winners. Thanks to Gil Ezzo who collected the prizes.

Membership dues \$15.00

Rod McLane (donated back to association)

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| Nester's | Pizza | Ken Pennington |
| International Cafe | \$10 certificate | Rose Christner |
| McGregor's | Pizza | Wilfred Pietrazak |
| McGregor's | Family dinner | Clayton Dees |
| McGregor's | Pizza | Pat Fischer |

We are now accepting ads for the newsletter, as you can see.

Thanks to Don Kube, Gil Ezzo, and Judy Sheehan who sold ads for this newsletter. They will help defray costs of the mailings.

From McGregor's suggestion box . . .

Q. When will we get a new board that will stop killing all the fish on Hardwood Lake?

A. Elections for vice president and secretary/treasurer were held at the July 8th meeting. Officers ran unopposed. Next July the office of president and four directors will be elected. There is a possible opening for a director, as a member has indicated their desire to quit, but has not formally done so. The only stipulation for running for office is that you are a current lake association member.

As for the fish killing, I assume you mean from the lake treatment. It was never brought up at a meeting nor evidence of a fish die-off. If anything, I've heard of and seen more fish (pike and bass) caught this year than in recent years. Please comment to me on your fishing experiences. Also, has anyone heard from Kip Cronk?

See my e-mail address on the front page.

Thank you for your comments.

Edith Sommers, Newsletter Editor



An empty lot exists (in foreground of bottom photo) where the dilapidated house on Hardwood Heights once stood (top photo).



The house was torn down and removed in July 2000 by Eymers.

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Dump hours

The Prescott dump is located on McLean Road behind the cemetery. New hours effective since August are Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Trash must fit in greenboxes (large dumpsters). No tires or building materials.

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SATURDAY,
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DETAILS INSIDE**

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