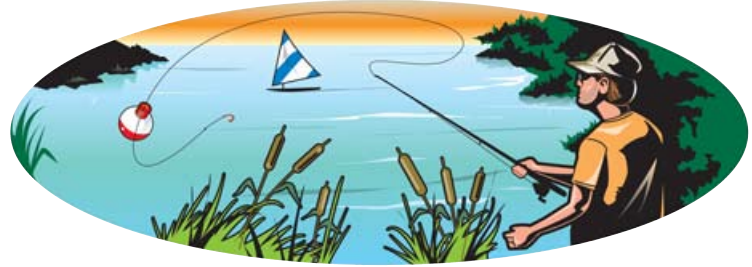


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A boater enjoys Hardwood Lake on a summer day.

Hardwood Lake web site now up

The Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association has joined the 21st Century. There is now a web site. It can be viewed at www.hardwoodlake.org.

During the annual membership meeting in July there was discussion of having a web presence. After some research the Board of Directors decided to proceed. Association President David Sommers designed the site

It features general information on the lake and campground along with background information on the weed control program.

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For information on hours for high speed boating, water skiing and other requirements check the boating laws page.

As a benefit for members, we are offering a "BUY or SELL" page. If you are having a garage sale or want to buy a boat, etc., we will list it on the web. Just send an e-mail to webmaster@hardwoodlake.org.

If you're looking for something to do in the area, local web sites are linked.

Need to contact an Ogemaw County official? There is a link for that, also.

This web site is for and about you, the members of the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association. Please contact any of the board members listed on the CONTACTS page with thoughts or suggestions.

Be sure to check out the site for the latest information on the lake.

The board has also decided to start e-mailing the newsletter. We will continue to mail the newsletter to those that don't have e-mail.

Association Secretary Judy Sheehan is confirming everyone's e-mail address. Please confirm yours at sheehank@charter.net if you have not already done so.

Weed control continues another 4 years - 2009-2012

The weed control program on Hardwood Lake will continue through 2012.

On Saturday, July 12 the Lake Board held a continuation and tax district public hearing.

Paul Hausler of Progressive Engineering made a presentation to the Lake Board and eight property owners who attended the meeting.

He explained the history of the lake weed project mentioning the lake was 172 acres, retains water for 195 days and drains an area of 4,110 acres.

The main problem continues to be Eurasian Milfoil which grows all year long. It usually grows in 3-5 feet of water and forms a canopy which shades out desirable plants. Curly

Leaf Pondweed is another problem on the lake.

Hausler also mentioned he is seeing good plants on the lake such as Wild Celery and Largeleaf Pondweed.

Hausler explained how Progressive does lake surveys and contracts treatment including herbicide application, mechanical harvesting. He also explained how costs are determined.

He said a late season survey of the lake helps determine the next year's treatment. As they do their survey, they inspect for possible new exotic plants such as Hydrilla, which has been found in Indiana. Another problem is Fanwort and Starry Stonewort. He passed out a chart to assist lake weed identification.

Regarding fishing, Hausler explained that fishing is often weather dependent. The goal is to provide enough natural weed growth with about 40% weed growth in the shallow water areas.

The proposed budget was \$24,100 annually for 2009 to 2012.



Propane club

Dan Brady and Judy Sheehan would like to establish a propane gas club.

If you are interested please contact them for more information. Dan can be reached at 989-873-8455 and Judy at 989-391-5059.

Annual meeting

The annual Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association meeting was held following two public hearings on Saturday, July 12.

Attendance was very poor with less than a dozen people in attendance including the Board of Directors.

Items on the agenda included refurbishing the sign on Henderson Lake Road, development of a web site and newsletter distribution via email.

Because of the low turnout at the meeting it was determined that there would be little interest in the annual picnic. A motion was passed to cancel the 2008 picnic.

Rod McLane was reelected Vice President and Judy Sheehan was reelected Secretary / Treasurer.

McGregor's Country Store donated 5 gift certificates. Winners were Dees, McLane, Sommers, Scope and Rollison. The Eberhardt family won an annual membership to the association.

The 2009 annual meeting is scheduled for 9 am on Saturday, July 11 while the picnic is tentatively scheduled for 6 pm on Saturday, August 8, 2009. Locations will be provided at a later date.

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Pig roast fund raiser

On Saturday, August 2nd a pig roast was held at the Hardwood Lake campgrounds to raise money for playground equipment. A total of \$8,500 was raised with 375 people in attendance. There was live music and food.



Members of the Lake Association board are, L-R, Randy Nasuti, Sue Young, Clay Dees, Dan Brady, Rod McLane, David Sommers and Judy Sheehan.

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Constitution and bylaws need updating

The current Lake Association Constitution and Bylaws is several years old and needs to be updated. The current copy is below with suggested changes adopted by the Board. A ~~strike through~~ are items to be deleted. Items with an underline are additions. To make the changes members need to vote. We have included a postage paid postcard. Please vote and mail. Postcard must be postmarked by November 1, 2008.

HARDWOOD LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION and BY LAWS

Article 1

NAME

* The name of this association shall be HARDWOOD LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (non-profit organization).

Article 2

PURPOSE

- * To respect the rights of all property owners and help secure improvements.
- * To assist in maintaining and improving lake conditions.
- * To cooperate with and promote enforcement of all existing federal, state, local and subdivision regulations for the benefit of all.
- * To maintain the policy of regulating gasoline-operated motor boats on the lake.

BY-LAWS-MEMBERSHIP

* Membership in this association shall be limited to concerned property owners. Dues must be ~~currently~~ paid by the annual membership meeting up to maintain membership and voting privileges.

VOTING

* Property, whether one parcel or more, shall constitute one membership and shall be entitled to one vote or by written proxy.

DUES

- * The Association shall be financed by annual dues of ~~\$15.00~~ per membership. The amount of the dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Special assessments may be levied when deemed necessary, by a two-thirds majority of members present at the general meeting and by written proxy.
- * The Association fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.
- * Dues are payable by June 15 of each year.

MEETINGS

* The annual meeting shall be held on a Saturday in July, at the discretion of the Lake Association officers. Notice of such meeting shall be announced by mail or electronic means at least fourteen (14) days in advance. Ten percent (10%) of the ~~Twenty (20)~~ members shall constitute

a quorum. Members shall be notified ten (10) days in advance of any meeting, other than the annual meeting, and what the purpose of the meeting is.

* Executive Board meetings shall have a quorum of five (5). The officers are empowered to call a meeting for a specified purpose and time between regular meetings.

OFFICERS

* Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary – Treasurer and four (4) members to constitute a Board of Directors.

* All officers are elected for a term of two years. ~~With~~ The President and all directors are being elected during the odd years and the Vice President and Secretary - Treasurer ~~being~~ are elected in the even years.

* Lake Board Representative shall be elected by the body at large every four years ~~in the even years for a term of four years. The next election will be~~ beginning in 1998. The Board of Directors shall oversee the Lake Board Representative.

* The immediate past President shall automatically become a Director-at-Large at the expiration of his term.

* In the event an officer or director (except the office of President) vacates ~~vacated~~ their ~~his or her~~ office before the expiration of their ~~his or her~~ term, the President shall with the approval of the Directors, appoint a replacement to fill that office until the next election of officers. It shall be the President's responsibility to announce an election to the membership and cause this announcement to be a part of the agenda.

* In the event the President should vacate their ~~his~~ office, the Vice-President shall become President. The vacated vice-president's office shall be filled as set forth in the above paragraph of the by-laws.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

* The President shall preside at all meetings unless unable, in which case the Vice-President shall preside. The President shall have the power to appoint special committees.

* The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and business matters of the association.

* The Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings, handle all necessary correspondence for the association and maintain an up-to-date roster of members. The Secretary will receive a stipend of \$1 (one dollar) per property owner per year.

The Treasurer shall make no disbursements except by check bearing his or her signature and countersigned by the President.

DISBANDMENT

In the event the Association dissolves with two-thirds majority vote, all assets shall be liquidated and divided equally among the then paid-up members.

The sign along Henderson Lake Road was purchased in 2005 and is maintained by the association. Dan Brady planted the flowers. The sign has weathered on the South side and is due for a touch-up this Fall. The pictured drawing (right) will be replaced with a new one which is on the masthead of this newsletter.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL



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Yes, I would be interested in forming/joining a gas club.
Below is the information required to get an idea how many people would be interested.

Name _____

Billing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Lake Phone _____

The next is the address where gas will be delivered if different from above.

Service Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Prescott, MI 48756

(Check One) Full Time _____ or Part-time _____ resident

Gas Provider now: _____

What size tank do you have now? _____

Do you (circle one) Own or Lease the tank?

In 2007 what was your gas usage? _____ (your current gas company will provide you with this information.)

Membership fee of \$10.00 if a club is formed.

Please return the completed form to Judy Sheehan at the above address or to Dan Brady at 3179 S Henderson Lake Road, Prescott, MI 48756

The Hilltop Club which some of us belong is at \$2.399 per gallon. Discounts for Senior, Budget, own your tank, etc low end would be \$2.359. They can no longer accept new club members. The club would be formed for the 2009-10 season if there is enough interest.