

# Pickerel and Kimball Lakes Association

September 4, 2010 Fall Meeting

By: John Schorr, Secretary

**Steve Plank**, Co-President of the association, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Steve thanked Camp Newaygo for hosting our meeting and providing refreshments. Steve Plank introduced the officers and called for their reports.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Linkfield reported that the association has a balance of \$7,917. Jim reported that we had income of \$7,194 and expenses of \$9,396. The two largest expenses were the fireworks and attorney fees.

**Secretary Report:** John Schorr handed out the minutes from last spring and they were approved as written.

**Zone Rep Report:** Jim Chase reported that 228 residences paid dues and 85 did not. Two zone representatives are retiring and Jim and Kay are looking for replacements. If you are interesting, give them a call (616-570-4296).

**Welcome Packets:** At the spring meeting, there was a discussion on having a Welcome Packet to give out to new residents on Pickerel/Kimball Lakes. Kay Chase showed the completed packet that the committee had made up and reviewed what is in the handout. Eight packets were given to the new residents who moved on the lakes this summer. Kay had 12 available for anyone who wanted to purchase one at \$3.00 each.

**Weed Control Update:** Jim and Kay Chase hosted a meeting at their home on August 28<sup>th</sup> for the Weed Control Committee and other interested people. Jim asked John Schorr to give an overview of the meeting and the status of our special assessment request to the Township Board. John reviewed the history starting with the May 18, 2010 letter from the township stating that they would not collect for weed control anymore, the July 13<sup>th</sup> Township Meeting in which they agreed to extend the collection for 3 years to give our association time to "fact find" our options on how best to collect for weed control, and an overview of the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Marilyn Cox made a motion stating: I move that the Weed Control Committee be authorized to contact our attorney in regards to what options we have with Garfield Township in regards to their discussion to drop us from the tax rolls with a cap of \$500.00. Vonnie Holmberg seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 38 to 1.

Kay Chase stated that one of the options that we have as an association in terms of weed control assessment is to form a Lake Board. Kay showed Clifford Bloom's (our association lawyer) book entitled *Michigan Lake Associations – The Nuts and Bolts* and recommended that this would be a good book for all lake property owners to purchase. Kay had a sign-up sheet for those interested in purchasing the book. Kay also recommended that everyone subscribe to *The Michigan Riparian* magazine as it is an excellent magazine on Michigan lakes and rivers. She had subscription forms for those interested.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration:** Nina Fox reported that 12 boats participated in the Pickerel Lake parade and 6 boats in the Kimball parade. A sample of the President's Traveling Trophy Award created by Scott Launiere (a Pickerel Lake Resident) was on display. Nina asked for someone to volunteer to coordinate the Kimball Lake parade in the future (616-453-8049). Nina indicated that there would be an article in the Times Indicator next week on Pickerel/Kimball Lake's summer activities. The theme for next year's boat parade is *Carnival/Circus on the Lake*. Steve Plank volunteered to continue coordinating the Fishing Contest.

**Poker Run:** Nina Fox reported that the Poker Run was a fun event this year. Nineteen boats/wave runners participated and we plan on holding it again next summer. Nina was able to obtain gift certificates from several local businesses. It was moved and seconded to spend \$150 again next year for this event.

**Fireworks:** Stan Fisher wanted to confirm that the association wanted to continue the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks at \$4,500 next year. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

**Incorporation** – Steve Plank reported on the status of Pickerel/Kimball Lake Association's incorporation. Steve said a set of bylaws has been developed with our lawyer Clifford Bloom and that we would need a committee to review the bylaws. A couple of the benefits of incorporation will be that the association and its board members will be protected from a lawsuit. We will need to purchase liability insurance and this could potentially cost us as much as \$2,000. There was a discussion on how we would pay for this insurance expenditure. Jim Chase suggested raising our association dues from \$35 to \$40 and using the five dollar increase to cover the cost of insurance. A motion was made and seconded to increase the annual dues to \$40 and was approved unanimously. Steve Plank will bring a recommended set of bylaws to the 2011 Spring Meeting.

**Disinfection Station** – At the 2010 Spring Meeting, we approved spending \$500 to have Professional Lake Management install a disinfection station at our public boat launch to protect against DSH fish virus and invasive species. Jim Echtenaw reported that the DNR requires liability insurance when placing a disinfection station on public property. We will need to obtain insurance before this can be installed. The liability policy that the association purchases as a part of incorporation should cover the disinfection station as well.

**Election of Officers** – Steve Plank asked Jim Linkfield (Treasurer), Jim and Kay Chase (Directors of Zone Reps.), and John Schorr (Secretary) if they would be willing to serve another three years. They agreed, and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved for them to continue for another three year term.

Steve Plank and Jennifer Simpson, Co-Presidents, stated that they are not going to run for another term as Presidents. They agreed to serve to the Spring 2011 Meeting. We will need to elect a new President at that meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.