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-Let me start off by thanking Bill and Sandy Harding for dressing up their 20' trailer in the spirit of fall and pulling half of our 26 Hay riders around the lake. Thanks also to Blair Wickman for allowing me to use his trailer to tote the other half. The weather was a little dicey with chilly temps and occasional light rain but spirits were high and we made it back to the clubhouse mostly dry and ready for the great hot food that awaited us.

Now on to Club Business:

-From a Lake Committee standpoint the Riparian meeting was held at Noon and Blair did a great job of letting everyone know how we are doing. It was recommended by our Lake Management Firm, supported by your Board and unanimously voted on by those present to NOT draw down the lake this year. Treatment Schedule and treatment limitations are outlined in the Lake Report on pg. 3.

-Our membership is climbing again and is currently at 88 paid. New members were recognized at the meeting. Please see Kath's membership report below, and get out there and recruit, recruit, recruit.

-The golf outing was once again tremendously successful with a record \$6,200 being generated. Of that \$1000 were personal donations specifically earmarked for our partner, "Operation Injured Soldiers/Brave Hearts Estates", in addition the board agreed to donate another \$1000 to this great cause. So we are not only supporting our vets but still raised almost \$4100 for our building fund. To learn more about Operation Injured Soldiers/Brave Hearts Estate, visit www.injuredsoldiers.org.

-The annual raffle was also a record breaker rising \$2050 for the building fund. See who all the winners were on pg. 2.

-The Pontoon Poker Run was again coordinated by Ernie & Jackie Zack and had 22 poker boaters and raised almost \$500 for the club.

-the facility expansion is moving right along and you won't believe your eyes. The tongue and groove boards are up, the trim and doors are complete also. We are basically ready for staining after which we will begin the process of installing fixtures and cabinets, then on to flooring. We probably need another \$6000 or so to purchase these materials, so please consider donating to the Significant Donor Fund see form on pg. 2.

-While I am talking about all the work that was done on the clubhouse this year, let me thank Bob Chadwick and Dave Dohring for all the hard work they put into getting the interior walls, doors and trim completed and ready for staining. Also, let me congratulate them on being this year's recipients of the "Outstanding Effort and Dedication to Our Club" award as voted on by the Board of Directors. Great job guys

-Let me wrap up by thanking Carrie Dorcey for taking on the boat parade this year. It was windy (as usual), but the seven entries made it around without losing too many of the decorations.

-Thanks also to Bob Nickodemus for coordinating the Fishing Contest. We only had three entries so the Board is upping the prize money to a \$25 gift certificate per category next year, so make sure you get out there and fish. This year's winners are listed below.

-If you attended the meeting you could not help but notice the view of the lake from the clubhouse was spectacular. Thanks so much to Bill Harding and Dave Andrusiak for removing the trees and clearing the shoreline.

-Thanks to Dave Andrusiak also for coordinating the grass maintenance and thanks to all those individuals that cut the grass and weed wacked around the clubhouse this year.

-Lastly, as always thanks to your Board of Directors who donate many hours to the betterment of the lake and the club. But mostly thanks to all of you who thru your support and volunteerism make the WVPOAC what it is today.

See you at the stump cutting party in January 2017!!!!

JIM

Membership report

We currently have 88 paid memberships (including 15 new or returning – many are new owners of former members residences).

New Members since the June newsletter are: Zane & Gretchen DeVault, Jeff & Cheryl Rabbit, and Al & Ruth Rodgers. Welcome all!

Fishing Contest Winners 2016:

Perch: 5 inches Joe Wildberg

Bluegill: 7 inches Nancy Nickodemus

Pike: 25 inches Jim Nihls

These winners have been added to our new fishing contest plaque and received a Dunham's gift card.

Thank you to Bob Nickodemus for chairing this event.

Hayride: We had 26 people attend the hayride. The colors were only about 10-15% and it was a little chilly and drizzly but the enthusiasm was great. Back at the clubhouse, some great chili, food, and desserts awaited us. Thank you to Bill Harding for donating and pulling one trailer and Jim Nihls for pulling Blair Wickman's trailer. Much fun was had by all!

Golf outing: We had very successful Golf outing. Thanks to George and Cindi Jackson, Bob and Nancy Nickodemus and their team. We will try to have the details for the February newsletter. \$2000 was donated to Brave Hearts Estate in Pellston (part of Operation Injured Soldier) and we raised \$4096.49 for the club after all expenses were taken out.

The 5 \$100 prizes: John Horvath
Pat Shelp
Millie Mann
Suzi Pankey
Val Dutton

The grand prize \$1000: Harry Cornell

Thanks for all who participated and to all who sold tickets (we sold 365 of the 500 tickets) and had a profit of \$2050.00.

THANK YOU TO WHEELER MOTORS FOR SPONSORING THE TICKETS

Thank you to Loraine Frohriep for donation funds back from her 50/50 winnings to add two past very active members names to the Significant Donor Plaque.

BUILDING FUND SIGNIFICANT DONOR CAMPAIGN

Please help our clubhouse expansion by donating at one of the below levels. Your name will be placed on an appropriate plaque as determined by your giving level to be displayed in the clubhouse (unless you choose to remain anonymous).

Platinum	\$1000.00
Gold	\$500.00
Silver	\$250.00
Bronze	\$100.00
Contributor	\$ 25.00

AMOUNT \$ _____ PLAQUE INSCRIPTION: _____

Please return this form with your check payable to W.V.P.O.A.C. Building Fund to:
W.V.P.O.A.C.
PO Box 284
Wolverine MI 49799

Boat Parade: The boat parade had seven entries and was a great time. Thank-you to Carrie Dorcey for coordinating this activity for the club. First place patriotic boat (Nihls), second place fairy princess boat (Steele), third place Gordie Howe boat (Dorcey). Thanks for all who participated and the judges.

Pontoon Poker run: The Pontoon Poker Run was held in June and 22 people participated, having a great time and enjoying good food at the club house after. Thank you to Ernie and Jackie Zack for coordinating this event and raising almost \$500 for the club.

W.V.P.O.A.C. SCHEDULE FOR 2016

Sat. Jan. 21 2017

10:30 AM BOARD MEETING

Sat. Jan. 21 2017 4 PM

STUMP CUTTING PARTY AT CLUBHOUSE

New ideas are always welcome – please contact a board member with any new thoughts!

2017 Calendar will be out in February 2017

Lake Committee Report:

(Presented by Blair Wickman and RLS consultant Mike Solomon)

Loon Status: There are 2 baby Loon's; Eagles attempted to capture the baby loons, but all seems OK....both have been spotted after the attack.

Lake Draw Down/Lowering: The current lake level is normal (full). The Lake Drawdown Procedure was submitted to the DEQ prior to the Sept. 2015 deadline. To date, the DEQ has not provided any feedback on the WVPOAC Lake Drawdown procedure. Based on RLS's evaluation of our lake weed survey, they believe we do not need to drawdown the lake this winter (2016-2017 period); the BOD agrees with RLS and recommended to all for no drawdown this winter. A vote was taken by all present for no drawdown and passed with no exceptions. In addition, the BOD will evaluate the cost to have a 3rd party company provide services to manage future drawdowns, and present to the Riparian's at the next meeting.

Lake Treatment: The lake clarity, water quality, and weed control is excellent. It was noted that Rocco's lakefront area is in the best condition in years.

In 2016, three (3) treatments were performed, as follows:

1. Spring treatment (June 23rd – 18 acres) for "nuisance" weeds.
2. Mid-July (11 acres) to treat eurasian milfoil and other weeds.
3. Fall treatment (Sept. 12th) for lily pads (same treatment as last year; treatment only performed in the fall because it is most effective then and there is a four (4) month water irrigation ban after treatment).

Regarding bull rush (tall grass), this is not chemically treated but should be manually remove.

BOD recommends the same treatment plan for 2017, with the exception of attempting to perform the Spring treatment earlier in June (week of June 12th) if possible, depending on weed growth.

Some of the treatment restrictions per our permit were noted:

- Cannot treat within 500ft of the dam or Loon's nest (permit only states nest, not 'active' nest, so Loon restriction is all season)
- Native "nuisance" weeds treatment restriction is max 5ft water depth or 300ft from shore (so cannot treat in the middle of the lake)
- Only allowed to treat developed area's
- Only allowed to treat a maximum 40ft x 40ft area per dock for lily pads
- Eurasian milfoil treatment is systematic type (kills roots), but Pondweed treatment is only approved for contact treatment (does not kill the roots).

DNR Fish Survey/Re-Stocking: At this time, the DNR has verbally stated that re-stocking is not necessary, and the Wildwood Lake fish population will increase naturally back to normal levels, but some Riparian's asked for the WVPOAC Board to research and determine the cost and requirements (permit? DNR approval?) for bass re-stocking if deemed necessary or desired. Blair has researched this issue and his findings are:

- A permit would be required, and based on verbal discussion with the DNR, they have not indicated whether or not they would approve. Also, anyone can submit a permit....does not have to be from a WVPOAC BOD officer.
- Re-stocking cost was in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 range
- Funds would have to come from a special assessment or private donations, as we cannot use LMP funds for fish re-stocking

Based on the above, the BOD recommended to NOT re-stock the lake and will not pursue any further. No one present objected to this decision.