

## **Wildwood Lake Front Property Owners Annual Riparian Meeting – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by President Jim Nihls.

**Trash Amnesty Day:** John Moore addressed this year's early date (held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, which was much earlier than the past few years), and asked several groups for their opinion on a preferred time to schedule this event. Based on his discussions with these groups, it was almost unanimous to hold in July, so he will schedule the 2019 event for sometime that month.

### **Lake Committee Report:**

(Presented by Blair Wickman and RLS consultant Mike Solomon)

With the ice on the lake going out on May 1<sup>st</sup>, everything is behind schedule including weed growth, loon nesting etc. The electronic weed survey is planned for around June 18<sup>th</sup>, depending on weed growth, with treatment to follow soon after. A second treatment is planned for late July, early August and a third treatment (if needed) would take place mid- September. Also, we plan to do a lily pad treatment after Labor Day the same as in years past.

Last year in mid-September we experienced a very large algae bloom that was determined to be green algae that although very nasty looking, is not toxic. Although some lakes experience algae blooms regularly we have not and last fall many lakes in Northern Michigan and around the country that normally don't have them did. One common factor appears to be that they all experienced numerous heavy rains. During heavy rains nutrients that would normally stay on land are washed into the lake. Lakefront property owners can do multiple things to help keep nutrients out of the lake

1. Minimize use of fertilizer and only use fertilizer with second number of 0 if need to fertilize.
2. Do not burn leaves close to the lake.
3. Maintain a vegetation barrier close to the lake to prevent erosion and runoff into the lake( if this vegetation is left long it may prevent geese from coming up into your yard)

Have your septic tank pumped out regularly. This will help prevent nutrients from being washed into the lake and may also save you thousands of dollars by helping prevent solids from getting into your drain field. Two local companies that do this are Chaffee Excavating (Vanderbilt) 989-983-4356 and Indian River Sanitary 238-7474.

Lastly, we still have an overabundance of small pike in the lake so please keep all small pike you catch. Each person can keep 5 pike with no minimum size but only 1 can be

over 24". It appears we are making some headway since I just measured a 33" pike caught by one of our members.

**Lake Drawdown Committee Report:**

(Presented by Bob Chadwick)

The process, timing, results and what was learned in our first year of the lake drawdown utilizing the stop logs to control the lake level was discussed. All in all, it was very successful and Bob thanked his team for all their help.

The timeline for last year's one foot drawdown was:

- Oct 15 – began drawdown
- Nov 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> log removed
- Nov 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> log removed
- Feb 27 – installed logs
- April 15 – lake at normal level

As a result of Bob and his team performing the drawdown versus using an outside contractor, they saved the homeowners significant dollars!!!

**Cherry Capital Presentation:** Cherry Capital Communications CEO Tim Maylone gave a short presentation and answered several questions regarding his proposal to bring high speed internet to Wildwood Lake and the surrounding areas. If you are interested or have any questions, I would encourage you to visit their web site at [sales@cherrycapitalcommunications.com](mailto:sales@cherrycapitalcommunications.com) or call the sales department at 231-264-9970.

- 18 years in business
- 10 person team
- 148 towers in the area servicing over 1200 customers
- Fiber 6 point wireless
- Wildwood Lake area can be reached from 4 existing main towers in the area
- Need zoning approval for Cheboygan area; usually takes approx. 45 days
- No contracts, but will require an initial 15-30 user base with 1 yr commitment
- Monthly rates vary depending on speed required; basic residential service is \$55/mo for unlimited 5x5 speed, \$85-8x8, \$125-10x10, \$210- 20x20
- After 1<sup>st</sup> year, potential for seasonal rate of \$38/mo
- Also requires approx. \$400 one-time equipment & setup fee
- Recommends \$10/mo maintenance fee which provides free equipment upgrades approx. every three (3) years.
- Will have local TV channels on system within the next year

**Adjourn:** WVPOAC President Jim Nihls adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM

Respectively submitted, Mike Von Hagen, Secretary