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- First off, thanks to all of you that attended the special meeting that I called on May 23rd to discuss the inadvertent over drawdown of the lake this year.
- Russ Beaubien from the Spicer group did a great job of explaining the mechanics of the dam and the root causes of why we could not close the dam gate in February (including the frozen shaft and a 2 inch branch holding the gate open).
- Blair then explained why the measurement process that has worked for the past 5 years failed us this year.
- After many questions and comments the meeting then moved on to where do we go from here? There was discussion regarding the benefits of a lake drawdown relative to not only weed control but property damage due to the ice. There was also much discussion about the process we have used, its risks and developing a new process going forward. It was decided that we would not drawdown the lake this fall, but we will write a new process to submit to the DEQ for future drawdowns and decide each year as to whether or not we will draw down the lake.
- The new process would utilize the stop logs on the top of the dam to control the lake level. The lake could then be lowered and the gate closed before the freeze. This process will only allow us to lower the lake 2 feet, which is a foot less than we normally do, but it is less labor intensive and much less subject to Mother Nature's influences.
- The current status of the situation is:
 - We have submitted our response to the DEQ's Violation notice and have been notified that they did receive it and would respond to it. As of this date we have not heard anything else.
 - With the recent rain the lake level is within 25 ½ inches of the spillway
 - We have had promising reports from some of the folks that have been fishing (we encourage catch and release)
 - The aeration systems are ready to go as soon as the water reaches the correct level. We do not have feedback on how the systems are working as it is too early in the year. Lake studies are currently planned for the end of June.
 - Stay tuned and pray for more rain
- Moving on to the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, almost everyone in attendance was at the Saturday Riparian meeting, so the discussion regarding the dam was minimal.
- Special thanks to all the members that stayed after the Saturday meeting to help clean the clubhouse for Sunday's get together. Their names are listed in this newsletter. Thanks to Bob Taylor for doing an awesome job BBQing, and thanks to all who brought a dish to pass, they were excellent. Also thanks to Dave Dohring and Bill Stapels for cutting the lawn.
- Upcoming Social Activities:
 - On June 27 at 3PM "Wildwood Lake Progressive Pontoon Poker Run". Details are included in this newsletter and thanks to Ernie and Jackie Zack for coordinating this event. If the lake isn't at the right level the poker run goes on by car or golf cart.
 - July 4 at 2PM WVPOAC "Boat Parade" We are currently in need of some folks to kick in and coordinate this event. If the lake level permits we will meet at the WVPOAC boat launch and depart on our normal tour.
 - July 18 WVPOAC "18th Annual Golf Outing". Details and sign up form are on page 2. Register early so you are assured a spot. Only 48 golfers can play. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and special thanks to George and Cindy Jackson, Nancy Nickodemus and their committee for all their hard work and dedication.
 - The annual fishing contest is on so see either Bob Nickodemus or Bob Chadwick to have your fish measured and weighed. Don't forget to release the fish after it is documented. Thanks to Bob and Bob for coordinating.
 - October 3 at 2 PM WVPOAC Hayride. Again we need some folks to coordinate this event.
- As far as the Facility upgrade, you can obviously see the progress. The rough plumbing is complete and we now plan to install the heating duct work, insulation, interior doors and tongue and groove pine on the ceiling and walls. Thanks to Ernie for keeping us on track and thanks to you for your generosity. A significant donor form is included on page 4. Keep giving, we are so close to completion.
- Thanks to Dave Andrusiak for coordinating the clubhouse maintenance and if you could spare a couple of hours, he needs volunteers for two more lawn cuts. Thank you also for stocking the clubhouse supplies.
- As far as new business, Ernie Zack's term on the Board expired and he offered to stay on, was unanimously reelected, and will continue as our Vice President.
- The annual raffle is off to a great start and congratulations to Millie Mann for winning the \$50 Early Bird Drawing. Special thanks to Kathie Nihls for again coordinating this great fundraiser
- Lastly let me thank the Board for all their long hours of dedicated work to constantly improve the lake, the Club and the clubhouse. We wouldn't be where we are without them.
- Also, thanks to all of you for your hard work by volunteering to assist in our social events, projects and maintenance, and especially for your support of the Board.

Moving forward,
JIM NIHLS

18th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION GOLF SCRAMBLE FOR W.V.P.O.A.C. MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday - July 18, 2015 (Rain Date: July 19, 2015)

PROMPTLY Start at 10:00 AM

Please arrive to the golf clubhouse between 8:30-9:30 a.m.

For a complementary coffee/breakfast pizza/donut

Breakfast with all your friends and neighbors before golf!!

Cost: \$12 (\$18 for non-members) per to WVPOAC for prizes, food etc.

\$13 greens fee to Wildwood Lakes Golf Course (if not a course member) (includes cart)

Exclusive sign up for WVPOAC members ends July 4, 2015

Random selection of teams - per handicaps

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams

Lots of fun "games" on the course, and great prizes: such as...

Longest Drive for men and women, closest to the squiggly line,

Cookie Hole,

Longest Putt and More!

Bring \$ support your WVPOAC (Raffles and Oral Auction)

Following golf everyone is invited to the Association Clubhouse for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and refreshments and picnic side dishes.

Scramble results - team scores and prize \$\$ will be announced and awarded at the Association Clubhouse.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE BELOW FORM AND MAIL WITH A CHECK TO WVPOAC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12 PER PERSON (\$18 FOR NON-MEMBERS) AND RETURN TO:

George Jackson, 15711 Lakeway Drive, PO box 14, Wolverine MI 49799

Questions call George at 734-845-7561 or Cindi at 248-504-7936 Nancy at 213-525-8470

Names of participants in your family group	Male/ Female	Estimate of average score for (9) hole on par 35 course (if new to scrambles)	W - Walk & Play C - Power Cart
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2.			
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WILDWOOD LAKE PROGRESSIVE PONTOON POKER RUN

Mark your calendars for **Wildwood Lake Progressive Pontoon Poker Run** to be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 3 PM. This is a great opportunity to visit several homes on our beautiful lake and enjoy a new view!

We start at the clubhouse, then boat to the five host houses on the lake and draw a card at each house. At the end of the run, we'll return to the clubhouse. The cost to play is \$25 per person. Dinner & prizes are included.

BYOB. Contact Ernie Zack 586-246-9871

Thank you:

For the Clubhouse cleanup: Dave and Michelle Andrusiak, Dave Dohring, Denny and Justine Gallagher, Jim and Kathie Nihls, Pat and Judy Terrian, Mike VonHagen and Ernie and Jackie Zack.

For installing the dock: Dave Dohring, Bill Staples, Bob Chadwick, Lyn Fleishman and Blair Wickman

For cooking at the Annual Meeting: Bob Taylor

For Cleaning up after the Annual Meeting: Dave and Michelle Andrusiak, Bob and Nancy Nickodemus, Jim and Kathie Nihls, Pat and Judy Terrian, Blair Wickman & Lori Connelly and Ernie and Jackie Zack

Welcome New Members:

Bill & Sandy Harding

Jeff Plassman

Welcome, we are glad you have joined our club!

Loon update:

Pat Shelp reported that Loraine Frohriep observed the loon sitting on her nest. Stay tuned!!

W.V.P.O.A.C. SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Sat. June 27 3:00 PM	WILDWOOD LAKE PROGRESSIVE PONTOON POKER RUN – Ernie & Jackie Zack 586-246-9817
Sat. July 4 2:00 PM	BOAT PARADE – NEED CHAIRPERSON(S) Meet at clubhouse (rain date July 5)
Sat. July 18 8:30 AM	GOLF OUTING BEST BALL SCRAMBLE FOLLOWED BY
Sun. July 19 (alternate day)	HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS AT THE CLUB HOUSE George Jackson 248-437-4345
Fri Jul 24 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM	AREA GARAGE SALE – Dave Dohring 231-525-8432
Sat. Jul 25	
Sat. Sep 5 10:00 AM	BOARD MEETING
Sun Sep 6 12:00 PM	SEMI-ANNUAL CLUB MEETING RAFFLE DRAWING AT 2 PM
Sat Oct. 3 2:00 PM	HAYRIDE – NEED A CHAIRPERSON(S)

MEET IN THE MIDDLE BOAT FLOATS

Monday nights 7 – 9 PM (weekly)

MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 6 FISHING CONTEST

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

Lake Committee update: Here is a copy of the president's article in the Restorative Lake Sciences newsletter:

First of all, let me thank you for all your support in helping get our Special Assessment District passed to fund our Lake Management Plan. It is an eight year plan that costs \$147 per lot per year. While we all know this expense is a little higher than last 5 year plan, it is truly a small amount compared to the major expense we would have incurred if we would have allowed the Eurasian milfoil to take over our lake.

Another facet of our LMP is the drawdown of Wildwood Lake each year. While this has been a very effective initiative for the last 5 years we found out this year that our process was not ironclad. Due to the extreme temperatures this winter the dam gate mechanism froze and we were unable to close the gate on February 15th as we normally do. We didn't realize that we were losing ground on the lake level until after four days of warm weather, the ice at the dam collapsed on March 13th revealing the issue. We finally got the gate to move on March 14th when the ice lifted its grip on the mechanism. This delay, as you well know allowed an additional 3' of water to drain out of the lake.

It was also found in a subsequent inspection of the dam by Spicer Engineering personal that a 2" diameter log had lodged itself in the gate opening which probably helped hold the gate open until we crushed it on March 14th and reduced the flow to a small amount.

So that we can let you know what went wrong with the draw down this year and get your input on how we will operate going forward, I have called a special meeting of all the Wildwood Lakefront property owners on Saturday May 23, 2015 at noon in the WVPOAC clubhouse at 15621 Lakeway Dr. You will or have received notice of this meeting in the mail. As of this point in time, the lake is still down approximately 35 inches and we are maintaining a minimal flow to Lance Lake as required by the DEQ. There was a considerable fish kill (the DEQ Fisheries have reviewed the lake), but we do not know how much is attributed to the excess inadvertent drawdown. The good news is 25-30 Large Bass have been seen spawning at the dam. We have been given a notice of violation from the DEQ for exceeding our permitted drawdown level. At this point they are still investigating and have asked us to respond to 17 more questions. We are preparing our response which is due May 18.

The DEQ has indicated to us that many of you feel the WVPOAC does not communicate with non-members. That being said I am going to repeat what I wrote to you in the 2012 Newsletter.....verbatim:

"As I have said from the beginning, communication is paramount to the success of the LMP so at the risk of sounding redundant I am going to reiterate what was written in last year's Wildwood Lake Management Plan NEWSLETTER regarding LMP updates.

- 1) All communications will be posted on the WVPOAC website at www.wildwoodlake.info and there is a lake management page.
- 2) If you send your e mail address to wildwoodlake99@yahoo.com you will be automatically sent every update. Note current club members who receive e mails from WVPOAC (or Kathie) need not do this as we have your e mail address already.
- 3) We will be posting the updates on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse on Lakeway Drive"

We have much to do this year and in the coming years. We still have to finish our evaluation of the aeration experiment, we now have zebra mussel build up on the dam and of course we must keep the invasive weed population under control.

In closing let me thank you for your support, thank the Board for the hundreds of hours they donate to the betterment of Wildwood Lake each year and encourage the naysayers to join the WVPOAC, volunteer for a Board/Officer position and actually help with keeping our lake beautiful.

Jim Nihls

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ WVPOAC Raffle 2015 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

All members have been mailed 5 tickets to sell; the price is \$10 each.
The Raffle drawing will be September 6, 2015 at 2 PM at the clubhouse.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

The first prize is \$1000 with five consolation prizes of \$100 each.
**IF YOU CANNOT SELL YOUR TICKETS PLEASE return them to WVPOAC PO Box 284
Wolverine MI 49799, in order for someone else to take and sell them.**

The proceeds from this raffle will go towards the building expansion.

Thank you to Wheeler Motors for donating the tickets.

**WE ARE OFFERING an incentive: for every 5 tickets you sell over and above the original 5,
you will be given a ticket for the big drawing!!**

Membership:

We currently have 48 paid members (notices will be sent out to those that have not paid) – please talk to your friends and neighbors about joining – remember they do not have to live on the lake.

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 on the expansion wall (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

WILDWOOD VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION & CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - MAY 1, 2015 TO APRIL

___ NEW MEMBER ___ RENEWAL ___ BUSINESS ___ 12 YEAR (FOR PRICE OF

Membership dues are due May 1, 2015

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (if prefer): _____

PHONE _____ LAKEFRONT? (Circle one) Yes No

WOLVERINE ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

DUES are \$75.00 per year \$150 for Business

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Please complete this form and return it with your payment to:

WILDWOOD VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION AND CLUB
P.O. Box 284
Wolverine, MI 49799

Clubhouse expansion: The rough plumbing is completed. We now plan to move on to heating system ducts, insulation of walls, installing interior doors, reinstall/install pine board and trim (reusing boards as possible) and seal pine board.

Newsletter and communications by email:

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter and our communications by email please send your address to
Nihls2@gmail.com.