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Where did the summer go? What a blur! But then again it was a very busy year.

. I would like to start off by thanking Paul Noetzel for pulling Blair Wickman's trailer full of members and their families around the lake for our annual hayride. Those folks with the trailerful I was pulling totaled 35. The weather wasn't the best but we have certainly had worse days. Besides, the great food, drinks, and comradery we enjoyed at the clubhouse afterwards warmed us up.

. Another reason the clubhouse warmed us up was our new high efficient furnace is installed and running great. We also now have a tank less water heater installed and ready to go as soon as we obtain fixtures. The building fund is down because of these purchases, so please consider contributing to the significant donor fund. The form is in the newsletter. Next up for the facility upgrade is insulation. A special thanks to the Breznerners for donating doors, frames, and insulation and thanks to Dave Andrusiak for coordination getting it all up to the clubhouse. Also, thanks to the Gallaghers and Carole Orth for donating left over insulation. Once the insulation is complete we will begin finishing the inside one room at a time, with the ladies room being the first on the list.

. We wouldn't be this far along without the many fundraisers we have throughout the year. Thanks to George and Cindi Jackson for again coordinating a super golf outing, that raised \$3860 for our clubhouse. The raffle that Kathie coordinated was also very successful raising \$1370, and thanks to the Zacks for their super pontoon poker run which raised \$545, (I sure hope we repeat this event in 2016). Also thanks to all who participated in the Significant Donor Fund (their names are on the wall) and in the 50/50 raffles (especially those who donated prizes back).

. I am proud to announce that the Board has created a new award for members "Outstanding Effort and Dedication for the betterment of our club" and George and Cindi Jackson are our first recipients. Congrats George and Cindi.

. As you know we will not be drawing down the lake this year, so you may want to consider removing your docks and anything else that could be damaged by the ice. We have submitted our standard operating procedure for future lake drawdowns to the DEQ as they requested. We have not heard from them at this point as to the status of their investigation or the DNR Fisheries study conducted in June. We will let you know as soon as we receive a reply. There were three chemical treatments this year and the lake looks great this fall. It should be noted that in 2016 there will be a treatment performed prior to the lake study which will give us a jump start on getting the best results. We will then monitor and treat throughout the summer as required. It was also determined by the data we received from the lake survey that the aeration was not getting the results we had hoped for. Your Board recommended and you approved to discontinue the experiment. The equipment has since been removed. Finally on the Lake Committee we had 3 more members volunteer to serve on the committee. Blair welcomes Rocco Yacobelli, Bill Staples, and Carrie Dorsey.

. On another note, Rick Rzepecki has resigned from the Board. Thanks to Rick for his dedication and service to our club. If you are interested in serving on our Board, please contact the nomination committee chair Ernie Zack at 586-246-9817 by January 15, 2016.

. Just a few more thank you notes. Thanks to Dave Andrusiak and his lawn maintenance volunteers that keep the place looking good. Thank you to Bob Chadwick for fixing the fence. Thanks to Denny Gallagher for the great job on our website. As always thanks to your Board for the countless hours they spend on trying to improve our club and clubhouse.

. Last but not least, with the inadvertent excess drawdown of the lake and everything that has taken place since, I can honestly say this has been our most trying and challenging year ever and I want to thank all you for your support patience and understanding.

See you at the stump cutting party.

JIM

Fishing Contest Winners 2014:

Bass large-mouth: 17 inches AJ Swanson (grandson of the Nihls)

Pike: 27 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.

Winners of the WVPOAC Raffle on August 31, 2014:

The 5 \$100 prizes: Don Schorfhaar
Maurika Reed
Gayle Mroczkowski
Daryl Nichols
Dave Dohring

The grand prize \$1000: David Zaremba

Thank you to, Dave Dohring for donating half of your winnings back to the Building Fund.

Thanks for all who participated and to all who sold tickets (we sold 297 of the 500 tickets) and had a profit of \$1370.00.

THANK YOU TO WHEELER MOTORS FOR SPONSORING THE TICKETS

Hayride: We had 35 people attend the hayride. The colors were good inspiring many good "oohs and aahhs" thank you Dave Dohring for the enthusiasm. Back at the clubhouse, some great chili, dips, and desserts awaited us. Thank you to Paul Noetzel and Jim Nihls for driving the vehicles pulling the trailers.

Social Events for 2016

Board Meeting: January 23, 2016 10:30 am

Stump Cutting: The date of the party is January 23, 2016 4 pm at the clubhouse please bring a dish to pass. No Stump cutting

Annual Membership fees due: May 1, 2016

Trash Amnesty Day: May TBD 9 am- 4 pm Lumberjack Park

Board Meeting: May 28, 2016 10 am

Clubhouse cleanup: May 28, 2016 11 am

Dues and Raffle tickets collected: May 29, 2016 11 am

Annual Meeting: May 29, 2016 noon

Pontoon Poker Run: Ernie & Jackie Zack TBD

Boat Parade: July 2, 2016 2 pm at the clubhouse (Need a chairperson/persons)

Golf Outing: George & Cindi Jackson and Bob & Nancy Nickodemus July 16, 2015

Garage Sales: Dave Dohring July 29-30, 2016

Fishing Contest: Bob Nickodemus (would like some help please consider volunteering) May 1 – Sept 6th

Semi-annual Meeting: September 4, 2016 Raffle drawing after the meeting

Hay Ride: October 8, 2016 (Need a chairperson/persons)

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO HELP ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS OR CHAIRING ONE OF YOUR OWN!!!

Lake Committee Report:

Lake Treatment: A special treatment for lily pads was just completed (third overall treatment for 2015). The special lily pad treatment was a long term treatment (not clipper); 15 residential areas were designated for treatment, plus a few additional based on same day inspection; treatment area can only be 40' x 40'; needs 3-4 hours of calm lake to adhere well to pads to be effective—lake was dead calm during the time of application, so was very effective; for areas treated, was posted to not use water for 4 months. Also, they sprayed some clipper on pond weeds.

NEW FOR 2016: It was also noted that the 2016 treatment would be performed differently than in the past, having the 1st treatment prior to the lake survey, then a 2nd and possibly 3rd treatment afterward determined by the survey results. In years past, the 1st treatment did not occur till after the survey in late June or early July. Based on the recommendation from RLS due to no lake drawdown in 2016, the BOD decided to change the 2016 treatment by having an initial treatment early in the season prior to the survey. This change appeared to be well received by the membership.

Zebra Mussels: In general, the mussel population will rise until they consume most of the food source, and then start to die off as a result; at this point, difficult to tell where they are in the cycle. Good news is they have improved the lake clarity from 8-9 ft. to 9-12 ft., but bad news is the added sunlight might increase weed growth. There is no economical treatment for zebra mussels.

Aeration System: Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS), our lake management consultant, issued their annual report on the lake condition, along with aeration findings. Due to the 2014-2015 lake drawdown issue and its potential impact on consistent data findings, RLS recommended one more year of “testing” to determine the potential for any long term benefits of aeration. As such, Blair Wickman negotiated with aeration provider for reduced rates, and was able to reduce our annual rate from \$9,000 to \$5,000 per year for up to two years. Lastly, the projected annual fee for an all aeration system for the entire lake would be in the \$500/year range for each lake front owner. Based on the above information, the Board recommended to the membership for the removal of the aeration system. A motion was made by Linda Manier to remove the aeration system, seconded by Mark Morelli; motion passed to remove the aeration system.

Lake Draw Down/Lowering: To date, the lake is approx. 11/2 inches below the spillway. As voted and agreed upon at the Riparian Mtg held in May, the lake level will not be lowered for the Oct 2015 through March 2016 period; it will be voted upon for 2016-2017 period. Also, the DEQ required Lake Drawdown Procedures were reviewed and discussed—the max available drawdown will be 24”, which is using the dam stop logs mechanism only (sump gate valve will be fully closed). The procedure was sent to DEQ by the Sept 10th deadline.

DNR Fisheries Division: Regarding the DNR findings on the Wildwood Lake fish population survey, DNR will not release their findings till after they complete their lake drawdown investigation. Members will be notified and provided copies of all reports soon after DRN sends to WVPOAC.

General Questions/Responses:

Mike Solomon of RLS:

- Lake grasses will die if covered with water; cat tails will not.
- Lake weeds can be removed by hand, even if lake full, no restrictions
- Water temp needs to be 60F min for treatments to be effective
- 2010 treated 50 acres; 2015 only needed to treat about 10 acres
- Snot grass is a naturally occurring algae

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.

Membership: We currently have 81 paid members – please talk to your friends and neighbors about joining – remember they do not have to live on the lake.

New Members: Brad Case, Josh & Val Dutton, Bill & Mary Kangas, and Vickie Webster.

Returning Members: Mark & Dalton Donald, Pat & Carrie Dorcey and Patrick Johnson.

Clubhouse expansion: The furnace and tank less water heater are installed. This included all the HVAC and the electric hook ups. Some of the tongue and groove pine board has been reinstalled (thank you Dave Dohring, Jim Nihls and Bill Stapels. Next up is the insulation (generously donated) and wall covering. The following priority is finishing of the ladies restroom. Great progress, please think about becoming a significant donor!

2015 WVPOAC Golf Outing

Funds raised: \$3860

1st Place, Randy Cole, Mel Beardsley, Connie Beardsley, Rocco Yaccobelli

2nd Place Todd Hendy, Rich Jurewicz, Nancy Steele, Diane Kilgore

3rd Place Al Pollard, Cole Loffer, Darryl and Vicki Nichols

Long Drive Men: Phil Williams Long Drive Sr. Men: Mel Beardsley

Long Drive Women: Cathy Brockel Long Drive Sr. Women: Pat Lambert

Closest to the Pin Men: Ken Schram

Closest to the Loon: Jim Lambert Closet to the Squiggly Line: Cole Loffer

Thanks to Dutch Oven (Alanson) for donating Donuts in the morning and Paul Noetzel for going to get them early a.m.

Thanks to Wendy and crew at the Golf Course for the delicious breakfast pizza, coffee and orange juice and all her help on Outing day and to Wendy for manning the beverage cart. Thank you to Randy for buying a round of drinks for the golfers!!

Thanks to: Our Chefs, Bob Chadwick and Dave Dohring (grill masters), Nancy N. for organizing all the "buffet" meals. Thanks to all who brought a Dish to Pass! Thanks to Bob Nickodemus, Dave Dohring, Bill Stapels and Geo for setting up tables and thanks everyone for Clean up after the day ended! Thank YOU Bob Chadwick for Delicious Brownies every year for our Brownie Cookie Hole and Lori Connelly for her cookies! Thanks to Carolé Orth, Erica, Abby and Maddie Hendy for helping Cindi take photos on #5 of all the teams and helping with early morning registration. Thanks to our "girls" who help sell raffles" Pat Chadwick, Wanda Yacobelli, and Peggy Dohring... and a Big Thank YOU to Kathie Nihls for keeping all the money counted and straight! We appreciate the Nihls help every year with such a big event for our Association.

Thank you to Tom from Feeney Chrysler for bringing out the car and manning the hole.

Big Thanks to all the families of the Association who sponsor a hole every year: The Nihls, the No Wake Zone Neighbors, The Hi Pine Court Gang, Bill Stapels Family, The Zacks, The Schmidts, Mike Walters, Ellstein/Wildberg, & The Rzepecki's.

Thanks to those who helped get Sponsors: Mike Walters, Susie Goldberg, the Nihls', The Jacksons and the Nickodemus'.

Thanks to all our Prize Donors in Gaylord, Wolverine and Indian River.

Our BIG contributors for Hole Sponsors for the Beverage Cart are: Family Fare (Gaylord), Schultz's Party Store (Wolverine), Ken's Pharmacy (IR), North Country Insurance (Tom of IR), Custom Carpets (IR) and Pat & Gary's Party Stores (IR).

Please remember our hole sponsors and those that donated gifts and certificates for the golf outing. Whenever possible please show your support to these businesses.

**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
Wolverine MI 49799

Thank you:

For the Clubhouse cleanup and rearrangement on October 3, 2015 after the construction before the hayride: Bob & Pat Chadwick, Dave & Peggy Dohring, Bob & Nancy Nickodemus, Jim & Kathie Nihls, Paul Noetzel, Rocco & Wanda Yacobelli and Ernie & Jackie Zack.

For removing the dock: Bill Staples, George Jackson, Paul Noetzel, Bob Chadwick, Dave Bird, Bob Nickodemus, and Dave Dohring,

Maintenance Corner:

Dave Andrusiak thanks all who helped with mowing the grass this year. Bill Staples, Dave Dohring, Deb Morelli, Jim Nihls, Mike VonHagen, Chet Wojcik, Dennis and Justine Gallagher, Bob Chadwick, and to Bob Taylor for cutting the corner at Moulinaux. A special thank you to Michelle Andrusiak and Patrice Brezner for weeding and mulching the flower bed. It is so much easier with lots of volunteers.

Wildwood Lake Progressive Pontoon Poker Run was held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 3 PM. This was a great opportunity to visit several homes on our beautiful lake and enjoy a new view! We started at the clubhouse, then traveled (two families by boat) to the five host houses (thank you to the Terrians, Gallaghers, Zacks, Nickodemus, and Jacksons for hosting) on the lake and drew a card at each house. At the end of the run, we returned to the clubhouse, for a Mexican dinner and prizes. The winners were: first place George Jackson, second place Denny Gallagher, and third Bill Staples (thank you Bill for donating your winnings back!!) Thank you to Ernie & Jackie Zack for organizing this event and to the Schmidts for hosting an afterglow (sorry Jim had the mishap with the pontoon and he and Kathie missed the afterglow due to an emergency room visit for stitches – thank you Nurse Justine for all of your help).

WILDWOOD VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION & CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - MAY 1, 2015 TO APRIL 30, 2016

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL BUSINESS

Membership dues are due May 1, 2015

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (if prefer): _____

PHONE _____ LAKEFRONT? (Circle one) Yes No

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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