

THE PINES ECHO

WINTER 2011/2012

From the President's Desk

Winter is here and no snow for the snowmobilers!

As the end of the year came to a close I looked back at the year and want to thank everyone for their support with all the functions and making them successful.

Also, I would like to give a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped on Thursdays. We could not have done as much work around L.O.P. if it wasn't for your help!

Thanks and God Bless!

R.D. Watson

President

From the Vice President's Desk

Winter greetings from Lake of the Pines where, at least so far this winter, we have been spared the frigid cold and most of the "white stuff" has missed us. Depending on whether you are a winter sports enthusiast or not, that is either a good thing or a bad thing. My snowmo-

bile is grumbling and my grandchildren want to know when we can go tubing at Snow Snake.

I hope all of you had an enjoyable Christmas season and are looking forward to a happy New Year. I know that all of us on the Board of Directors are excited and looking forward to a

very busy and productive 2012 with many worthwhile and fun activities being planned, as well as several badly needed improvement projects that have been long overdue.

We certainly encourage your input, as well as your active participation in the
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L.O.P. Winter Events

- Feb. 6th—Soup & Bread Supper @ 5 pm
Super Bowl Party @ 6:30 pm
- Feb. 11th—Ice Carnival & Li'l Ted's Ice Fishing Contest
- Pastie Dinner—Date to be announced

No Board meeting in February.

No Grocery Auction in February

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in the many volunteer projects we organize for the benefit of the Association. Your attendance at monthly Board meetings to hear what has been accomplished, what is being planned and to ask any questions you may have, as well as to add your input and suggestions is always welcome.

In closing, I would like to

put in a plug for the L.O.P. Men's Club. The members are a great bunch of guys that always seem ready, willing and able to step forward with so many volunteer services to our Association and have a great time doing it! It is a very active club with a weekly Men's Coffee Hour where we resolve the world's problems every Wednesday morning in the Rec Hall.

Our monthly business meetings precede the Men's Club Social Night-the 2nd Wednesday of every month. We are always looking for new faces to join in. Call the office for details and come join us!

Mark Turner

Vice-President

"WHAT LIES BEHIND
US AND WHAT LIES
BEFORE US ARE TINY
MATTERS COMPARED
TO WHAT LIES
WITHIN US."
-RALPH WALDO
EMERSON

Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank all the members who voted for the dues increase. This is the first increase we have had in 15 years.

In 2012 the Board of Directors would like to:

1. Rehab the old lodge
2. Enlarge and clear the storage area
3. Update the campground with a dump station, showers and flush toilets.

The money for the stor-

age area and the campground renovation will come from funds that were allocated for these areas. The work on the campground may take more than 1 year.

We have a Lodge Renovation Committee that will bring suggestions to the Board to vote on. This committee will be meeting at various times during the next year.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME at these meet-

ings. If you can't come but have an idea let the office know.

Happy New Year to all of you!

Geri Shaw

Treasurer

Maintenance

Well, as the old year ends and the New Year begins the maintenance of L.O.P. is doing well thanks to the effort of our full time maintenance person and the efforts of our wonderful volunteer group. We have managed to get through a difficult year and look forward to our year ahead.

Many projects were taken on and achieved last year

and there are plans for more in the future. Our main focus was on preventative maintenance on things that had been neglected in past years and on making L.O.P. look good and have a desirable appearance for our members and future members. I believe we are accomplishing our goals and I would hope that our members are seeing im-

provements and approve.

Again, I thank our maintenance department and our volunteers for their efforts. If you talk to Jon in Maintenance, please tell him about his appreciated efforts.

Thank you everyone!

Gary Way

Maintenance Director

Ecology

The docks on Pontoon Island were removed from the lake the first week of November and the lake has been lowered to the winter level to help with weed control.

This fall approximately 20,000 flathead minnows were again placed into the lake to feed the game fish. This brings the total to 80,000 feed minnows introduced into the lake in the past 3 years. 250 wall-eye and 200 yellow perch were also placed into the lake thanks to Association member contributions this past year. I am asking again this year for

\$5.00 per owner to stock game fish into the lake. L.O.P. is working with Lake States Forestry Consultants and a certified forester to identify trees to be harvested from our common property to improve the wooded areas and to generate funds for Ecology and the Association general fund. Harvesting will take place after the New Year once we sign a contract with a logging company that the Board of Directors approves. This harvesting will be solicited and supervised by the forester we have contracted with.

This past fall I solicited bids from 7 lake treatment companies. Savin Lake Services was chosen to treat our lake for the next 3 years. Their contract was the best value and price for the Association. Once again we will be asking for donations with the annual assessments for lake weed control. This will help with our ongoing efforts to keep weeds from growing in the lake and allow for more areas to be treated.

Fred Coyle

Ecology Director

“ALWAYS JUDGE A PERSON BY THE WAY THEY TREAT SOMEONE WHO CAN BE OF NO POSSIBLE USE TO THEM.”

-ANONYMOUS

Nominating & Balloting

I would like to pass along the results of the 2 issues voted on by the L.O.P. membership

Issue #1 Increase Maintenance Assessments by \$10.00 per lot

Yes—464

No—163

This issue passed by 46 votes.

Issue #2 Change “Proxy” to “Absentee” ballot.

Yes—514

No—102

This issue passed by 104 votes.

I would like to thank everyone that helped get people to vote and thank everyone that did vote!

Dennis Way

Nominating & Balloting

“IN LOVE OF
HOME, THE LOVE
OF COUNTRY HAS
ITS RISE”
-CHARLES
DICKENS

Future Planning

Here it is the winter of 2012—how time flies! A lot has happened this year for future planning. It has been the year of the signs; we have replaced the main entrance sign with the beautiful new marquee and also the ones at the entrance to the Villa and Tamarack subdivisions, with a plan of doing the rest as they are needed. All of this has been possible through fund raising and generous

donations.

We have also been able to find a new source to provide us with a grocery auction once a month. I would like very much to thank all of the folks who have attended and supported this fund raiser for the past few months. We hope that this will become a main part of our fund raising income.

Another great fund raiser was the sale of those delicious pasties that were all

homemade by a wonderful group of volunteers. The plan is to do it again this winter so, be looking for an announcement of a dinner in the near future.

I would like to thank all of the super people that have given of their time to make Lake of the Pines a great place to live.

And to all, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year!

Steve Englehart

Future Planning



Women's Club

Lake of the Pines Women's Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Rec Hall at 12:30 pm. All women who are members in good standing are welcome to join. The dues are \$10.00 a year. Come and check us out!

We plan various activities during the year, such as:

- Ice Carnival (February 11, 2012)
- Pig Roast (Memorial Weekend)
- MMI Picnic
- Halloween Boofet

- Veterans Dinner
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Santa's Visit
- Women's Club Christmas Party
- Summer Sunday Breakfast (with the Men's Club)
- Pinochle (3rd Thursday @12:30 pm)
- Euchre—Men & Women (Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm)

If you have any questions about any of these activities, call the office at 989-588-9304.

Other activities for women at L.O.P. are:

- Bunco (2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 12:30 pm)
- Stitch & Bitch (Mondays @ 10 am)
- Red Hats

I would like to thank the employees of Lake of the Pines for all their help this last year.

Geri Shaw

President

"HAPPINESS IS AT
ONCE THE BEST,
THE NOBLEST AND
THE PLEASANTEST
OF THINGS"
-ARISTOTLE

Men's Club

Again the summer breakfast program was enjoyed by many L.O.P. residents. Our attendance was down somewhat due to the high gas prices but, hopefully next year it will be better.

Our 4th of July celebration was a big success and hopefully we will do it again this coming year.

The September casino trip was so well attended that we could not accommodate everyone on the

bus and from all reports it was a totally enjoyable trip (even for the losers!). We are planning on doing another one next September.

We changed our regular monthly meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm with our Social Night right afterward. We really have a lot of fun and are always looking for new members. If anyone is inter-

ested in becoming a Men's Club member, feel free to come to our meeting or call me, Leo Stevens, at 588-8974 and I will fill you in on all of the details. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter and hope to see everyone in the spring.

Leo Stevens

President

Security Patrol

The following is a report on the activities of the Lake of the Pines Security Patrol for the summer months of 2011 sent to Sheriff John Wilson:

“Our fifteen teams patrol from May 1st through December 1st. During that period of time the Patrol logged over 4,600 miles and spent more than 389 hours on patrol. In addition, we have five members that keep security signs on their vehicles the whole year which account for many more miles and hours. We also have 4 boats patrolling the lake at any given time checking for no wake violations and unsafe boaters

and jet skiers. During the summer months we also had 25 incidents we investigated which included open doors, suspicious vehicles and monitoring local groups of kids, just to name a few. We also placed 10 letters on vehicles that failed to display a proper L.O.P. sticker on their windshield. Although the marine patrol does not file reports, I know that since we have had these boats on the lake our complaints are few and far between. We have also provided information to deputies to help them with investigations. Last year we also installed 7 cameras at our marina and, to my

Knowledge, we have had very few problems with thefts.

Lake of the Pines Security Patrol is pleased to assist your department any way we can and look forward to working with your department in the future.”

Please remember during the winter months to be more vigilant about suspicious activities in your neighborhood because we have so many snowbirds. If you see anything suspicious call 911 IMMEDIATELY!

Leo Stevens

Security Coordinator

“FRIENDSHIPS

MULTIPLY JOYS

AND DIVIDE

GRIEFS”

-HENRY GEORGE

BOHN

Architectural

According to the calendar it is winter and judging by the empty houses, it must be! However, where is all the snow??? We should be wearing out our snowmobiles now along with all the other winter equipment. Anyway, back to the calendar-since it says it's winter, must be time for an article for the Echo. The new year looks to be an exciting and busy one here at Lake of the Pines. Last year was a busy and productive year here; new signs installed, fencing removed, a LOT of pasties made and sold, work on the road and bridge to the camp-

ground, the DALMAC lunch and much more. This year we already have a committee working on renovating the old lodge house and by the time you read this we should have another committee working on improving the campground. I plan on volunteering for the campground committee and am really excited about it! It will be great to reorganize the campground, add electricity to more lots and put in a REAL bath house with running water and flush toilets (remember-the money for this does not come from Lake of the Pines-it is money taken in from the

campground and can only be used there). I'm sure R.D., Gary and the Women's Club will come up with more small projects too, which is good. Hope to see a lot of you out there helping any way you can.

I guess I should say something about the Architectural Committee, which I am in charge of. Last year was a routine year -some fences installed, some storage sheds, garages, etc. Seemed to be about the same number as previous years. Also, there were NO new rules or regulations made. So, everyone please remember, if you

Want to make any improvements to your place, contact me first for a permit. They are free and painless.

That said, everyone have a safe and fun winter. Hope to see ya around.

Dave Pohoda

Architectural Director



Please keep your membership information updated by emailing us at info@lakeofthepines.cc or call us at (989) 588-9304

Our website has been updated and has a lot of information on the changes that have been made to Lake of the Pines. Please visit www.lakeofthepines.cc

We will be putting the newsletter on the website also.

2011-2012
Lake of the Pines
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