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Board of Director's Report

Hello Neighbors!

Spring will be coming soon; the calendar says so!

It has been a very trying year for everyone as well as the LMPOA Board. We have tried to maintain business as usual, but it has not been easy. The board has continued to be in communication with each other all winter.

As always, we would like to have your input and concerns. We want Lake Marie to be the best it can be. But we are only five people and we need the memberships help.

In the past year many of you know there were some very disruptive problems going on here at the lake.

Examples of this were properties being broken into, individuals riding and driving ATVS and 4 wheelers in a dangerous and reckless manner, as well as harassment of members by other members and nonmembers.

Law enforcement was called and some of these individuals were cited and prosecuted.

As stated at the September 12th, 2020 annual meeting, "This is our lake, and we need to take it back."

The Board members are not law enforcement, they are volunteers. If you are having a problem, they are more than willing to help, but in the end depending on what it is, you may need to call law enforcement and file a complaint at the office.

Two items that were brought up at the annual September meeting that will be included in the rules and regulations are the community areas and beaches will be closed at sundown. Anyone caught after sundown will be issued a warning and further violations will be fined. If it is a nonlake member the sheriff will be called, and trespassing charges will be issued. No fireworks at the marina or beaches. Fireworks are to be done by 11:00 pm. Enforcement of these rules may require volunteer members to patrol. It would be nice if we could hire a security company for weekends, but there is not enough funding.

The rules and regulations will be updated to reflect these changes. Since this will be going out to everyone in the newsletter consider this is everyone's warning. Any infraction after this will be a fine.

A group of members have gathered to form a Garden Club, all members are welcome. This is not lake funded. This group will be updating the entrances and other areas. Anyone wanting to donate to this cause may do so. Cathy Mears has set up a Venmo Account. Checks can be made out to Mary Newman and left at the office as well as cash. There is a lock box for this. If any member is interested in volunteering, send Mary Newman your e-mail address at kdnnewman@msn.com. She will put you on an e-mail list with updates for meetings.

The annual meeting will be held at the clubhouse on April 10th, 2021. Depending on COVID-19 it will probably be held outside again. Please plan accordingly and plan on bringing your own chair to sit on.

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DUES:

Dues were to be paid by March 1st, 2021. If these were not paid a 10% late penalty has been assessed.

VOLUNTEERS:

The board needs volunteers for the following projects:

1. The Dam Spillway must be cleared out. This is a requirement from the DNR and must be done as soon as the weather breaks. Volunteers will need to bring chainsaws to cut down trees.
2. Cleanup of the cedar trees knocked down several years ago to widen roads on the north side of the lake off Desoto. The trees are now totally dry and brittle. These trees will create a fire hazard and threaten life and property of the lake if they were to catch on fire. Trees will need to be cut up and hauled out so they can be burned. Again, we will need chainsaws and machinery to pull these trees out of the ditches.

Since there will be many members attending the April meeting, the Board would like to have volunteers start on the projects right after the meeting.

3. The Shelter at the beach needs a new roof and needs to be replaced. It also needs some TLC to the seating and picnic tables.

These are the main volunteer projects as of right now. But throughout the season there may be other projects volunteers will be needed for.

The board continues to fix roads, mow, and do continual maintenance. Any maintenance requests need to be filled out in the office and submitted.

COMPLAINTS:

Complaints need to be filed out and submitted to the office. The complaints need to be complete with time, date, and violation. If possible, a picture. Pictures are important if this issue were to go to court. Videos are good also. The complaint will not be processed unless it is signed by the complainant.

BOARD POSITIONS UP IN SEPTEMBER:

Three positions will be up in September 2021, those positions are: Ed Mears, Todd Kelly, and Kevin Newman. Petitions will be due on July 15, 2021.

DUES INCREASE:

A dues increase of 10% of the annual fee for the next three (3) years is being proposed. This equals to \$35.00 a year for the next three (3) years. The dues need to be increased. There are more and more people living down here full time. There is more wear and tear on the equipment. The roads were never designed to withstand the traffic that is on them every day. Several times a day there are FedEx, UPS, School buses and heavy equipment traveling these roads. All equipment is working as of now, but at some point, large equipment will need to be replaced, and we need to have a fund for it. The clubhouse needs updating. Volunteers did a minimum update on the bathrooms 4 years ago, but this was a band aid.

The repair of the Hidden Valley Spillway almost depleted the Savings account.

Legal fees to collect money from nonpaying property owners, foreclosures and nonpaying members that challenge our lawsuits are increasing the need to raise fees for the lake to get control of these dilapidated or out of control properties. This is all being done to maintain the lake for the members that care about their properties.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Property Owners are to mow all the way to the road.
- Lots are to be mowed a minimum of 6 times per growing season.
- Property owners are responsible for their family and guests.
- The speed limit on lake roads is 15 mph. This applies to all motorized vehicles.
- Pets are to be contained or always leashed. Please do not let your pets Wander loose.
- No dogs on the beach.
- Travel in a counterclockwise direction on the Lake, **even when fishing.**
- Close the marina gate immediately after putting your boat in or taking you boat out of the water.
- Do not give out the marina gate combination to nonpaying members.
- All recreational vehicles (land and water) MUST have a current Lake Marie sticker to travel on Lake Marie Property. (THIS INCLUDES VEHICLES OF YOUR GUESTS) Recreational vehicles include (but not limited to) gators, ATV's, and golf carts. All motorized watercrafts need a Lake Marie sticker to be on any of the Lake Marie lakes/ponds.
- Do not tie your boat or floating device up to buoys and other members docks.
- NO SWIMMING ALLOWED IN THE MARINA.
- SWIMMING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE IS NOT ALLOWED. SWIM IN THE COVES OR BEACH AREA.
- Do not place trash on top of or next to the dumpster. Open; the lid and place it inside. Trash in dumpster must be in bags.
- Burn as much as possible. Do not place cardboard in dumpsters.
- Non holiday wake hours for boats and jet skis are 10 am to 7pm and holiday weekend hours are 9 am to 7 pm. This includes all watercraft.
- Please update your contact information in the lake office.
- There is 1 designated burn pile. You may place trees and brush on the burn pile only!
- **COMMUNITY AREAS AND BEACHES ARE CLOSED AT SUNDOWN.**
- **NO FIRE WORKS AT THE MARINA OR BEACHES. FIREWORKS NEED TO BE DONE BY 11:00 pm.**
- All motorized vehicle drivers must be 16 years old, unless accompanied with an adult.
- Make sure if you live here that any packages have your property address on them.

ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED. VOLUNTEERS HELP KEEP OUR LAKE COSTS DOWN.

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