### **CLARK LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION**

## Annual Letter & Membership/Dues Notice (2018)

#### **President's Message**

Here we are, a new year (2018), new challenges, a new president and hopefully a safe and prosperous upcoming season. As I put together this letter in early February the temperature at Clark Lake is 12 degrees with 20 MPH winds. I am not sure what that equates to in wind chill. I hope you are somewhere that is much warmer.

Before we look ahead, I would like to take a moment and reflect on the accomplishments of 2017. We began with the initial phase of the Fish Sticks Installation and ended with the Fall Dinner. Sandwiched into between those two activities were the initial phase of the Bulrush Study, a Water Quality Study & Report, an All Lake Rummage Sale, the negotiation of Propane and Blacktop Paving and Contracts, Development of a New Website, the Annual Meeting and the Annual Picnic. All these successful activities were supported by many volunteers within the membership.

Looking ahead to 2018 there are again many activities planned. These are highlighted by the Annual Meeting, the Annual Picnic and the Fall Dinner. Other activities will include the next phase of the Bulrush Study, the next phase of the Fish Sticks Installation, the addition of another Stone Reef, a Golf Outing (if we have a coordinator volunteer), possible Fish Stocking, Fish Size Limits and Fish Bag Limits and the negotiation of a Propane Contract.

My own personal goals as President of the Association include developing committees such that will be more attractive to our membership, simplify the bylaws so that they are more user friendly and will require fewer modifications as we move forward as an Association, research improved internet services and television options around the lake and research the potential use of AEDs around the lake.

I would like to say thank you to the Association Board Members for electing me as their president. I would also like to say thank you to our membership for providing diversity within the Board of Directors. A special thank you goes out to those who have donated monies to the General Fund as well as those who have donated monies to our special projects. Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who made all the activities and projects a success. I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2018.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable year on the lake,

Chuck Birringer, President CLAA

#### Updates from the Clark Lake Advancement Association and the surrounding community

The new website (http://www.clarklakewi.com) is now up and running. I you have a moment please check it out. We are always looking for new pictures that we can put on the website. Once again, we are looking for a new Webmaster to maintain the website. Contact Chuck Birringer – birringer63@gmail.com or (920 823-2159) for more information.

Our website is also a message board for the membership. Since communication to 300 members via regular mail has become very costly, the Association will be migrating to the exclusive use of email for communication. If you have not received any notices from the Clark Lake Advancement Association Website in 2018 please contact Chuck Birringer – birringer63@gmail.com or (920 823-2159) to be added to the Notification List. For those who do not have an email address, contact a close relative or friend with email and provide us with their email address on the membership dues form.

### 2018 Meeting and Events

- CLAA Board Meeting dates for 2018: 8:30 AM May 12, June 9, August 11, September 8 and 8:00 AM July 14. Board meetings are open to all members. All Meetings are held at the Jacksonport Town Hall.
- CLAA Annual Meeting for 2018: 9:00 11:00 AM July 14 at the Jacksonport Town Hall. Notice
  with the Agenda will be distributed in June.
- **CLAA Annual Picnic 11: 00 AM Jul 14** at the Jacksonport Lakeside Park. As in the past regular members and their dependent children are at no cost and there is a small fee for guests. Soda, Beer and a meal are included; we ask you to bring desert, salad or fruit to share.
- **CLAA Fall Dinner September, Details TBD.** There will be a social hour, meal and information program. Participants will pay for their own meal.
- **CLAA Phragmites Fest September, Details TBD.** This event involves manual application of chemicals to the invasive plants along the shore and into the wetlands. CLAA provides protective gear, instruction, water transportation and a cold lunch.

#### **Treasurer's Report and Annual Dues**

The CLAA had a cash balance of \$13,589.87 as of 12/31/17. With respect to the cash balance, \$127.12 represents donations more than expenditures for the Brook Trout stocking program, and \$2,452.24 relates to donations, budgeted allocations and reimbursements in excess of expenditures for Phase 1 of the Fishsticks project. Deducting the sum of the two above noted amounts from the year-end cash balance leaves \$11,010.51 of unallocated cash for general operating purposes.

2017 actual Revenues exceeded budget by \$4,002.39, primarily attributable to the \$575 associated with 25 greater than planned paid memberships and the generosity of our members who donated \$2,633.39 more than expected. 2017 actual Disbursements totaled \$6,980.97 and were \$824.03 less than anticipated. The favorable variance was a combination of pluses and minuses and not specifically assignable to any one budget line item.

Entering 2018, the CLAA is in a very sound financial condition, which favorably positions the organization to fulfill its stated mission of protecting and enhancing the enjoyment of Clark Lake.

Paid 2017 membership totaled 246, including one deposit recorded in 2018. Membership dues for 2018 are the same as last year - \$25.00.

Please login to the CLAA website (www.clarklakewi.com) to view detailed financial information.

Paul Bouthilet, Treasurer CLAA

## **Fisheries Committee Report**

I'm happy to report that we had a successful winter with our fisheries work on Clark Lake this winter.

#### (Fishsticks Project-2018)

We successfully completed 2 sites on the lake. Thanks to Dr. Gary Dillehay, 5322 W. shore Dr. and Fred Forman 5595 Serenity Lane who were willing to participate in this project. We had an opportunity to use larger trees with the help of Dan Ewaskowitz and his equipment. Many thanks to our volunteers, the "ice engineers" Tim Temby, Jim Petersen, Mark Weisse, Mike Brunet and Bob DeFaut for their continued support of the project. I would also like to thank Fred and Stephanie Foreman and Eric & Kendra Smentowski for providing trees for the Fishsticks.

#### (Walleye Reef Project-2018)

We successfully completed our second walleye reef on Wet Shore Dr. In front of Bob DeFaut's property. The stone was unloaded on the north side of the boat landing by Bissen's in Sturgeon Bay and was completely moved to the site in one day by Roger Orthober. Many thanks to Roger Orthober, Mark Weisse, Chuck Birringer and Ryan (Bissen) for making the project go smoothly. Also, thanks to Greg Jorns for plowing the boat landing, a path to the site and the reef site itself. Finally, I would like to thank Don Hinnenthal for helping me navigate the specifications and paperwork. With grants from Door Co. Conservation, Lakes Natural Resource Partnership and Walleyes for Tomorrow, there should be minimal costs to the association for all the projects.

Looking forward to next year to continue enhancing our fisheries for future generations. Patrick Canney, Fisheries, CLAA

#### **Members who have Passed**

We are saddened with the news of these members who have passed

Mona Orthober 5575 N Cave Point Drive (2016)

Bill Dicus 5540 W Shore Drive (2017)

Gerald Frea 5537 Clark Lake Drive (2017)

Mike O'Brien 5347 S Lake Drive (2017)

Bill Rief 5264 W Shore Drive (2017)

Dennis Slyfield 5584 Clark Lake Drive (2017)

Allan Timmerman 5595 Clark Lake Drive (2017)

#### Members who have Moved

John & Karin Clairbourne 5564 Clark Lake Drive John Paul & Melody Reis 5383 Erdmann Drive Mary Kirkpatrick 5282 W Shore Drive Marie Holle 5396 W Shore Drive

## **New Members**

Corey & Angelina Peterson 5564 Clark Lake Drive Christina Studebaker 5395 Erdmann Drive Joel & Mica Frank 5383 Erdmann Drive Michael & Amy Italiano 5282 W Shore Drive Philip & Melissa Klink 5396 W Shore Drive

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