



# GIFFORD LAKE GAZETTE MAY 2002 EDITION

It's that time of year for another Gifford Lake Summer!!! Our apology for no Fall 2001 newsletter and for this tardy Spring newsletter. Due to the cold weather, we are somewhat confused on whether or not it is really spring and if the lake has thawed yet. Despite the cold and frost warnings, we decided to get this out of the way so we can relax in our hammocks as soon as the sun shines!!!

Trustees, Officers, Committees met on Saturday, September 1, 2001.

Trustees: Brian Post – Northside; Jack Stegmier – East side; Ray Janes – South side; Clarence Nordquist – West side (absent); Ron and Deb Roden – President/Secretary couple; Ginger Frick – Treasurer.

Picnic Committee: Jack & Diane Lentz and Bob and Gail Stegmier

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Our treasurer, Ginger Frick, reported a balance of \$494.06 , as follows:

Balance:	\$ 908.25
Receipts:	515.00 (Dues)
New Balance	\$ 1,423.25

### **Disbursements:**

Septic:	75.00
Picnic	711.88
Calculator/Supplies	82.31
State of Michigan	10.00
Flyer & prizes	50.00

Total: 929.19

Balance: (9/1/01) 494.06

## **Picnic Report:**

- 120 people attended on July 7, 2001
- 2 for 1 Raffle winner: Sinke's son won \$120.00 with \$120 being donated to the Sound of the Forest.
- The delicious food was prepared by Mike Flannery

-The Sand Castle contest was a hit, however, suggested that for next year it be expanded to include sand sculpture.

**2002 Association Picnic** will be on **Saturday, July 6 at 2:00 p.m.** at the George Stegmier Beach. **Association Dues for 2002 in the amount of \$15.00 are due at that time. Please make payable to Gifford Lake Association and give to Ginger Frick.** Another notice will be sent prior to the picnic.

**Trustees and Committees Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, May 25, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Rodens cottage.

#### **Fish Committee:**

A motion was passed at the Sept. 1, 2001 Trustees and Committees Meeting to expand the Fish Committee to include water quality. The new committee name is: **Fish and Water Quality Committee.** Committee members are: Chairman – Jack Stegmier, members – Jack Lenz, Jerry Cieskowski and John Stegmier.

John Stegmier has a wealth of information on our pike issue. He has been fishing for pike in the lake over the past year in an effort to reduce their numbers and save other fish that they prey on.

The issue of brush piles in the lake was discussed. Brush piles in the lake can cause something called “nutrification of the lake”, which basically makes the lake old. The moratorium placed on establishing new brush piles in the lake approved last year still remains in effect. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

#### **PERSONAL ISSUES:**

We were notified that Ann Redd died this past year. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

It has also come to our attention that Carol and Larry Sinke's cottage at 9234 S. Ranger Road is for sale.

We have received several requests for an updated directory and map of the lake. If you have any changes for the directory, please inform us asap. We hope to have the updated directory available at the Association Picnic in July.

We hope you are all well and we look forward to sunny and relaxing days at Gifford Lake for Summer 2002!!

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