

May 24, 2017

Dear Residents of Pickerel Lake:

Some members of the executive have had discussions about the future of the Pickerel Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA). They are questioning whether the association is providing any useful service to the residents of the lake. Our annual meetings and barbeques are attended by only a very small segment of members. Our membership is only a small segment of the total numbers of home and cottage owners on the lake.

Last year we went door to door with notices informing residents of the upcoming events. These notices attracted very few new people to our functions. The barbeques in the past (last year's was cancelled) and bottle drive resulted in a few volunteers doing the bulk of the work. Members of our executive have been in their roles for a number of years. At each meeting they ask for new people to step up as new board members. This is generally met with silence or nervous giggles. Each year Karen Sutcliffe and her very small group of volunteers prepare the barbeque for the residents. This is a very large undertaking. When the call goes out for volunteers the usual group answers the call, again. Recently, we have tried to open additional lines of communication by developing a website and Facebook page. Only a few of the residents have chosen to use these communication tools.

Is the lake association necessary anymore? Are the residents too busy at their lakeside homes and cottages to get involved in activities involving other residents of the lake? Over the years the executives have taken on projects such as looking into water quality, lake level, fire safety and the activities surrounding the Recovery Center with very little interest from the residents as a group. Our township council has stated that our concerns about the activities associated with the Recovery Center played a large role in their decision to make the Recovery Center accountable to the other residents of the lake. Thank you Herb and Karen Sutcliffe and Brian McKenna for representing us at many meetings over the past 5 years.

So now we are asking for your input.

Should we continue with the barbeque?

Should we continue to have a lake association?

If the lake association ceases to exist, there is no further need for the annual meetings or bottle drive. Our current bank balance would be given to local charities at the discretion of the current executive

Please provide your thoughts to one of the following email addresses. Your feedback would be appreciated no later than June 30, 2017. A membership response of less than 20% will be interpreted as a lack of interest and will result in the PLPOA disbanding. Stay tuned.

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Sincerely,
Your PLPOA Executive