

# PICKEREL LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Spring Meeting

Meeting was held on May 20 with an excellent turnout. There were many great comments and suggestions. Thanks to all who attended. The following subjects were discussed:

### RESORT:

A "cease and desist" order was imposed on the Rehab Center. Subsequently, the site is being advertised for rentals on Airbnb

### BOAT RAMP:

Consensus that a good launch site is required. Two possible locations cited as Dobbs Park and in the area of Robinson's. Both have drawbacks: Dobbs-single laneway to the site: Both-shallow water. Councillor Pat Hayes is a supporter. Has visited sites in the past, and will return this summer for a more thorough evaluation.

At Duin's - \$10.00 in \$10.00 out using your own vehicle (caution re; shallow water)-no appointment.  
\$25.00 in \$25.00 out for them using their tractor - appointment necessary.

### WEBSITE and MEMBERSHIP:

Cost to renew website is \$139 for one year, \$260 for 2 years. Unanimous vote to renew for 2 years, and consider ways to promote usage. Pat Lower to try and find out if usage can be monitored, and cost. Facebook link showing considerable activity and will be retained.

Suggestion from floor: Provide links to local services, such as cottage rentals, handymen, small engine repairers, dock installers. Good support from attendees.

**If you receive our communications by snail mail, and DO have email, we would appreciate it if you could share it with us to reduce communication costs.**

### PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

August 25 - Combined event:

Afternoon 1-3 pm - Decorated Boat and Poker Run for Paid up Members of PLPOA. 4 volunteers for dock sites confirmed for Poker Run – Hillyer's, Pincoe's, Ewles', Sutcliffe's - 5th to be determined, possibly a volunteer with pontoon boat to anchor at a deep water location.

4pm- Picnic - No cost to Members (possible small fee for non-members?) Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Corn, condiments, tables, games to be provided by the Association. Attendees bring their own salads, desserts, drinks. Location to be determined. Prizes for morning events - suggestion \$100.00 for Poker Run and/or Decorated Boat. Location to be determined.

Volunteers: Reg Ewles will organize Poker Run. Jennifer Vatta will help with picnic- e.g. Costco run. Sarah Gnass will work on children's picnic games. Graham Whitwell will organize equipment and setup for picnic.

Suggestion from floor- if on private property, rent port-a-potties to minimize indoor use.

**ALGAE BLOOM:** First time on our Lake, but has occurred on Lakes all around (3-mile, Jack, Bernard). For this reason, a Real Estate Agent suggested it will have very little impact on property values.

Contact has been made at various levels from local Health unit to Ontario Ministry of Health. Authorities cannot identify cause. Likely a combination of excessive rain, run off, hot weather, spike in water temperature. The signs are coming down and there will be no further testing by the Ministry unless a bloom is reported. Attempts to contact the Student who won gold at the Science Fair for her work on combating Blooms has so far been unsuccessful. We'll keep trying.

### **E-COLI Testing:**

Graham reports that the Health unit is now doing monthly testing at 2 locations on the Lake. Results are transmitted to the Township, and we can access. Results are extremely good.

Proposal to enhance the list of DOs and DON'TS on the website: for example:

Wash boats if transported from another lake

Use only phosphate free cleaning materials

DO NOT use fertilizers in proximity of Lake - much remains on the surface and runs off.

Ensure regular and proper maintenance to septic tanks.

### **BOTTLE DRIVE:**

If people would prefer to return their own bottles and donate proceeds to the Association, it would be greatly appreciated, There will be a bottle pick up on Sunday September 2 in the morning for those who prefer bottles to be picked up. Volunteers are needed for the pickup.

**EXECUTIVE:** In spite of near begging, there were no nominations from the floor. Executive will remain:

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