

# Lake LaSalle

Property Owner's Association Inc.

Fall 2015 Newsletter



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### Lake LaSalle Property Owners' Association Board Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the home of Charlie Backofen. Present were President Ed Ranard, Vice-President Charlie Backofen, Treasurer Linda Schwaner, Secretary Mary Backofen, Directors Joe Ridenour, Entertainment, Kurt Ellinger, Communication, John Slater, Buildings and Maintenance, Jared Sawyer, Fishing, Harry Hicks, Long Range Planning. Absent was Joe Giblin, Complaints and Compliance.

The Annual Meeting 2015 minutes had been mailed to members for their perusal and any suggested changes. Harry Hicks asked to expand the Long Range Planning section to include background leading up to the road repairs to Chickadee and Cardinal Drives. Mary Backofen will make those changes with the mailing of the minutes to members along with 2016 Annual Meeting information next August.

Newly elected President Ed Ranard briefly introduced himself to the Board. He is a retired Navy Chaplain who served 23 years. He has appreciated the great commitment of previous boards and he has volunteered as a way of thanking them for the fine upkeep of the lake and community. He will rely on Charlie Backofen, former president for many years, to be "his training wheel."

Ed added that across from his Chickadee property in Thunder Creek now resides a River Otter which is a **protected species**. He encourages all to observe its beauty and behavior. **Our resident muskrats are not a protected species**. Also, in the same creek the present lake pool, approximately one foot below normal, has depth readings from the coffer dam to just beyond his property at approximately 1.5 feet. The depth reaches 3.5 feet beyond. Continual cleaning of the silt pits is critical.

Vice-President Charlie Backofen who develops the yearly budget distributed the budget in full detail for 2015-2016. **The budget is available to any member on request**. He mentioned a few minor cost reductions and additions from last year but nothing of major importance. He commented on the hearsay of cleaning the two silt pits costing 40K. Each silt pit clean-out costs 11-12K. He is creating a bid sheet to be presented at the January meeting for mowing contract bids late winter. The sheet will include sites to be mowed, a map with highlights of areas for weed-whacking and full instructions on the bid request. Also, we have just been billed for the summer dam inspection and Purdue water testing lab results. There was conversation about routine water analysis not available through Brown County Health Department any longer. There is an Indiana State Lab in Indianapolis to consider also. Anticipated liens have been considered in the budget planning. Joe Ridenour made a motion to approve the budget with a second by Jared. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Schwaner, Treasurer, reported the following balances as of the end of **September: Savings Account \$9,963.92 Checking \$41,729.98 Small Business Association Loan (SBA) \$81,550.40**. All dues have been paid except two property owners with liens on lots 92 and 93 and liens on lots 79 and 80 and 1/2. Lake taxes have been paid. V.P. Backofen proposed paying an extra principal payment of \$10,000 on the S.B.A. loan at 4% interest and placing \$5,000 in our savings account for Long-Term Planning. A motion to make the extra principal payment of \$10,000 to the S.B.A. and putting \$5000 into savings was made by Linda with a second by John Slater. Motion unanimously carried.

Vice-President Backofen told the Board that Lot #1 is or soon will be for sale. To be pro-active, a letter will be sent reminding the owner of restrictions on that property under our Covenants and Restrictions document. The same letter will be sent to the realtor to communicate to a potential buyer. Harry Hicks and Mary Backofen will prepare the letter. The Board was in full agreement.

Mary Backofen, Secretary, duly noted that corrections will be made to the annual meeting minutes. She will soon distribute details from the annual meeting to the residents of Chickadee and Cardinal regarding Mike Wagner's road repair presentation from that meeting. She released two 2015 liens this past quarter, lots 14 and 15 as paid and lots 70 and 80 and ½ due to the bankruptcy related "legal stay." The fall picnic was a great success with 36 in attendance. The 2015 Annual Meeting hosted 33 members. New flag pole generous donations along with Lake LaSalle hat sale small profit totaled approximately \$260. The next LLPOA Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 at the Backofen home.

There was no report from Joe Giblin due to his absence.

Joe Ridenour, Entertainment Director, reported that he had prepared the Annual Meeting site along with entertainment. Pete and Marty Iaria along with Mary Backofen had organized and presented a wonderful fall picnic the last Sunday of September. Our sincere gratitude goes out to Pete and Marty who have been fine hosts for the second year in a row.

Jared Sawyer, Fishing Director, commented that the fishing has been very good this year. We are presently getting photo reports of bass weighing from 3 to 5 pounds caught in the warmer waters of the channels. There was a brief discussion of the presence of so many carp in the lake. Jared will research "fish shelters" to be submerged in deeper water. The results of the late September fishing tournament will be in the newsletter.

Long Range Planning Director, Harry Hicks, reported that his lake home should complete its sale mid-December and he regrets leaving the Board. He offered his legal expertise hereafter as we wish. The long range planning of road improvement is well underway with completion in 2016. He proposed that his replacement and our members address maintenance of properties for the upcoming year. The Board will take steps of action to promote clean-up including docks in disrepair. As Harry worked with realtors on the sale of his home, he became aware of a "glass ceiling" on property values at our lake which only can be changed by each member maintaining and improving his property soon and hereafter. Clearly, there are violations of our governing documents to address. **The LLPOA Board wishes Harry and Susan the best and thanks Harry for his diligent work over the past three years.**

John Slater, Maintenance Director, plans to have the dam cage painted and the dock at the boat ramp sealed next spring. He is moving our maintenance items to the shed on his own property.

Kurt Ellinger, Communications Director, will continue his printing and mailing of the newsletter. He will also assume the maintenance of our web site as soon as he gets access from our present overseer.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:34 by John Slater with a second by Kurt Ellinger. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Backofen, Secretary



# Lake Lowdown

Lake LaSalle Fall Fishing Tournament - Jared R. Sawyer, Fishing Director

This year's fishing tournament was a small turnout, but that didn't stop the fun. 8 groups in total for the day. The tournament started off at 7:30 and ended at 11:00 A.M. Around 8:10 A.M. a slight breeze ran over the lake and fish activity stopped for about hour then picked back up afterwards. Live bait was the preferred choice along the winners. (Worms and crickets)

I am sure I caught the fish of the day. A nice bass on a yellow and green spinner bait at 7:31 A.M. just off the shore, North of lot 1. It was my first casted and my last fish. C'est la vie "that's life." All in all the neighbor's friends and family members that participated had a good time on our beautiful Lake LaSalle.

With 8 groups on the lake, only 4 turned in their record sheet at the end of the tournament including myself.

1st prize in the most length in Bass  
John Lowden's group at 38.5 inches

1st Prize in the most length in Bluegill/Red Ear  
Cindy, Dave, & Israel at 55.0" inches

1st Prize in the most length in Crappie  
Juanita's group at 28.0 inches

I look forward hosting the fishing tournament or tournaments next year and hope to see double the attendants.



22 inch 5 lb large mouth bass

Caught on October 20, 2015 by  
brother-in-law of Ed Ranard, Lake  
LaSalle Property Owner



Isaac and Lucas Kauffman along with  
their dad, Shannon, proudly display a  
BIG catch from their shoreline this fall.  
Congratulations!!

# Fall Picnic

A big Thank You to Pete and Marty Iaria for hosting this year's Fall picnic. Fun was had by all as lake residents enjoyed a pitch-in dinner to kick off the Fall season.



Here is a picture of an Indiana river otter. We have such an otter that has taken up residence on Lake LaSalle.

Unlike beaver and muskrats, otters are not destructive... and can be very entertaining with their swimming skills. They eat small fish, crayfish, snails, and some types of water vegetation.

What should we call him? Let's give him a name!



# Road Report

**Mike Magner**, Superintendent of the Brown County Highway Department, spoke at our Annual Meeting in September. Full repairs to Chickadee and Cardinal Drives are delayed due to summer rains and storm damage. ***Nevertheless, completion of resurfacing is scheduled for next spring.***

**PRIOR TO THIS WINTER *resurfacing preparation*** will take place which should make the roads ready to face yet another winter. One lane at a time will be closed during this phase and homeowners will be given a few days notice.

There can be no improvement without temporary inconvenience.

**When the new surface is placed next spring or early summer, the roads will be completely closed half to a full day with a few days notice again. The new surface will allow same day driving accessibility.** If necessary to be away from your home on that day, parking will be available on LaSalle Road at various homes and the boat launch area to accommodate you. Pontoons can also shuttle. Details of this help will follow in the spring.

***If LaSalle Road members have concerns about the road near your property, also report.***

**Please contact Mr. Magner at his request if you have any questions or concerns:**

**Michael J. Magner, Brown County Highway Department  
P.O. Box 2088  
711 Greasy Creek Road  
Nashville, IN 47448  
Office: 812-988-4545  
Fax: 812-988-5619  
Cell: 812-361-6937  
E-mail: [magnerm@browncounty-in.us](mailto:magnerm@browncounty-in.us)**

# Classifieds

## **Pontoon Boat for Sale**

1989 20' Riviera Cruiser  
18 hp Nissan Motor  
\$2500.00  
Call Juanita at 812-597-2144

# Lake Lasalle Association

## 2015/2016 Board of Directors

Name Office Comittee	Year Elected	Term Expires	Contact Info
<b>Officers</b>			
Ed Ranard President	2015	2016	Email bcsandsailor@gmail.com Ph. (812) 597-4089 Cell (765)516-3542
Charlie Backofen Vice President, Budget/Finance	2015	2016	Email chasbac@aol.com Ph. (812) 597-4871
Linda Schwaner Treasurer	2015	2016	Email linda128@msn.com Cell (317) 374-6463 Ph. (317) 881-5279
Mary Backofen Secretary, Document Control	2015	2016	Email chasbac@aol.com Ph. (812) 597-4871 Cell (260) 615-9120
<b>Directors</b>			
Joe Ridenour Entertainment	2014	2017	Email jsridenour@live.com Ph. (812) 597--0135
Kurt Ellinger Communications Newsletter	2015	2018	Email kurtell@icloud.com Cell (317) 514-7003
Joe Giblin Complaints & Compliance Building	2015	2018	Email jgiblin@sbcglobal.net Ph. (812) 597-0890
Jared Sawyer Fishing	2014	2017	Email jared.sawyer22@gmail.com Cell Ph (316) 409-5055
John Slater Maintenance	2013	2016	Email grnhog63@yahoo.com Cell (317) 459-1094
Harry Hicks Long Range Planning	2015	2016	Email hhicks@butler.edu Cell (317) 431-4283

# Who to Call

"When you need a helping hand"

## **Cecil Swafford, Jr.**

Carpentry, decks, roofs, remodeling 597-0486 or 812-720-0695

## **The Chimney Man**

Chimney cleaning by Steve Beaumont 812-829-4558

## **Parker Construction**

Carpentry, decks, roofs, remodeling 812-597-4355

## **Critser's Flowers & Gifts**

Shane White in Morgantown 812-597-4551

## **McCloud's Home Maintenance**

General construction, landscaping, docks and painting, contact Andrew McCloud 317-965-6333

## **Honey Creek Tackle**

Huge selection of fishing tackle, rods and reels, live bait and quality outdoor gear.

Located south of Bargersville on State Road 135

**Knight's Electric** - Licensed and Insured 812-327-3014

## **Clearshine**

Window and or Gutter Cleaning Service. Owner operator is Allan Woolbright

Pleasant St., Edinburgh, IN 46124, 812- 350-3481 E-mail [clearshine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clearshine@sbcglobal.net)

**Randull Hupp** - Drywall and Ceiling Repair 812-603-6349

**A.S HVAC Heating and Cooling** - Bruce Smoot 317-800-9925

**Pontoon Removal** - Mike Van Horn 239-898-1397

## **Editor's Note:**

This is my first newsletter as your new Communications Director. I want to give a big Thanks to Jon Schwaner who helped "show me the ropes". I also want to encourage everyone to submit any pictures, news, classifieds or just fun information you would like to share with your neighbors. We are also looking to update our "Who to Call" page. Let me know of any suggestions.. Please email me at [kurtell@icloud.com](mailto:kurtell@icloud.com).

Respectfully,  
Kurt Ellinger  
Communications Director