

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Latoka Property Owner's Association was held at the LaGrand Township Hall on June 11, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. For the first time ever, attendance was below the minimum number necessary to conduct the business of the lake. We did not have enough voting members present to constitute a quorum. For the faithful few that did attend, we held an information sharing session, drank coffee, ate doughnuts, and handed out all the door prizes. Technically this means our lake association is **ON HOLD** until we can conduct a legitimate business meeting.

Our plan is to hold a **VERY BRIEF** business meeting just prior to starting the food line at the upcoming family picnic on August 14, 2005 at the Shooting Park. Recognizing that the picnic is a family affair and children have a short attention span, we will limit the business to the election of directors for the 2005-2006 term. A vote will be taken on a By-Law change to remove the words "in June" from the first sentence of Article VI Section 1 – Time and Place of Meetings. Presently the sentence reads "There shall be at least one regular meeting of the membership each year in June." By removing the words "in June" the association will gain the flexibility to move the Annual Meeting to a time when greater attendance would be expected. A vote will be taken on a second By-Law change to reduce the percentage necessary for a quorum from 20% to 15% in Article III Section 2 – Election. This should help us avoid any future lack of a quorum due to poor attendance of the electorate. And finally a vote will be taken to continue the Fishing Improvement Committee for another year.

In the interest of brevity many of the subjects discussed at the June meeting will be available in a printed hand out form to be taken home.

Jim Scott

4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE

We had great weather for the boat, pontoon, and dock parade this year. I was impressed by the number of people outside enjoying the parade from their dock or shoreline. Can't quite decide who was the rowdier, those on the boats or those on the shore. What a great opportunity to have a good time and display our patriotism for this wonderful country at the same time. My family is already looking forward to next year's parade.

Jim Scott

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, August 14, is going to be a fun filled day. We are holding the picnic at the Alexandria Shooting Park and Banquet Center located west of Lee Motors just past the Holliday Inn. No bugs, no bees, air conditioning, plenty of level parking, and plenty of seating for all. Come and make an afternoon of it visiting your friends and neighbors. With the help of Pete's County Market we will be serving melt in your mouth roast beef. Please bring a dish to pass for others to enjoy. Don't forget to bring a big appetite. There will be a FELLOWSHIP HOUR starting at 3:00 PM. A very brief business meeting will start at 4:00 PM with door prizes. The food line will start at 4:30 PM. Tape this map and picnic notice to the refrigerator so you don't forget. See you there!

DAY OF THE LAKES

Sue Orpen, Vern Lorsung, Jean Weiss and Karen Cook represented Lake Latoka at the Day of the Lakes on July 16. This event was well organized by the Douglas County Lakes Association to give the lakes area people an opportunity to learn more about our lakes. Land and Resources, the DNR, ALASD, Soil and Water were some of the resources there to answer questions. Senator Dallas Sams, the speaker of the day, tried to explain the lack of funding for the state's water resource problems. Lake Latoka sponsored a table on which we displayed copies of our newsletter and other memorabilia.

My personal opinion is that while the event was well organized, we missed the people we most needed to get to. The people attending were already quite well informed on lake issues.

Karen Cook