

# POW WOW

## Papakeeche Protective Association Newsletter - 2022

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*The POW WOW is published to provide important and general information to the PPA membership.*

### Welcome to Lake Papakeeche

New association members, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Papakeeche Protective Association (PPA), welcome to our lake. Be sure to visit the PPA website, ([www.lakepapakeeche.org](http://www.lakepapakeeche.org)). As well as helpful information concerning our association and lake, the PPA Covenants & Bylaws, are available for access on the site. Page 5 contains a list of the current PPA officers and board of directors.

### Message from the President

In 2021, we all faced a huge challenge dealing with the Delta and other variants of the Covid-19 virus. Unfortunately, we will continue to endure the repercussions at least a bit longer. I hope that everyone has been spared the consequences of dealing with adverse health related issues.

Great news, we have been released of all mitigation requirements and obligations related to our wetland area. The state no longer classifies this as a mitigation area. It is now considered a wetland. As such the area is to be maintained only according to Federal Clean Water Act, Section 401 Water Quality Certification # 2011-083-43-JPS-A. Section 401 deals with water quality and the restrictions that we do not alter the direction of waterflow into, or out of the wetland. It further restricts us from dredging, or filling within the wetland area. Simply put, we have no further maintenance requirements.

Last year, and continuing into this year, in an attempt to improve the quality of a few of the roads, the PPA contracted for snow removal within the association boundaries, as well, some needed maintenance was performed. The PPA Board is currently in the process of determining association responsibilities, and how to proceed.

Within the community, work being done on some members properties continues show positive results. Please remember, we are all a part of this very pristine area. It takes each one of us to do his/her part. We need to maintain our property in a manner that is not offensive to our neighbors, and we should work in unison with each other to make this a pleasant place to live.

This year, we will continue to confront our challenges, and strive to reach our goals. By working together, we will accomplish great things. I am fully confident that our board and the PPA membership, will continue with their cooperation, support, and voluntary efforts.

Thanks for your support,  
Pat Ebetino, PPA President

### Boating on Our Lake

*The use of any type motor to propel a boat on Lake Papakeeche is strictly prohibited.*

### Mark Your Calendar:

The 2022 PPA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August, 6<sup>th</sup>. Election for the following will be held at the meeting: President, Secretary, and representatives from districts; 2, 4, 6, and 8. If you are, or you know of anyone who is interested in running for a position, please let us know.

### Financial Status

The yearend balance in the PPA account on 12/31/2021 was \$89,294.04. Income for the year 2021 was \$2,714.96 higher than our projection. Expenses were \$5,506.87 lower than we had projected. The 2022 Association dues invoices were mailed out in mid-January, and dues will be considered delinquent if not received by 4/1/2022.

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### Social Events and Fundraisers!

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### Weed Control/Lake Maintenance

In order to increase the effectiveness of this year's chemical weed treatment (Fluridone), last fall, the lake was lowered to the same level that it had been kept for the winter of 2020-2021. Again, this year, in order to control our aquatic vegetation issues, and to maximize the effect of the herbicide applied, we will be applying the chemical (weather permitting) in early April.

As in the past, signs and buoys will be posted around the lake.

Again, we are asking you to help us in our weed management process. We have noted that in some areas, there are fallen trees, unused pier poles, and other foreign objects that impede our effort to maintain the area. This issue remains a very high concern to us. Each of us, as a member of the PPA has a responsibility to do your part in helping to keep the lake and its shores clean and clear of debris. You can be a tremendous help by removing all these hazards from the lake.

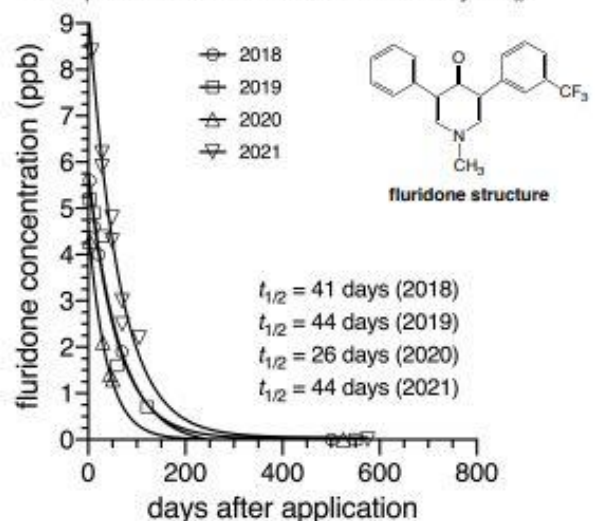
In addition, there are many areas of the lake that are too shallow to operate the harvester. If you want a weed free beach area, it is up to you to expend some effort to maintain the area to your standards

### Mowing and Land Weed Control

We hire an individual to mow the association owned grassy areas. Due to state mandate as to how this land is to be maintained in a very specific manner, and in order to comply with these regulations, we must insist that the grassy down slope of the west levee/dam is to be mowed only by someone who the PPA hires and has been instructed on how to care for this land. Hatchery Rd. property owners whose land abuts this area are not to mow, store, place, or park boats, trailers, or any other objects on the levee/dam.

### Fluridone Half-life Determinations – Lake Papakeechee Lake Papakeechee Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI)


Data were fit as a single exponential decay.  
Data points at >400 d were chosen arbitrarily as  $t_{\infty}$ .



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### Advertise Your Business in The POW WOW

We appreciate, and will accept business ads on a first come, first served basis. We believe that this is a great opportunity for you to let your neighbors know of the many services available within the membership and the surrounding area. At present, we would like to run at least three (3), or four (4) ads per publication. For pricing and more information, contact Bernie Ebetino, at (260) 639-0046, or [ebetinob@gmail.com](mailto:ebetinob@gmail.com). Since space is limited, now would be a good time to secure a spot for your ad in our next edition. Please support the businesses that advertise, and let them know that you saw their ad in the Pow Wow.

### Lake Papakeeche Sustainability Initiative (LaPSI)

LaPSI (Lake Papakeeche Sustainability Initiative) is Celebrating its Tenth Year of Operation! LaPSI consists of a group of citizen scientists (funded by Prof. Anthony Serianni of the University of Notre Dame) whose purpose is to monitor the health of our lake and its watershed by collecting, organizing and interpreting scientific data. LaPSI uses its own equipment to measure dissolved oxygen, temperature, water clarity, bacteria and acidity and to conduct preliminary screenings for toxic blue-green algae. We use external laboratories for phosphorus, nitrogen and Fluridone (herbicide) assays. Since Summer 2018 we have assisted the PPA Board in measuring Fluridone herbicide concentrations in the lake following application each spring to determine decay rates (chemical lifetimes) and the factors that control them.

If you would like to volunteer your time to LaPSI's efforts, please contact Diane Tulloh at 317-670-9991 or [dtulloh@gmail.com](mailto:dtulloh@gmail.com) or Anthony Serianni at 574-631-7807, or [anthony.s.serianni.1@nd.edu](mailto:anthony.s.serianni.1@nd.edu).

For more information, see our website at: <http://www.nd.edu/~aseriann/LAPSI.html>.

### Non-Lakefront Property Owner Access Points

Some of our new membership, non-lakefront property owners, have asked where they can access the lake. Access is available to the lake via the boat ramp located at the PPA building on Hatchery Rd. There are also two (2) common piers. Both are on the north end of the lake. If desired, you may use these piers to moor a boat. You are permitted to use either of these common piers. The 1st pier is located at the far east end of the west levee, and the 2nd the flat pontoon with aluminum ramp) due west of the 1st. The double decker pier located further west is privately owned.

### Dam/Levee

Our number one priority is to protect the integrity of the dam/levee. The 2021 PPA dam/levee inspections went well. Throughout the year, we monitor these structures and perform any maintenance as deemed necessary.

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### Monetary Donations Needed

Like most of our association members, you may not be in a position to volunteer your time helping with all the routine and emergency activities that are constantly being performed in order to keep our lake and its surrounding landscape in such pristine condition. If you desire, you can donate either to the general fund, or specify how your donation is to be allocated. Several areas of need have been identified. Just to mention a few, these include; common pier maintenance, stocking of the lake with desired fishes, PPA building, grounds upkeep, LaPSI projects, PPA mailings, and unbudgeted expenses. If you are interested in donating funds to the PPA for any reason, please contact your district representative, or any of the PPA officers.

### Fishing and Other Activities on Our Lake



Per PPA Covenant, fishing of any type on Lake Papakeechee may be done only by association members (property owner), their families, and their guests. While residing therein, renters, and lessors are considered as owners. A guest is limited to a visitor to the home, while either staying at the property, or visiting with its owner, or family.

Please note, it is not permissible to give approval to “non-guests” whether they be friends, or anyone else, to enter upon the lake to fish, or for any other purpose. State of Indiana requires that state fishing licenses must be purchased to fish on Lake Papakeechee. From time to time throughout the year, especially the winter months (ice fishing) fishermen who do not belong on our lake have been observed. It is very difficult, if not impossible for the PPA to police this situation. You, as a member have the right to challenge anyone, and if determined that they do not belong, request that they leave. Please feel free to clip the notice which appears on page 5, and place it on the windshield of any vehicle owned by someone who you suspect is using our lake for fishing or any other purpose.



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### PPA Officers and Board of Directors

<b>President</b> – Pat Ebetino	260-312-3637
<b>Vice President</b> – Dave Hewitt	574-551-3902
<b>Treasurer</b> – Crystal Slayton	574-238-0407
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District 1 – Alysia Hammel	260-609-5255
District 2 – Bernie Ebetino	260-639-0046
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District 7 – Sherry Doherty	260-856-3224
District 8-9 – Terry Radtke	574-529-4433

### POW WOW Distribution

In an effort to reduce POW WOW expenses, we have been utilizing email services to distribute our newsletter. Please send us your email address via: [papakeeche@gmail.com](mailto:papakeeche@gmail.com). The POW WOW is also available for viewing at: [www.lakepapakeeche.org](http://www.lakepapakeeche.org).

### Board Meetings

Throughout the year, the Board of Directors normally hold monthly and sometimes special meetings. Members are welcome to attend. You will find upcoming meeting dates and times, as well as other interesting information on the PPA website: [www.lakepapakeeche.org](http://www.lakepapakeeche.org)



**Alysia Hammel**, ReMax Lakes

Experience: 7 years



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### Please Be Considerate of Your Neighbor

Last year, we reported that several PPA member's properties abut the Dam/ Levee. Although the top of the levy/Dam is owned and maintained by the PPA, association members and their guests (as defined by PPA covenant) are permitted to use the area (owned by the PPA) for walking & bicycling. When accessing this area, please be considerate, and contain your activity only to PPA owned property.

We continue to receive word that the properties owned by some of our members in the area are still being used as a point of access. As property owners, they have the right to request that you leave their land. They also have the right to contact law enforcement and if they desire, file trespassing charges. **In addition, except for maintenance purposes, motorized vehicles are not permitted on the dam/levee structure.**

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