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*"Life is better at the lake."  
-Anonymous*

## **New Board Members**

All current board members volunteered to continue in their current positions. Daryn and Julie Denzer have volunteered to take over the creation of the newsletter from Mary Long.

The current line-up of board members are as follows:

President: Anthony Corapi

VP: Linda Tortorelli

Treasurer: Samantha Horvath

Secretary: Mary Long

Newsletter: Daryn & Julie Denzer

At large member: Dave Whippo

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## **Finances and Dues**

At the annual lake meeting, Samantha Horvath, treasurer, shared the financial report and explained the need to increase the cost of dues (currently \$150) to keep up with the rising cost of our lake water treatments. Dues were last raised in 2017 by \$25 and before that in 2007 also by \$25.

An increase at this time of \$50 would help increase our buffer and also provide for the expected future need to remove dead trees in the common area. A motion to raise annual dues from \$150 to \$200 was moved by Daryn Denzer and was seconded by Linda Tortorelli. The vote was called and passed unanimously.

Samantha also shared that all lake neighbors have the option of paying their dues electronically for the first time.

## **"Fishy" News**

The fish count that was done in October revealed that our lake is overrun with stunted bass and also that our lake water is good. The suggestions that we are choosing to follow to improve our lake and fish count are as follows:

- Create two pea gravel beds for small feeder fish to spawn. These will be within a wooden box (3' x 3') sunk offshore to a depth of 4-6 inches.
- Create 6-8 sunken habitats made of either bundles of sticks or untreated pallets weighted with concrete blocks providing shelter for small breeder fish from predation. These will be sunk offshore in water 6-10 feet deep. This should not affect neighbors' ability to swim or boat safely on the lake.
- Encourage people to "catch and NOT release" any bass that are smaller than 12 inches to reduce their population. Larger bass, all sunfish, and bluegills should still be "catch and release."
- Eventually we may stock more feeder fish like shiners or minnows.
- Margaret and Don Briskin have volunteered to oversee the creation of the pea gravel beds and fish habitats and will put out for a call for help to make and deploy them.

## **The Goose Report**

4 nests and 26 eggs were removed in late March to reduce the geese population. Thanks to the "Goose Busters" team who oiled the eggs, then later returned to remove them and the nests, and then buried the eggs in the commons area under the trees along Windsor Road.

## Lake Meeting Opening

Anthony Corapi shared that a neighbor from one of the other Cherry Hills lakes called him to inquire about how we keep our lake in such good condition. Anthony was able to share our website and all its good information with him. Because all our lakes in Cherry Hills Subdivision are connected—all flowing into our lake before our lake drains under Windsor Road and into the Robeson Meadows lake, and on down to drainage ditches and on to creeks and rivers—it is to our benefit if other lakes upstream of us improve their water quality too.

Also, everyone was reminded of our wonderful Cherry Hills Lake Association website at:

<https://cherryhillslakeassoc.com/>

Thank you to Sammantha Horvath for creating this beautiful and informational website. You can find all our lake association bylaws regulations, covenants, budget, reports and newsletters, as well as wonderful photos of our lake and socials with neighbors.

## Umbrella Insurance Policy

Several homeowners strongly suggest everyone check into getting an umbrella policy added to their homeowner's policy. It is a minimal cost and covers possible liability if something should happen along our shorelines or in the lake.

## Ice Cream Social

Our End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social will be hosted by Kellie Mansfield (2404 Lakewood Dr.) this year. The date for this event is to be determined.

## Sign Re-Fresh

Gene Campbell has volunteered to repaint the sign in the commons area, as he has for many years to keep the sign looking great!

## The Twin Lakes Logo

Our Twin Lakes now have a logo (created by lake neighbor, Julie Denzer) that can be seen on our lake association website and newsletter. Thanks for your work on this, Julie!

## Weed Shoreline Treatment

The lake association has taken over treating all of the shoreline around the lake for weeds with aquatic safe herbicide. Thanks to Mike Mrozik and Dan Tortorelli, who will be treating the shoreline for us all!

## Cherry Hills HOA

The question was raised at our April lake association meeting asking who owns or is responsible for the commons area where our commons meets the greater neighbor homeowners association commons area along Windsor Rd. near our outlet—who is responsible for tree removal and other upkeep. Samantha Horvath volunteered to reach out to the neighborhood HOA to inquire about this.

Daryn Denzer attempted to contact the neighborhood HOA last summer about the poor condition of a couple of the Cherry Hills neighborhood signs sending a message to the only known active board member, the treasurer. He recieved no response. There was then a conversation about our non-functioning Cherry Hills HOA and how that violates the bylaws and that there has not been an annual meeting in years, and there seems to be no board members other than the treasurer who collects the annual dues. No one is quite sure how the dues are being spent. Sam will also try to find out more about this, as well.

## Christmas Cookie Exchange

Date still to be determined, but Kellie has offered to host our Christmas Cookie Exchange as well!



"Gold on the Lake" —Margaret Briskin

# Scenes from around the lake...



Fiery reflections. — Linda Tortorelli



"Visiting Heron" —Mary Long



Another photo submitted by Margaret Briskin that's "Pure Gold."



Brunch and April lake association meeting at the Longs. — Linda Tortorelli



—Julie Denzer



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After the meeting, many volunteers did some much needed clearing and spring cleanup in our lake's commons area near the outlet along Windsor Road. Then Jimmy Long and Dave Pihl got to work trimming dead, low, tree branches and hauled them off. Thanks to all volunteers for their hard work!

If you have a photo from around our lake that you'd like to share in our newsletter, you can email it to [denzer@comcast.net](mailto:denzer@comcast.net)