

# RYERSON LAKE ASSOCIATION 2021 NEWSLETTER



## **ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, MAY 29 AT 9:00 AM THE MAY'S POLE BARN AT 4432 SHERMAN AVENUE**

- The loons are back singing their enchanted song across Long/Ryerson Lake. After a reasonably short winter with some good ice fishing, Spring has arrived with the green and flowers. Come on Summer!
- All lake residents are encouraged to attend the annual meeting. There will be ample space for social distancing in the May's pole barn. There is even space on the driveway if you wish to be outside and distant from others. So, if you are able to come, dress according to the weather and bring your own lawn chair. Membership dues of \$30.00 are being collected now or will be collected at the meeting. You can send a check to Heather Lallo at 4302 S. Sherman; Fremont, Mi 49412. Make checks out to Ryerson Lake Association.
- Your Ryerson Lake Association Board met on Saturday, April 10. We had some great discussions and have come up with a few decisions and recommendations for all to consider:
  - We are going to continue with our new tradition of doing door prizes at the Annual Meeting. Many board members will be contributing gift certificates, gift cards, community-building or experiential gifts, food items, or other creative ideas for door prizes. Ideas discussed were certificates to local restaurants or stores, home-made pies, cookies, a tour of the camp, a pontoon ride, a skiing experience, a catch of fish, kayak rides, something special from your barn or garage that someone else would really want, etc., etc. We want to throw the donation of door prizes open to all members. If you would like to contribute, connect with Joseph Fox by May 15 and let him know that you are bringing a special prize ([joseph.dwight.fox@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.dwight.fox@gmail.com); 231-330-1654).
  - We are planning on sharing the expense of the Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks with Camp Echo. The majority of our \$30.00 annual dues go pays for the fireworks--added contribution are welcome.
  - Plans are in the works for the best boat parade ever. There will be watermelons, trophies, and judging of the best boat in the parade. Contact Kurt Uhler if you want to know more and watch the website for details.
  - We also discussed the fish population and a fish study that will take place during the latter part of July. More will be shared about such items as weed control, the dam inspection, plans for a wedge and overlay of the northern portion of Sherman Avenue, and other items of interest, at our meeting on Saturday, May 29.
  - We have put together a committee to revise the bylaws of the association since they were last updated in 1975. There are a few updates that will significantly enhance the bylaws.

- We are actively working on putting together a Long/Ryerson Lake packet that will be distributed to all current and potential Association members as soon as we are able to assemble it. The Board plans to personally distribute these packets to each residence.
- We are also in the process of replacing the current signs around the lake which emphasize the no wake hours, boating directions, and other lake policies for the safety of boating on the lake.
- There have been questions raised regarding various entities and jurisdictions that impact our lake. Here is a summary:
  - **Ryerson Lake Association Board:** Pays for buoys to mark the islands, upkeep on the boat launch, membership in the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, annual fireworks, watermelons and trophies for the boat parade, and potential fish stocking.
  - **Lake Improvement Board:** Receives a portion of our property taxes which are allocated to improving the lake ecosystem and providing weed and algae control.
  - **Sherman Township Board:** Responsible for such things as zoning, resolutions, property assessments, building permits, among other things.
  - **Drain Commission:** Responsible for the dam and lake level control, among other things.
- Camp Echo is planning a return to traditional camp programs for Summer 2021. There will be slightly fewer campers and staff, but the same spirit. Staff is working hard to adapt operations in alignment with various COVID guidelines, which include minimal outside visitors or guests. Unfortunately, this means no Lake Association guests on property while programs are in session. Please contact Bernard if you have any questions about Camp Echo programs or property and help us stay safe this summer.
- Welcome to the new Long/Ryerson Lake residents, please come to the May 29 meeting with any comments or questions. If you are not yet a member, please join. If you currently have any questions, comments, or ideas, contact any of the board members listed below:

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**Ryerson Lake Website: [ryersonlake.com](http://ryersonlake.com)**

**We hope to see you at the meeting!**

*Joseph Fox*