

Hackert Lake Association Newsletter
 Lou McCarthy, Editor
 1337 N Cedar Lane Rd
 Scottville MI 49454

2013-14 Hackert Lake Association Officers:

John Ochs, President
 Ed Sanders, Vice President
 Sandi Steckel, Treasurer
 Lou McCarthy, Secretary

231.843.4942
 231.233.3373
 231.757.2962
 231.757.9629

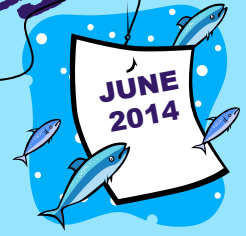
budlin1@frontier.com
esanders@mccschools.org
poohbear40@charter.net
elmccarthy@charter.net



Lake Lines

Hackert Lake Association Newsletter

Volume 1 Issue 25



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A message from HLA President John Ochs
- Annual Meeting Sat, July 19
- 2014 dues
- Helpful links
- HLA Board: Our Opinion

HACKERT LAKE ASSOCIATION

EST. 1984
 WWW.HACKERTLAKE.ORG

Riparians dedicated to stewardship programs for the health and safety of Hackert Lake.

A message from John Ochs:

5-24-2014

For many years now, I have been involved with Hackert Lake Association. Recently, conditions arose which led me to volunteer for the vacant position of Association President, and also to request the Amber TWP Board to appoint me to the Hackert Lake Improvement Board (LIB). I now find myself in both positions. I thank all who supported me.

We should all thank Ed Sanders for his years on the LIB and for serving as temporary President of the Association. Ed continues as Association Vice President. His contribution was invaluable in a time of need.

I pledge to you my best efforts to fairly represent your interests to the betterment of Hackert Lake. My goals include:

- Full, timely, and effective communication using email, the web site, and mailing
- Education regarding lake management techniques
- Prudent expenditure of your tax dollars
- Growing Hackert Lake Association and its activities
- Identifying and promoting only those management techniques best suited to Hackert Lake.

The Association Board met on May 22, 2014. Numerous important items were addressed. Watch for the minutes, and other useful information on the web site, www.hackertlake.org

The Annual Meeting will be held on July 19, 2014 at 6:00pm, at the home of Ed and Lou McCarthy, 1337 N Cedar Lane. It is potluck finger food. Come one, come all! Last year's meeting at the same venue was a rousing success.

I urge anyone to contact me anytime, on any subject, at budlin1@frontier.com or 231-233-2704

John Ochs



Have a spectacular photo of our beautiful lake? Submit it to Sandy Steckel at poohbear40@charter.net or send to 1628 W Chilberg, Scottville 49454 and we'll get it on the website!

HACKERT LAKE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

President
John Ochs

Vice President
Ed Sanders

Treasurer
Sandi Steckel

Secretary
Lou McCarthy

BOARD MEMBERS:

John Barbrick
Ed McCarthy
Rick Ruba
Chris Loftis

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Bob Haupt
Sandi Steckel

Hackert Lake is on the web!

Visit us at at:

www.hackertlake.org

Our website provides interesting articles, archival information and a comprehensive photo gallery documenting the history and beauty of Hackert Lake.

For more information about our website, or to submit articles, pictures, etc., please contact one of the following:

Lou McCarthy, Website Editor
at elmccarthy@charter.net

Sandi Steckel, Photo Gallery
Manager at
poohbear40@charter.net

**COMPLETE MINUTES
of the HACKERT LAKE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

May 22, 2014

are available on the website or by request.

Contact Secretary, Lou McCarthy,
at elmccarthy@charter.net or 757-9629

Welcome!
to our new neighbors on Hackert Lake

Ray Janish—1524 W. Childberg
Erica Reed—1238 Cedar Lane
James Thompson—1345 N Cedar Lane



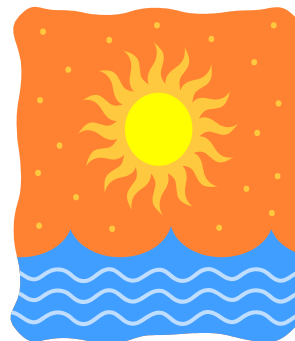
The HLA Board is always looking for new ways to improve relations and communications with our members. Won't you take a moment and let us know how we're doing? Do you have any suggestions for the improvement of Hackert Lake? Just give us your opinion in the space below and drop it in the "Input Basket" at the Annual Meeting on July 19th or mail your response to Lou McCarthy, 1337 N Cedar Lane Rd, Scottville, MI 49454. Thank you!

HELPFUL LINKS

AS OF 5-29-14

USE THESE LINKS TO LEARN ABOUT SUBJECTS ALL RELATED TO HACKERT LAKE

SUBJECT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
HLA	www.hackertlake.org	our web site
LIB:	The LIB statute: http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1fy5pv55wki2pcbtqcdafpv))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-451-1994-III-1-INLAND-WATERS-309	
The LIB law	LIB Manual, Oakland Co. A very helpful manual. http://www.oakgov.com/water/Documents/Lake20Improvement20Board20Manual20-20Final20Rev.pdf	
Open Meetings Act/ FOIA	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/publications/openmtgsfreedom.pdf	
DEQ	http://www.michigan.gov/deq	
Permits	http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-6830-89034--,00.html	need a permit ?
Mason County	http://www.masoncounty.net/	
CONSULTANT	http://envirosienceinc.com/	Weevils
WEED control	www.lakemat.com	control weeds at dock, lake front
WEED control	http://www.lakerestoration.com/	control weeds at dock, lake front
WEED control	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NAP1pzgFKk	control weeds at dock, lake front
WEED control	http://www.killlakeweeds.com/	the Aquacide Co.
Benthic barriers	http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/management/aqua023.html	
CONSULTANT	http://progressiveae.com/specialized-services/water-resource-management	(Tony Groves) Progressive AE



Join your neighbors
on
Saturday, July 19th
at 6:00 PM
at the home of
Ed & Lou McCarthy
1337 N Cedar Lane Rd
for the
Hackert Lake Association
2014 Annual Meeting
followed by
a finger-food potluck.
*Please bring a dish to pass and
your beverage of choice.*

Just a reminder:

There is still time to send in
your 2014 Hackert Lake Association annual dues.

Dues are still only \$20.00 per household.

If you have not already done so, please send your dues to:

Sandy Steckel, Treasurer, 1628 W Chilberg, Scottville, MI 49454

A complete list of contributing Association members is available on the website:
www.hackertlake.org, or by request to 757-2962.



OUR OPINION:

As adopted at the May 22, 2014 HLA Board Meeting

Background:

- The lake is healthy, with no evident problems.
- Fishing, boating, swimming, etc. are as good as ever.
- The only predictable complaints would be that several lake front owners find their dock surrounded by vegetation of some sort, not necessarily EWM. This is a condition which can be controlled by the dock owner.
- Some rake at their dock, some have used mats. See www.lakemat.com In 2013, two owners pulled permits and had A&T Co. apply herbicide.
- We have had three full vegetation surveys, the last in 2013.
- We have had yearly water quality monitoring by WSCC at two sites, five months each year.
- Weevils have been planted since 2004.
- Those who spend many hours on the lake each year have an accurate knowledge of the vegetation conditions. We see where the vegetation is, the type, and concentration.
- In the years in which weevils have been planted, less than \$10,000/year (tax \$) has been spent.
- It would be easy to spend \$50 k/yr on a lake of similar size. (ref. Pleasant Lake, Washtenaw Co.)
- The literature on the weevil is mixed; effective on some lakes, not very effective on others. There are a number of variables. It would be faulty thinking to conclude “the weevils work”, or “the weevils don’t work”. It is irrelevant if the weevils “worked” on a Wisconsin lake, and “did not work” on a Minnesota lake. All that matters is: have the weevils worked on Hackert Lake ?
- In the opinion of Hackert Lake Association, the weevils have worked on Hackert Lake.
- The data from EnviroScience is supportive of our direct observation.
- Investigation into the world of herbicides opens up a whole new arena of debate.
- Approximately \$14,000. is in the LIB account. It was appropriated primarily for weevils. Let’s spend it wisely.

Suggestions:

- Continue the annual water quality monitoring by WSCC. It is relatively cheap (\$500), credible, and would detect any harmful trend(s). The program is consistent with the standard.
- Postpone any more “data gathering” for at least 2014, and 2015. It is not only expensive, but, for the most part, tells us what we can see with our own eyes. It is not justifiable to spend taxpayer money on consultants to tell us what we can see for ourselves. Expensive data gathering might be justified in the future if a perceived problem develops.
- The LIB should invite experienced consultants such as Doug Pullman, Tony Groves, and Cortney Marquette of EnviroScience to present. Invite one or two experienced herbicide applicators to present. Mike McKinney of WSCC should be invited, or requested to submit a written description of the water quality monitoring program. There are a great many questions to be addressed regarding consultants, herbicide applicators, and an effective lake management program for Hackert Lake.
- The LIB members should visit Hackert Lake at least one, or more, times this year to have a personal knowledge of the lake.
- If weevils are available, plant 5,000 in 2015, and 5,000 in 2016.
- Continue to educate ourselves with lake management knowledge.
- For now, “do nothing” is a viable option.



Check out the website at EnviroScience Inc.