**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017-2018** MC900174351[1]

**President:** Karl R. Hermann

**Vice President**: Terry Skelley

**Treasurer:** Linda Snoes

**Secretary**: Lynnea Bendixen

**Directors:** Sue Rausch, Patricia Giese, John Mancini

**Message of the President**

**Dear Association Members,**

Despite the fact that the flowers are blooming and the trees are getting leaves, we do not yet see much of Spring. Those folks who have launched their boats already have not had many “sailing” opportunities. So, let us hope that by Memorial Day the sun is out and most lake members can fix their docks and launch the boats. The lake will look fabulous by having the 101 Kiwanis flags flying for two weeks for the Memorial Day and Flag Day (14th June) period.

Although I was absent for two months in sunny South Africa, the Board had regular meetings under the leadership of our Vice-President, **Terry Skelley**; they and the various committees achieved a lot.

The shortened, neutral **minutes** of our Boardmeetings have been posted on our website**: lakebelair.org**  hopefully, all of you use our website for obtaining information.

**Steve Sczytko** has the **weed control** company “under control” for quality control and the plans for treatment. **Steve** will advise everybody by email. Therefore, those of you who did not yet give us your email address, please do so soonest. It is the best way of communication!

For the **Island Restoration Project** a new lake member donated a bulk of soil, which was transported to the ramp. We now will need to look into ways of getting the dirt to the island.

Under **Steve Sczytko’s** guidance for the **Sediment** **Reduction Project** samples were taken from Bee Bee Creek and the lake entrance for delivering to the Spicer Group, the firm which undertakes the study for evaluating chances for improving the lake. Thanks to all members who helped with the samples to save some cost. You will be advised on the progress.

The **4th Annual** **Fishing Derby** will be held on June 16th and the boat parade will be organized for the Independence Day holiday.

So, you realize that action is taken by those who are involved with the “managing” of the lake.

Now I have a **special request** to all of you:

In our **Spring (March) Newsletter** we had asked all members to consider volunteering for serving on the Lake Board or on various Committees. Unfortunately, we did not get any response yet. I now plead with you to come forward by offering your help to get actively involved. From the owners of 127 lots (=about 110 members) we have now 17 members engaged in volunteer work. Surely, we could have more people to help serving. Please talk to your neighbor and ask him/her to volunteer for a task or sign up yourself. Please contact any Board member soonest, as we need nominations by July 1st. Thank you.

This year’s **Annual General Meeting** is set for **August** **18th, 2018,** in the morning at 10:00 AM with sign-in time beginning at 9:30 AM. Please enter this important date to your agenda, and please do your best to attend personally. We will mail out absentee forms and proxy forms later for those of you who really cannot make it; however, we would appreciate it if most of you would personally attend.

On behalf of the Board I wish you a pleasant Memorial Day weekend and great fun in the summer on our beautiful Lake Bel-Air.

***Karl-Rainer Hermann***

**ANNUAL MEETING (AGM)**

**As** was referenced in Karl’s letter to the membership, the Board would very much like the attendance to the **AGM** to reach the numbers of a legal **quorum**. Our 2018 meeting will be **Saturday-August 18th at 10:00 AM**. A sign-in time will run from **9:30 to 10** with coffee & donut refreshments being offered. The meeting should be concluded by **noon.** (Please note that this is not the usual meeting time for the AGM. But it’s been years since we’ve reached a quorum and your Board is hoping this change to a morning meeting will be a time that’s better for more of you. Thank you to those who took the time to respond to our survey in the earlier Spring newsletter.

**NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Two positions on the board are up for re-election. Linda Snoes as our treasurer and Sue Rausch who is a Director. Both have agreed to serve another 3 year term. Do you have any other nominations? Are you interested in serving on the Board? Also, help is needed on various committees. Are you interested? If so, contact any Board member. **The 30 day nomination period closes on July 14th.**

**DAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

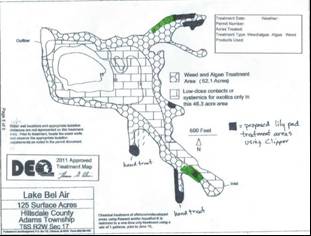
**Water Levels & Dam**

There have been inquiries about water levels in the lake. These are not within the control of the board, as the water levels and condition of the dam itself are controlled by the County Drains Commissioner.

**Island Restoration Project**

Have you seen the piles of dirt hanging around the boat launch lawn? They are the next step in the **Island** **Restoration Project.** We’re just waiting to hear your bright ideas for getting it out to the island! Should we have an “all lake member work day”, and just get it done bucket by bucket/ boat-load by load? You tell us…

**WEED CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT**

This committee is made up of **Steve Sczytko and Karl Hermann**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE NEWS**

***Thinking about*** *building, or perhaps a new deck, shed, dock, or other outdoor construction?* .

The Lake Bel-Air building committee will issue an approval letter for the construction or renovation. They will then instruct the resident to contact the Adams Township Zoning Administrator and the Hillsdale County Building Inspector (517-437-4130), for their respective permits for approval or denial. The Township or County scope of jurisdiction is much more detailed & broader than that of the Lake Bel-Air property covenants. As with any governmental agency all construction, both inside & outside falls within their permitting.

Examples of construction or renovation requiring Lake Bel-Air building committee approval include (but are not totally inclusive):

* garages, sheds, gazebo's, lean-to's,
* docks, decks, patios, awnings
* swimming pools, hot tubs
* fences
* any concrete work such as driveways, fire pits, etc.
* building additions, sunrooms, four-season rooms, etc.
* porches

**Building Committee Members:**

Neil Bendixen: 517-287-5093

Terry Skelley: 517-607-8417

John Castellese: 734-755-9746

**WILDLIFE COMMITTEE:** *We ask that you please refrain from any disruptive shenanigans over by the swans nesting area during this delicate time. Thanks*

**WEBSITE REPORT**

Check out the front page of the website for any breaking news or updates! Also, remember that you may place ads or announcements on our website.

If you know of any service contractors, restaurants or places of interest, please let us know and we will place them on the website. Contact Sue Rausch at: [suerausch123@yahoo.com](mailto:suerausch123@yahoo.com)

Do you want to start a club of any sort? Let us know and we will advertise it!

<http://www.lakebelair.org>

**WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!**

**Al & Shirley Leeke**

**If** you know of any other new neighbors that we may have missed welcoming, please contact the Welcome Committee: **Kathy Knight 287-4781**, or **Rosemary Sell 287-4276**

***Reminder!*** Michigan Boating Regulations require that all boats travel in a ***counter clock-wise*** direction. Although the speed limit on Michigan lakes is 55 MPH, ***Lake Bel-Air*** speed limit is 35 **MPH.**

*** LAKE LADIES LUNCHEON:***

Several of us get together on the last Thursday of each month just to sample a new (or familiar) area restaurant and get to know one another. Our May luncheon will be at **Rumors** in Hudson. If you would like to join us please contact **Sue Gustitus at 698-5008!**

 **Spring & Summer Dates to make note of:**

* **Memorial Day weekend May 26,27,28**
* **Third Annual Fishing Derby Day : June 16**
* **4th of July Boat Parade: July 4th, 1:00 PM**
* **Annual General Meeting, August 18th at 10:00**
* **Fall Fun Run/walk for Christmas Box donations, TBA**

**As your Property Owners Association officers, we are here to assist you:**

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***Congratulations to John Castellese on the lovely display of his incredible paintings at the***

***Hillsdale Art Guild Spring Show!***

**For Sale: Contact Pat Knight $400.00 (or best offer)**

**Troy Bilt Portable Generator, Briggs & Stratton, 8500 Peak and 5550 watts continuous running.**