



### **Letter from the Prez...**

Welcome to 2020! Every new year is a time to reflect on our past and plan our future. I find myself looking back over 50 years of my own experiences on Clifford Lake. My first experience was when I was 4 years old. I can safely say that the lake has changed a little since then. One thing that stays the same is great people around the lake. As we look ahead to 2020, we hope to bring this family even closer together and make Clifford Lake better than it has ever been.

We have included many topics below to keep you informed. They are just topics we are working on and your input is appreciated. We don't ask for much but do ask that everyone make an effort to come to the first Association Meeting in June, get to know your neighbors, learn about issues that affect "your lake", and help plan for a great summer at Clifford Lake.



You are very important to the future of Clifford Lake and we want to meet and hear from you.

Hope to see you soon,

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### **Come to our June Meeting to learn more about these topics!**

- Return of the SkiBusters?
- Lake Safety & Enforcement
- Sewer Project Update
- Weed Control
- Noise Pollution
- Any fish left?
- Why we plan events and activities?

### **Complete your 2020 Membership Form!**

- Mail in using self-addressed envelope, or
- Submit at the Chili Cook-Off (March 21, 2020), or
- Submit at any of our summer meetings (June, July or August)

### **Meet your 2020-2021 Executive Board Members**



Vice President, Tom Keopke



Treasurer, Cindy Olsen



Secretary, Katie Otto



## **Communication around the lake:**

We want to hear from you! We want to share the great stories and fun around the lake. We also want to be a source where you can come when problems arise. History shows us that keeping unresolved bad feelings only makes the situations worse. Of course, we would appreciate for everyone to first try to solve their own problems and not just complain about everything. Since everyone around Clifford Lake are exceptional human beings, we expect that you take a deep breath and try to solve the problem before you send it to us. There is a solution to every problem and your help is appreciated. BUT, if you do want our help, we've got your back! Pass it along and we will help.

Send all updates and inquiries to Secretary, Katie Otto: [ottok@Lsengineering.com](mailto:ottok@Lsengineering.com) and she will get them where they need to go.

We do ask that communications be positive, and solution based. We get many inquiries to send information to all people around lake. We are very careful about what and how often we send things to help keep everyone's busy lives a little quieter. Send inquiries to Katie and she will forward as needed.

Unless it is of an emergency nature, we will address communications/concerns in Association meetings and periodic newsletter/email.

## **Riparian Rights:**

A few thoughts about use of the lake. When we were kids at Clifford lake, there were small fishing boats with 5 hp

outboards, small pontoon and ski boats and an occasional sailboat. Heck, Steve learned to ski behind a pontoon with an 18 hp outboard. Needless to say, the times they are a changin'.

Now we have \$100,000 ski boats, pontoons that go 50 mph, super-fast fishing boats and wave runners sharing the lakes with kayaks, paddleboats and an occasional airplane! Kind of a Perfect Storm.

While everyone has a right to use the lake however they choose to (within the law), that right only extends to a point where a person affects someone else's right to use it how they choose. As Aretha Franklin says "R-E-S-P-E-C-T find out what it means to me". Great words of wisdom with an awesome beat! The Golden Rule tells us to treat others as we wish to be treated. This means: turn your music down, watch your language, drive in a semi-predictable pattern around the lake, keep wakes low, stay away from other boats/docks/people, and respect other people using the lake. We know, easier said than done but it's a start.

Interesting Fact: Lakefront parcels surrounding the lake extend underwater to the middle of the lake. Everyone can use the water as they wish, but once you step onto the lake bottom, you are on someone's property. Be respectful of the property owners around the lake. "Riparian Rights" refer to the uses of the water and lake surfaces.

