

# Winona Lake Preservation Association



## WLPA Minutes: Recap

The following outlines current board meeting information and discussion to share with you, an appreciated Winona Lake Preservation Association member.

### Mission Statement

The board reviewed the organization's mission, our very purpose of existence. Our mission statement is adopted as follows: Winona Lake Preservation Association promotes aquatic conservation, lake education, safety and recreational use of Winona Lake for our community.

### Annual Meeting

The annual WLPA meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Boat House Restaurant. Nate Bosch, professor and director of the Kosciusko Lakes & Streams program located at Grace College will be our speaker and

possibly a representative of Indiana Department of Environmental Management will be present.

### Lake Clean Up Morning: April 16

The WLPA coordinates with the Town of Winona Lake during an annual clean up day. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 starting at 9am and ending at noon. The Winona Lake Fire Department will host a fundraiser breakfast at the Fire House this morning and clean up supplies will be available at the Fire House for all Winona Lake residents and those assisting with waterfront clean up.

### Northern Indiana Lakes Festival

Enjoy a fabulous one-day celebration of one of our area's most precious natural resources – water! The Festival takes place from 11a-4p on June 25 and is being held at Center Lake, 117 E. Canal Street, Warsaw. This free

event makes a splash in local awareness and appreciation for our lakes through education, fun, experience, and celebration. Highlights of the Festival include a ski show, canoe tours, a boat show, musical performances, exhibits and booths featuring local businesses and non-profits, and demonstrations and hands-on activities for children. Guests can also enjoy food from local vendors and register to win great door prizes. For more information call 574.372.5100x6446 or visit [www.lakesfestival.org](http://www.lakesfestival.org). WLPA is supporting this educational event with a \$250 donation and plans to have a booth. We want to accent various waterways that enter Winona Lake and distribute information (continued on pg 2)

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about how every household can improve lake water quality. If you have interest in volunteering your time with the WLPA for a few hours during this event, please call Joy at 265-4866. It's an easy way to be involved with your WLPA.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A report is available during the annual meeting or after April 21 by contacting Treasurer Cathy Carter at catwars1369@yahoo.com.

### **Raising the Dam: May 1**

The lake level will be up to normal seasonal level by May 1. Please plan accordingly.

### **WLPA T-Shirts?**

We are considering a logo design for a t-shirt and making these available for WLPA members. Further information will be shared as this idea continues to develop.

### **Committees**

While the WLPA organizes five official meetings annually and has committee meetings, committees are more clearly defined. Committees include:

Membership – Cathy Carter: Chair, Peg Leiffring, Bill McCarrick  
Lake Maintenance – Chris Cummins, David Dick

Water Quality –Pat Miller: chair, Joy Lohse, Chris Cummins, Chris Rankin  
Public Relation: Joy Lohse: Chair, Peg Leiffring

Get involved. Would you like to participate on a committee? Please contact Chris at 268.4000.

### **Lake in the Classroom**

As a proud partner of the Kosciusko Lakes & Streams program, the WLPA sponsors an educational project that physically brings a lake environment into the classroom at Lakeview Middle School: this is an aquarium.



Discussion of weeds control, natural resources, water quality and preservation is shared with the students as they observe what is inside the aquarium. We would like to distribute door hangers to share information about how households can positively impact water quality so that youth can connect how their actions can create safe water.

### **Website**

WLPA is discussing the development of a website. Dodge Elkins will work with Doug Miller to create the site. The board voted to take the domain name of winonalakepreservation.net.

### **Follow Up / Update on Storm Drain Output**

Pete O'Connell, Winona Lake Street Department Superintendent placed a call to Rich Hackel with IDEM inquiring about follow up after the water fowl died this winter season. The thought is that birds die annually on the lake by the storm drain on the north shore from 1) starving to death according to the DNR and 2) disease. The unanswered question raised: are the water fowl, that gather annually, starving or dying of disease because they are attracted to the warm water that flows into the lake from that particular location.

Long term solutions that were brought up for discussion: 1) reconfigure storm water drains so that some of the unfiltered water currently depositing into Winona Lake is rerouted; 2) revisit the Gatke lot for water retention pond development; 3) apply 'no dumping' decals on all storm water grates (Winona Lake indicated they would take responsibility for taking action and Warsaw has been placing permanent decals on storm drains running to Winona Lake.) 4) identify a reputable lab that will be consistent with all testing and know what we are looking for in the samples. Equip all WLPA board with approved sanitary, uncontaminated glass and plastic containers as directed by the lab. These approved (continued on back)

**WINONA LAKE  
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011  
PO Box 13 Warsaw, IN 46581-0013



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address if different: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates at Winter Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTRIBUTION LEVELS**

MEMBER: \$50.00 BRONZE MEMBER: \$100.00 +

SILVER MEMBER: \$200.00 + GOLD MEMBER: \$300.00 + PLATINUM MEMBER \$500.00 +

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$50.00 for my 2011 membership, plus a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used to continue the efforts of the WLPA.

Please return to Winona Lake Preservation Association  
P.O. Box 13, Warsaw, IN 46581-0013.

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Membership Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ To Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

**Your WLPA Board of Directors for 2010 - 2011**

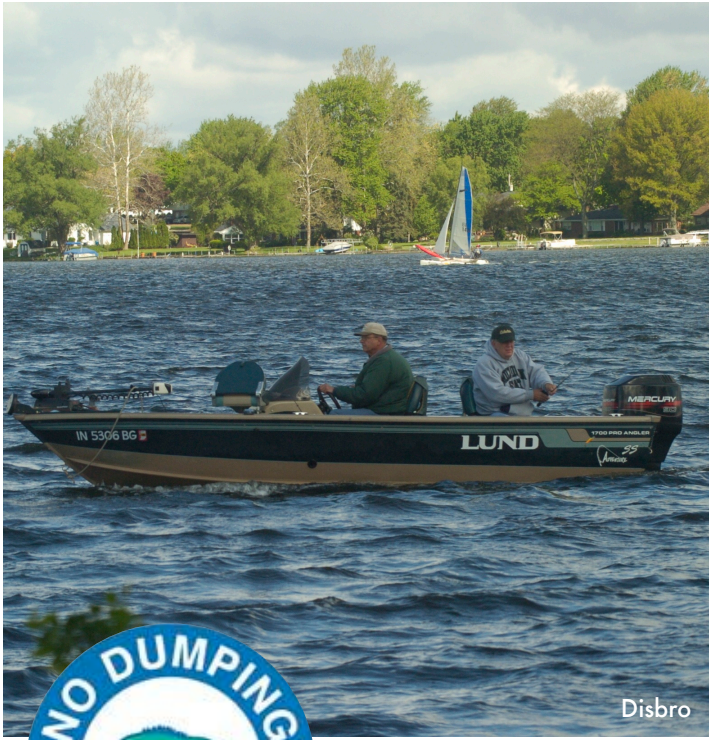
**Chris Cummins, President**  
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**Cathy Carter**  
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(Continued from page 2) containers are to catch future contaminated water that will be tested at the preferred lab. Also discussed by IDEM were future regulations about possible legislation that could eventually make cities separate storm water into catch basins; this future legislation may propose that all water will be rerouted and treated. Goshen has a separation system now.

Additional contacts for lake spills are as follows:

Rich Hackel/IDEM: 888-233-7745  
 Brian Davison/Warsaw: 574-372-9562  
 Jeremy Skinner/Warsaw: 574-372-9548  
 Tim Dombrosky/Warsaw: 574-372-9548  
 Ed Rock/Emergency Response: 574-453-6200  
 WLPA Board Members: 268.4000, 268-9098 or 265.4866

You are the WLPA. To highlight our mission: promoting aquatic conservation, lake education, safety and recreational use of Winona Lake for our community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the WLPA.  
 May this be your best lake season yet. - Chris Cummins  
 WLPA President



Example of a "NO DUMPING"  
 Decal being placed on area  
 storm drains

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