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ANNUAL MEEING
10:00 AM JULY 10, 2010
PINE VALLEY LODGE
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Pride, Strides, Great Ride

Take **pride** in your Association. To start, I want to show you the great **strides** that have taken place in the past decade because of the support and dedication of you, our members! Help us keep moving forward – volunteer!

First, let me point out that this organization exists because of the personal and financial support that you all have provided. No organization can endure without it. In 2002 we had 47 members, 30 of which turned out, under the guidance of Vicky Houston and Linda Wilkins, to begin the battle of preventing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from gaining a foothold in our Chain of Lakes. To date, we have identified only the Chinese Mystery Snail and a rare, but native, "Farwell's water milfoil", discovered in Fifth lake by Don Mevis. These Accomplishment are due to the diligence of our volunteers who staff the boat launch site preventing boats from bringing in any AIS and YOU, the property owners, who participate in the Adopt-A-Shoreline progam, looking for any unusual water or shoreline occurrences on your, or, contiguous property, and reporting it to our AIS co-ordinator, Kathy Winkler. ANY time you spend in these endeavors helps us in our ability to obtain State financial assistance and protect our lakes. This, in turn, Keeps our dues structure low. You have to admit that \$20.00 annually is a minuscule sum to

monitor our Lake water quality, prevent AIS invasion, and support our property values . Most important, is our enjoyment of the beauty surrounding us every day.

MEMBERSHIP

This year we have a paid membership of 140 (out of 287 property owners). Out of which 82 members turned out to staff the launch site this summer. This included 11 new members trained this year. Many of them "weekenders" or "weekly" visitors. This averaged out to be 413 two hour shifts. 328 boats were inspected. Still, it is not enough to completely staff the launch site and prevent AIS from getting in. If you haven't been trained or haven't had the chance to participate, please consider giving a couple hours of your time next summer to this critical task. The more folks we have available, the fewer times we would have to call on you to help.

ADOPT-A-SHORELINE PROGRAM

We need help, and I mean we need help now. Consider the fact that probably daily you and I go down to our shoreline to take in the stunning view and more than likely look over our near shore and shoreline. Keeping track of that short respite and report the time and dates to Kathy Winkler on simple forms provided would help us immensely in our Grant applications. When Kathy calls, ask If you can sign up. It's a simple way to become involved as a "committee of the whole". If you want more information about the "whys and why nots", contact me (715-369-9142) or Kathy (715-369-1868). Thanks in advance.

PROGRAM & EVENT

Our annual meetings are gaining a following. Last year we had close to 80 in attendance. Liz Richmond and Sally Latimer co-chair the Program and Event committee. John Bates, naturalist,

author, columnist and poet was invited to speak. He was a resounding success. His presentation was given a standing ovation. Next year's sounds like it may be just as great Put it on your callender now:
10:00 AM, JULY 10, 2010 @ PINE VALLEY LODGE.
BE THERE!

Liz and Sally also spent a great deal of time developing logo merchandise for you, your friends and family. Flags for home or boat, T-shirts, sweat shirts, polo shirts and more. You can have them embroidered or screen printed. See the order form and instructions accompanying this Newsletter. Purchases to date include 69 flags, 23 T-shirts and 45 emproidered items like jackets and sweats, etc.

'09 SUMMER PICNIC

Dan Kuzlik and Sally Latimer volunteered their beuatiful home on the river to hold the picnic last August. 30 people attended and it was so well received that Dan and Sally have agreed to do it again in 2010. The date is on **JULY 14, 2010**, the time and directions will be announced in the Spring.

Thank you, Dan & Sally for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

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If you haven't logged on to the Chain's website, please do. Chairman Bill Disbrow has done a bang up job of design. He has filled the site with information, history, activities and much, much more. There is an archive of past Newsletters for browsing. He is asking for any photos of family, activites and scenery you would like to have entered, just email them to bdisbrow@aol.com. You can also order items with the Chain's logo there.

WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the post office? What are we supposed to do, write to them?

Why don't they just put their pictures on postage stamps so that the mailmen can look for them while they deliver mail?

LONG TERM PLANNING

Planning for the future is critical for the health, growth and ability to represent the Assocation's members. Toward that end a committee has been formed to look at where our group will be in five or more years. Tom Culter (N.P. 5th lake) has volunterred to be chairman. Bonnie Mongomery (N.P. 5th Lake) and Gary Berweger (Moen lake) have stepped forward to assist. We need five or more volunteers from the general membership to create a balance. It would be nice to have someone from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th lakes. Anyone? The committee will meet at times comfortable to all. You needn't be a full time owner, just one who is interested in the future of the Chain. Contact me for information. ed.

CHANNEL MARKERS

Chair Lloyd Richmond announced some changes in the lineup of the "marker guys". Danny Carlson accepted responsibility of spring placement and fall removal for the North Pelican two lakes replacing Cal Weck, who has done a bang up job with Lenny Gescheidle over the years. Other members include Bob McCall, Ross Youngell, Joe Wild and Tom Loomans. If you have questions for Lloyd he can be reached at 520-353-1967 in Green Valley, AZ during the winter. Thank you all for the effort put forth on our behalf.

OUR NEWSLETTER

In the near future I see that most members will receive the Newsletter via the web. In that regard I ask all members who have internet capability to send me via e-mail (wegager@pol.net) their e-ddress in order to create an electronic mailing list. I promise that the e-ddress will never be used for other than communications for the Association. It will never be sold, given away or used outside our activities. For those without internet access, the Newsletter will continue to be sent via the USPS. This change in the way we comunicate with our members is for convenience, efficiency, to enable color and, probably most of all, for savings in reducing the cost of mailings (keeping our dues structure where it is)

GROUND WATER

(Introduction)

This series is meant to create an understanding of groundwater, it's function and protection.

We are all familiar with the fact that groundwater is presenty flowing underneith us. We tap that water via wells for our above ground use. This water continues to flow and is affected by residential development. The placement of wells and waste water treatment facilities in regard to this underground water flow plus other factors are extremely important.

Begnning with the winter Newsletter we will cover issues common to all residential development and it's effects on our water.

THE GREAT RIDE

Finally, It's been a **great ride** for me. Acting as your president since 2002 has been a kick. Meeting so many great folks devoted to the protection and maintenance of our waters has been a real energizing thrill. But, it's time for new blood, new thinking, new programs, new directions. The Association has made great **strides** in the intervening years and you can take great **pride** in the response of folks who have spent so much time developing and making our programs work. Its's time for me to step down and support a new leader. The Newsletter will continue with me as editor, if so decreed. Who will be our new President?

Walt Gager

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