



## **WHERE DO YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES GO?**

Over the past few years, the membership fees have been used for the following activities;

- **Shoreline restoration**: “EcoAction”, the Federal Ministry of the Environment program that our lake has participated in several times. We have contributed over three thousand dollars towards the restoration of our shorelines which is considered to be one of the best strategies to protect the quality of our water.
- **Weed control**: the Association installed over one hundred YELLOW buoys in strategic locations on the lake to prevent boaters from navigating in the densely populated weed areas. We plan to continue this program for the next several years and to include more sophisticated markers which are more expensive than the yellow buoys but have a greater impact and are safer.
- **Water testing**: the Lac St. Pierre Association has one of the longest records of annual water testing for phosphorus which is carried out each year. These tests provide the key indicators of the quality of the water and the state of our lake. The Association also has done testing for e-coli.
- **Federation of Lakes** – dues: each year all of the lake Associations that are part of the Federation of Lakes make a financial contribution to help support the activities of the Federation.
- **Insurance**: the Association and its Board members have insurance to cover the activities of the Association. Given the size of the Association and the kind of activities involved, the cost of insurance is fairly high.
- **Membership renewal**: although the Association does its best to communicate electronically, annual mailings for membership renewal is still a reality. Therefore the cost of printing and mailing are part of the annual budget.
- **Social activity**: The Board intends to hold at least one annual social event for members and potential members with a break-even budget. A summer BBQ was held over the past two years but unfortunately got rained out both times.
- **NOTE: NO** funds are used for any of the Board meetings. The Board members are all volunteers and we do not have any paid staff. All funds go to the Association’s activities outlined above.
- **WE NEED YOU!!** In order for the Association to continue its current level of activities and to increase its involvement with other important projects such as the ‘weeds’, controlling the public ramp, shoreline restoration, lawn cutting by-laws, etc. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION – THANK YOU!**