

## **Mid-Winter 2008 – Changes**

It was a little over one year ago that the proposed Dewitt expansion brought together a group of people committed to the continued safe and enjoyable use of Clam Lake in this fantastic area we affectionately call “Up North”. As a member of the steering committee that, with the support of all of you, helped launch the Friends of Clam Lake, I met Tom Frey, and a lasting friendship began.

Now one year later, that friendship continues but there are some changes. After much thought and discussion, Tom has made the decision to resign as the first president of the Friends of Clam Lake. Fortunately for us, per our by-laws, he remains on the board of directors as the past-president.

As a founding member of the steering committee, Tom was key to the early growth of the Friends of Clam Lake and resolution of the initial issue with the dock expansion. He was also the ONE person who got the organization back on track in late Spring when the dock expansion decision was handed down and the organization started to falter slightly. Living year round on Clam Lake, Tom was able to best understand and comprehend what was going on and what needed to be done. He was willing to sit down with all involved groups, both pro and con, to understand their perspective while never compromising his commitment to Clam Lake and the organization.

Besides extensive communications with state, county and township officials, Tom personally launched the Friends of Clam Lake website which was the most important tool to keep people informed, raise awareness, and gain commitment from hundreds of supporters. We are fortunate that Tom will continue to also be our website guru as we move forward in 2008.

We will miss Tom’s leadership as president but will look to him for continued help in setting the direction for the Friends of Clam Lake. Per our by-laws, I have assumed the position of president until the next annual meeting this Summer, when our officers will be elected. In the meantime, I look forward to moving the organization ahead utilizing the wisdom and experience of people like Tom Frey. Thank you friend!

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President, Friends of Clam Lake

## **Mid-Winter 2008 – Update**

Through emails, phone calls and local chit-chat, many of you are aware that Dewitt Marine was recently put up for sale. If not, you can check out the listing at:

<http://www.taar.com/mlssearch/?lid=1688839>

and

<http://www.taar.com/mlssearch/?lid=1688835>

Our best wishes and support for the employees, current owners and any future owners. Dewitt Marine has been and will hopefully continue to be an important part of “Up North”.