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AHOY FROM YOUR SOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Your SOS Board is pleased to report that we now have 417 members as of November 1, 2001. We're getting very close to our goal of 500 by year-end. We have \$2,990.67 in the bank and \$14,489.16 in an interest bearing investment account.

SOS BOARD DECLARES OCTOBER 25, 2001 MEETING A SUCCESS!

Despite high winds and generally miserable weather, over 100 members and guests heard your board explain how we have done, what we have learned, and our strategy for accomplishing our goals. Virtually every director spoke at the meeting, aided by David Kraft and Joe McBride of Caseville, with Joe manning the computer-aided PowerPoint presentation. The board distributed Certificates of Membership, a survey, yard signs, and introduced attractive SOS shirts and hats for sale. SOS received favorable media treatment from TV-12 and WSGW radio.

SOS MOVES OUT TO CASEVILLE AND TAWAS!

SOS has made a strong showing all around the Saginaw Bay, from Tawas to Caseville. As a result of the strong showing from AuGres and Caseville, your Board intends to propose at our next general membership meeting that the Board be expanded to allow members from AuGres and Caseville. David Kraft and Joe McBride from Caseville have already accepted your Board's invitation to join us at our weekly (most of the time) board meetings. The Board is pleased to have these talented men join us.

SOS GOES ONLINE!

Thanks to the tireless volunteer efforts of Joe McBride, SOS has established a comprehensive web site at www.saveourshoreline.org. The web site is a great tool, and we welcome you to check us out and see how we are doing.

UPCOMING GREAT LAKES TASK FORCE MEETING SVSU CURTIS CENTER, NOVEMBER 26, 6:00PM

WE NEED YOU! Your SOS Board urges each and every member to show our strength and commitment by attending the upcoming Great Lakes Task Force Meeting. This task force is composed of five State Senators, and is chaired by Senator Ken Sikkema. Their purpose is to take testimony from citizens around the state regarding the conservation of the Great Lakes. In October, five SOS Board Members attended a meeting of the Task Force in Port Huron. Citizens rose to talk about pipelines under the Great Lakes, oil and gas wells, ownership of the beach, sewage overflow, diversion of water, dredging, low water problems, and the like. Environmentalists made a strong showing in Port Huron. SOS President Ernie Krygier introduced the Task Force to SOS, invited them to view our website, and promised to welcome the Task Force to Saginaw.

Your Board is planning a presentation, and invites you to join in. If interested in speaking for 2 -3 minutes, please contact Ernie Krygier. Whether or not you speak, PLEASE ATTEND! Bring your SOS sign. Ernie and other speakers will invite you to raise your sign to show your support for beach maintenance rights.

FROM GROWTH TO ACTION.

Up to this point, your SOS Board has focused on growth. We are now ready to start the next phase -- interaction with the DEQ and the Corps. We hope to soon put a permit and/or regulation proposal before these agencies that allows us to clean our beaches without their interference.

GET YOUR SHIRT, HAT OR SIGN!

Included in your SOS membership is one yard or window sign, which you can pick up at the SVSU CURTIS Center Task Force meeting, or any time at 7-11 on Wilder Road in Bay City. Also available when you pick up your sign are SOS shirts and hats. T-shirts are \$10.00; hats are \$12.00; and collared shirts are \$35.00. CHECK THEM OUT!

SEE YOU AT THE SVSU CURTIS CENTER, 11-26-01 @6:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

Ernie Krygier, SOS President