

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2011**

Members Present: Linda Alexander, Frank Beaver, Martha Beechler, Otto Busard, Betty Cassidy, Diane Ellman, Dan Francis, Holly Gedert, Chick Hershberger, John Kafer, John Kurkjian, Betsy Naumer, Joyce Oldham, Mark Paddock, John Perkins, Barbara Petersmark, Beth Reynolds, Sandy Ruffini, Sandy Segrist, Barb Wilkinsin, Nat Wilkinson, Stewart Wilkinson

Others Present: Steve Alexander, Ruth Paddock, Stephen Petersmark, Karie Slavik

The President, Sue Nelson, called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Otto Busard made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 25, 2011. Motion seconded by Stewart Wilkinson and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Dan Francis presented the Treasurer's Report showing total assets of \$46,904.67. He reported two checks cleared in July causing the adjustment in August. Beth Reynolds moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by John Kurkjian and carried.

Merchandise Report

Sue Nelson presented the report for Kathy Buchweitz. She reported merchandise expense at \$11,000 and sales to date totaling \$9,000. A Labor Day sale is planned.

Merit/Internet

Chick Hershberger reported that Racc has submitted a proposal to the UMBS requesting use of their internet tower.

Website

Chick Hershberger said he is open to suggestions for the website. He stated that ads are now on the website. The History Corner Revisited had been renamed "Now and Then". There is also a "Lost and Found" section and a new feature "Ask the Board" allowing members to submit questions to the Board. Those wishing to submit information on the website should advise Chick or Sue Nelson.

Environmental

Mark Paddock reported low snowfall last winter and average temperatures. He said rainfall was 9" in April, May was average, and June was very wet. He stated that global change has some influence on the lake. He said the lake is clear due to zebra mussels. A question was raised as to loose seaweed. Mark responded that loose seaweed is normal.

Tip of the Mitt

Jon Kafer reported the annual Tip of the Mitt meeting was held in July. He reported on fracking and said there are 1,000 wells in Michigan. He said the State has one of the best records in managing fracking.

OLD BUSINESS

Purple Loosestrife

Last August Ron Keleman, Rick Anderson and Steve Alexander conducted a survey of Douglas Lake looking for Purple Loosestrife. They did not identify any Loosestrife on our shores. However Mark Paddock reported that a group of volunteers recently removed purple loosestrife blossoms and sprayed Roundup on plants along Van Road to keep them away from the lake.

Picnic Committee Report

Linda Alexander reported over 150 reservations for the picnic. John Kurkjian and Dick Segrist volunteered to assist with parking. John Kafer and Mark Paddock volunteered to help set up tables. Linda thanked members of the Picnic Committee.

Algae Bloom

Chick Hershberger has volunteered to assist Tom Kennedy in looking for blue-green algae. They've identified the following 6 locations to be tested: Maple Bay, Nuttings Bay, Manitou Shores, North Fishtail, and 2 areas near Silver Strand. A test kit will be purchased next spring or summer.

Culvert

Sue Nelson relayed a report from Bill Hutto indicating that a representative from the Township will measure the pike marsh culvert and get back to him with a price. Bill has also made arrangements to have the pike marsh field mowed.

Eurasian Milfoil Task Force

Sue Nelson reported Pete Klaas will chair this Task Force. Members are Phil Nelson and Rick Anderson. Inquiries have been made of 25 lakes, of which 6 have responded so far, 4 of these have milfoil. The Tip of the Mitt reported 11 lakes have significant milfoil. The Task Force will conduct field trips to the affected lakes to gather information regarding controlling the milfoil. The mission of the task Force is to identify Eurasian Milfoil should it appear on our lake and to prepare an Action Plan so that we will be prepared should it occur.

NEW BUSINESS

Unused Drugs Disposal

Sue Nelson reported receiving a note from Jayne Morse requesting DLIA assistance with setting up a drop-off point for unused drugs.

It was the consensus of the group that Jayne Morse be advised of drug drop-off sites at the Pellston Airport and Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. In addition Cheboygan accepts hazardous materials at the County Fairgrounds on Wednesday's from 1:00-300 pm.

Corrections to Directories

An email blast will be sent in the fall to locate incorrect email addresses. Calls will be made to obtain corrections and then an addendum to the directories will be sent to members with corrections and additions to the 2011 directories.

Communications Expanded

Barbara Wilkinson stated that the DLIA Newsletter is published 3 times a year and stressed the importance of encouraging members to use the website as a communication tool.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sue Nelson thanked Beth Reynolds, whose term has ended, for the many years she served on the Board. She also reported that Dan Francis' term as Treasurer has ended and he has agreed to serve as a Director for one year. Sue welcomed Walt Naumer, the new Treasurer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Schulte, Secretary