

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**August 21, 2011**

**President, Sue Nelson, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.**

**Sue Nelson introduced Karie Slavik, Associate Director of UMBS and thanked her for assistance in planning the DLIA Picnic that will follow the meeting. Karie welcomed the group.**

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**The minutes of the meeting held August 11, 2010 were approved as submitted.**

**Evelyn Schulte read a letter of thanks to the DLIA for the UMBS scholarship from Mackenzie Myers of Northern Michigan University.**

**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.. There being no questions, the report will be filed for audit.**

**President's Report**

**Sue Nelson reported that approximately 50% of the members have chosen to receive newsletters on-line. The June newsletter is currently on the website and the August issue will be on-line in the Fall after the Fall Newsletter comes out. This will create an online archive. Past issues will eventually be included in the archive.**

**Sue mentioned new directories were distributed to members along with a gift of a map of the newly signed trails at UMBS. The Stewards have worked on these trails for several years. Last year's effort to clean up, expand and then add signs to the trails will benefit all hikers. Sue recognized the efforts of all the Stewards, stating that Mark Paddock was the founder.**

**Sue also recognized the efforts of John Kurkjian, the Ad Manager for the directory. John raised a record \$6,450 in sales revenue which more than paid for the directories. The ads appear in the directory and on the website. She asked that the membership support the businesses advertising in the directory.**

**Merchandise Report**

**Sue Nelson presented the report for Kathy Buchweitz. She reported merchandise sales of \$5,000 on July 4 and \$3,000 at a second sale.**

**Pike Marsh Report**

**Sue Nelson reported in Bill Hutto's absence. She stated that last year the pike marsh culvert was crumbling and the DLIA offered to pay for materials to replace it providing the Township furnish the labor. She reported the Township will have the work done in the fall at an estimated cost for materials of \$400 or less.**

**Environmental News**

**Mark Paddock stated that seaweed on the shore is normal especially after a strong wind. He stated the lake is clearer because of less algae in it due to zebra mussels. The zebra**

**mussels cause fertilizer on the bottom allowing plants to grow better. However, if fishing declines the zebra mussels are to blame.**

**Mark mentioned that he founded the Stewards 20 years ago to protect the lake and 10,000 acres of UMBS land. The Stewards installed gates, fences and picked up debris along the road. Recently there has been a problem with people dumping branches, leaves, etc. on UMBS land. He asked that workmen hired by members be instructed not to dump on University properly.**

#### **Tip of the Mitt**

**Sue Nelson introduced John Kafer who was recently elected to the Tip of the Mitt Board. John reported on fracking, the use of water pressure to create fractures in shale that allow natural gas to escape and flow out of a well. He expressed concern about the new technique of well drilling with chemicals added to the water to improve the flow.**

#### **Water Monitoring**

**Dick Segrist reported that this year, as well as last year, it was possible to see down approximately 12 to 12-1/2 feet into the lake. He stated there is a considerable amount of tannic acid in the water caused by a great deal of rain in the spring, however, the water quality is still good.**

#### **Website**

**Chick Hershberger reported website changes are being made and will be completed by December 1st. He thanked Nat Wilkinson for his assistance. An Ask UMBS function is planned for 2012 in order that members may ask questions of the UMBS staff and professors. The website currently contains Ask the Board, a history corner Now and Then and Early Travels, as well as the Sunfish Fleet 700 sailboat facebook page.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mary Lou Tanton reported that Emmet County has a new internationally designated dark sky viewing area in Mackinaw City. The park, Headlands, is located on 600 acres 2 miles west of Mackinaw City and is open to the public. More information is available on the EmmetCounty.org website.**

#### **Eurasian Water-milfoil**

**Sue Nelson mentioned that each spring Tip of the Mitt(TOM) invites presidents and representatives of lake associations to a Summit held in June which includes an update of activities over the winter. She stated many of our neighboring lakes are combating Eurasian Water Milfoil. Sue Nelson introduced Pete Klaas, chair of the DLIA Eurasian Milfoil Task Force. Pete referred to a display showing samples of water milfoil as well as handouts describing identification characteristics. He stated the Task Force will meet with representatives of lakes affected and gather information regarding controlling the milfoil. He asked that members spotting something suspicious make a note of where it is and bring a sample to UMBS for identification.**

#### **Election of Officers**

**Phil Nelson presented a report from the Nominating Committee nominating Walter Naumer for Treasurer. He was elected by acclamation.**

#### **Introduction of New Board Members**

**Sue Nelson introduced new Directors, Dan Francis and Martha Beechler.**

**Closing Remarks**

**Sue Nelson stated the website should be used for communication in between newsletters.**

**She said corrections to the directory should be sent to her or Nat Wilkinson and an addendum will be sent via e-mail. Those members without e-mail will receive information via mail.**

**Sue thanked the Picnic Committee members: Linda Alexander, Chairperson, Gail Beaver, Martha Beechler, Betty Cassidy, Holly Gedert, Margaret Gilbertson, Betsy Naumer, Sue Nelson, Joyce Oldham, and Sandy Segrist.**

**A DLIA Picnic was held following the Annual Meeting at UMBS.**

**Adjournment**

**Stewart Wilkinson moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Otto Busard. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Evelyn Schulte, Secretary**