

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 2, 2012**

Members Present: Linda Alexander, Frank Beaver, Gail Beaver, Otto Busard, Betty Cassidy, Diane Ellman, Dan Francis, Holly Gedert, Chick Hershberger, Jan Huntley, Jayne Morse, Betsy Naumer, Walt Naumer, Joyce Oldham, John Perkins, Dave Thompson

Others Present: Phil Nelson for Pete Klaas

The President, Sue Nelson, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Otto Busard made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 17, 2011. Motion seconded by Dan Francis and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Walt Naumer reported that the UMBS thanked the DLIA for the \$3,198 scholarship for Mackenzie Myers.

Walt Naumer distributed a form to be used by zone representatives for reporting the collection of dues. He will record the information and pass it on to Joan Hartwig and Nat Wilkinson. Information for new members should include their address, phone number and e-mail address and be sent to both Walt Naumer and Nat Wilkinson.

John Perkins mentioned that several new members have not received the newsletter. He will send Barb Wilkinson a reminder to be sure they are included on the e-mail list. Chick Hershberger will develop a form to allow new members to join the DLIA on-line and mail their dues check to DLIA at P.O. Box 472.

Walt Naumer distributed a financial statement reporting Cash as of 7/29/11 at \$46,829.18 and Cash as of 6/1/12 at \$17,496.60 for a difference of \$29,332.58. For the same period Income was \$5,924 and Expenses were \$35,431. The largest expense was \$28,645 for the purchase of merchandise.

Dan Francis moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Betty Cassidy and carried.

Merchandise Report

Sue Nelson presented the report for Marilyn Kelemen. She reported that Marilyn will purchase the merchandise and fill mail orders. Irene Crum will handle sales and Kay Springer will be in charge of inventory control. Betty Cassidy will assist with the

first two sales. Volunteers are needed to help with sales. The first 3 sales are scheduled on June 16, July 4, and July 14. Zone representatives will be asked to deliver information regarding merchandise sale dates.

Sue recognized the efforts and great work of Kathy Buchweitz as she served as Merchandise Manager for the past 3 years.

Blue/Green Algae

Chick Hershberger reported it is extremely unlikely that blue/green algae containing toxins will be found in Douglas Lake. He will continue to monitor the lake and if he finds cause for alarm, he will report to Sue Nelson and the Cheboygan County Board of Health in addition to sending an e-mail blast to the membership.

Website

Chick Hershberger reported that last August the website account was transferred from Nat Wilkinson to a DLIA account at Go Daddy. The cost was \$248.00 for 5 years. Sue Nelson thanked Chick for his assistance.

Environmental

Sue Nelson presented Mark Paddock's report. The winter was relatively snow-free until mid-January. The snow depth was 8"-12" until early March when there was a deep snow of 12" causing tree damage and power loss. Soon after that Douglas Lake had warm to hot weather that exceeded the record high temperatures by about 20 to 30 degrees. Ice formed over the lake on December 17 and it became ice free on March 20. The water level remained above normal over the winter due to a wet September, October and November.

It was reported that Beech Bark Disease will eventually kill the beech trees. It is caused by a small scale insect boring into the beech tree and there is no effective way to combat this disease. In addition, an invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer is attacking the ash trees. It is thought that no ash trees will survive.

Dave Thompson reported that he and Bill Hutto met regarding the report that the DNR is considering taking out the dam by the Dam Site Inn which will allow the fish to move upstream. This may affect our lake level. Sue Nelson will discuss this with Karie Slavik at the UMBS.

Loon Nests

Dave Thompson said he and Bill Hutto put loon rafts out, however, there was no activity in Fish Tail and in Maple Bay an egg was laid but the nest was later abandoned. Dave Thompson had posted "do not disturb" signs in the nesting areas. A map of loon nesting areas will be put on the website.

Dave Thompson reported that he is working with the DNR awaiting approval to remove the existing pike marsh culvert.

OLD BUSINESS

Eurasian Water Milfoil Task Force

Phil Nelson reported for Pete Klaas, chair of the task force. Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) is present in several surrounding lakes. EWM has not been found in Douglas Lake but a study has not been performed for several years. Last year at the Annual Meeting pamphlets to help identify EWM were distributed. It was suggested that signs be posted at the boat ramps to alert boaters to look for it. EWM occurs in water under 20' deep. The Task Force suggested hiring Tip of the Mitt (TOM) to perform a survey of the lake to identify whether or not EWM is present at this time. What we know is that early detection is imperative. The approximate cost of the TOM survey is \$7,000 to \$9,000. Treatment of EWM could be \$50,000 and up. John Perkins asked if DLIA members could be allowed to assist with the survey, thereby, reducing the cost.

Otto Busard moved to continue the EWM Task Force effort with signage at the boat ramps. Motion seconded by John Perkins and carried.

Otto Busard moved an expenditure up to \$10,000 to fund a TOM aquatic plant survey and that the DLIA contact the UMBS asking them to split the cost. Motion seconded by Dan Francis and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Zone 12

It was suggested that Pell's Island resident's make up a new Zone, named Zone 12. Jan Huntley offered to be the Zone Representative for this new Zone. Otto Busard moved that this new Zone be formed and that as it's representative, Jan Huntley be a voting member of the board. Motion seconded by Dan Francis and carried.

Annual Meeting Wednesday, August 8

The Annual Meeting will be held at UMBS.

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, August 2

Meeting 4:00 pm, Dinner 5:30 pm, Spouses Invited

The meeting will be potluck with entrée provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

Betty Cassidy mentioned a member's concern as to a place to dispose of leaves. Sue Nelson will check with the recycling station on Pleasant View Road.

A member mentioned concerns regarding the condition of the boat ramp. It was suggested that the DNR be contacted since they are responsible for ramp upkeep.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

**Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Schulte**