

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

August 2, 2012

Members Present: Linda Alexander, Frank Beaver, Gail Beaver, Martha Beechler, Otto Busard, Betty Cassidy, Diane Ellman, Dan Francis, Holly Gedert, Joan Hartwig, Chick Hershberger, Mary Ann Huntington, Jan Huntley, John Kafer, Marilyn Kelemen, Ron Kelemen, Pete Klaas, Jayne Morse, Walt Naumer, Betsey Naumer, Mark Paddock, John Perkins, Sandy Ruffini, Dave Thompson, Barb Wilkinson, Nat Wilkinson, Stewart Wilkinson

The President, Sue Nelson, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Sue introduced 4 new zone representatives: Mary Ann Huntington for Zone 61, Jan Huntley for the new Zone 12, Gail Beaver for Zone 81 and Ron Keleman for Zone 31.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

John Kafer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 2, 2012. Motion seconded by Gail Beaver and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Walt Naumer distributed 2 statements. He reported a cash position as of 8/1/12 at \$37,861.33 and cash as of 8/1/11 at \$47,016.25. He stated the increase in cash is due to merchandise sales and \$5,900 in ads for the new directory sold by John Kurkjian. Walt also reviewed a summary of the general ledger.

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

Merchandise

Marilyn Kelemen distributed a report outlining her findings relating to merchandise and sales. The handout included attachments showing inventory and cost/sale breakdown, total sales to date, and remaining merchandise from 2011. A budget for merchandise was discussed but not set. A recommendation will be presented soon.

It was reported that a central storage location is needed. The Pellston Lodge charges \$75.00/mo. if space is available. Following discussion, it was the concensus of the group that free storage be pursued and shelving be purchased if free space is available. If this storage is not available, it was agreed to rent storage space and purchase shelving.

The group also agreed that the Online Merchandise Store be in operation from September to May. Marilyn Kelemen has agreed to manage the Online Store, to keep inventory current and to be responsible for shipping merchandise. Chick Hershberger will train her in the prosedures required.

Website

Chick Hershberger stated that a greal deal of effort has been put into the online store. He has received positive feedback on the amount of information available on the website and asked that people spread the word about the site.

Environmental

Mark Paddock reported the weather in the northern tip of Michigan has been very pleasant this summer. About 10" of rain fell in the last 2 months and there were approximately 6 days of 90 degree temperatures.

Mark gave a brief history of land ownership of the dam on the Maple River which is presently owned by a member of the Wrigley chewing gum family from Harbor Springs. Mark stated that he doesn't think the dam will be removed and, if it is removed, it probably won't affect the level of Douglas Lake. However, if the dam is removed it will be necessary to protect the lake from potential invasives coming up the river.

Tip of the Mitt

John Kafer reported that the Tip of the Mitt (TOM) has placed 16 boxes in the area, including the Sheriff's Office in Cheboygan, for disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. The proper place to dispose of sharps is at Emmet County Recycling.

He stated that Fracking is a very hot topic although it is just coming into Michigan. There was a great deal of discussion about Fracking at the Lake Presidents Summit in June. Another hot topic is invasives at many of the lakes in northern Michigan. There is a great deal of interest in how Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) is being managed in Carp Lake.

Culvert/Loon Nests

Dave Thompson reported that the DNR has approved replacing the culvert and DEQ approval is pending. The township will install the culvert this fall providing the DLIA pays for the cost of the culvert. This Board authorized payment of \$350 last year.

Internet Service

Joan Hartwig reported that Merit's internet connection is strictly for public institutions. Capital Communications in Plymouth is the contractor who might eventually connect individual residences. Joan has advised Capital Communications that there are approximately 60 households on the south side of Douglas Lake interested in having internet connections. Their response will be shared as soon as it is received.

OLD BUSINESS

EWM Task Force/Management Committee

Pete Klaas thanked Chick Hershberger for the EWM information that is on the website and thanked Phil Nelson for covering for him in his absence. He stated that the DLIA and UMBS are working collaboratively on a plant survey with TOM to identify aquatic plants in the lake. UMBS will pay for one-third of the survey costs. UMBS students are being trained and will participate in conducting the survey.

Pete stated that he has received a draft of a sign from TOM to be placed at the boat ramp that will focus on EWM. It will be available 6 weeks after it has been approved. The purpose of the sign is to provide information to boaters and to encourage participation in keeping our lake free of invasives.

2013 Directories

Sue Nelson reported that John Krukjian has sold \$5,900 in directory ads and has another \$1,700 in ads committed. Nat Wilkinson will serve as editor, Holly Gedert, Joan Hartwig and John Kurkjian will serve on the committee. Directories will be distributed at the June, 2013 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

DLIA Information Procedures

Diane Ellman Moved that the new form "DLIA Information Procedures for Zoe Reps" be adopted as policy. Motion seconded by Betty Cassidy and carried (See Attachmant)

NEW BUSINESS

Zone Rep. Feedback

Linda Alexander led a Zone Representative Workshop today prior to the meeting. A new information folder was given to zone representatives. Discussion pertaining to the role of Zone Reps and Procedures for Information Sharing were discussed. 14 of 16 Zone Reps attended and found the sharing of information helpful.

Volunteer Coordinator Proposal

Gail Beaver has written a proposal for the volunteer coordinator. The Board will be given a handout asking for feedback prior to the Annual Meeting. Members will also be asked if they are interested in working with Gail on a committee.

EWM Finance Committee

Sue Nelson has appointed an EWM Finance Committee. In the event that EWM is found in our lake we must be prepared to begin work finance as well as treatment. Members are: Dan Francis, chair, John Perkins, Walt Naumer, Linda Alexander, Barb Wilkinson and Sue Nelson.

Since the original mission of the Task Force was to identify whether or not we have EWM in Douglas Lake and then to recommend a treatment for it, their sole responsibility is identifying EWM and recommending best treatment practices. The EWM Finance Committee would be responsible for financing the activities recommended by the Task Force. The two groups would have to work out an action plan and financing together but the selecting best practices would be the responsibility of the Task Force alone. Each of the committees will work in collaboration with UMBS.

DLIA Board Special Assignments

A hand-out was distributed showing Special Assignments of Board Members and also listing DLIA Committees. There are many volunteers working in a variety of ways for DLIA, they need to be recognized. The goal has been to expand involvement of more people in DLIA.

CLOSING REMARKS

Sue Nelson thanked the following people for serving as directors: Dan Francis, John Perkins, Joan Hartwig, Martha Beechler and Frank Beaver. She also thanked her husband, Phil, for his support.

Sue stated she has had the privilege of working with three Legends. They are Mark Paddock, John Kurkjian and Otto Busard. She recognized Otto's 20 years of service as a Zone Rep and named him Zone Rep Emeritus. This title invites him to all future Board Meetings as Special Advisor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. and was followed with a Potluck Dinner that included spouses and guests, 41 people were in attendance on a beautiful Douglas Lake Summer Evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Schulte

ATTACHMENT

DLIA INFORMATION PROCEDURES FOR ZONE REPS

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION goes to the Treasurer/Walt Naumer

Treasurer forwards it to:

Nat Wilkinson (for Directory Purposes and Newsletters)

Joan Hartwig (for Dues Reports)

Holly Gedert (for Email Records)

Secretary/Evelyn Schulte (who will mail directories to new members)

If dues are mailed directly to the Treasurer he will notify the above list as well as the Zone Rep for that new member. (This allows Zone Reps to have updated information rather than relying on once a year Dues Reports.)

DUES PAYMENTS

Dues and the Dues Report Form go to the Treasurer/Walt Naumer

He will inform the above group with relevant information

ADDRESS CHANGES

Go to Nat Wilkinson and Joan Hartwig

EMAIL CHANGES

Go to Nat Wilkinson, Joan Hartwig and Holly Gedert

This process allows for back up of all of our information and should clarify the procedures for all of us.