

THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
44TH ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2012 "Final"

President, Sue Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Sue Nelson introduced Knute Nadelhoffer, professor at U of M. Professor Nadelhoffer reported that of the 62,798 lakes in Michigan, Douglas Lake is the 28th largest. He welcomed the group and stated that the Biological Station is fortunate to have neighbors interested in improving the lake and maintaining its quality for generations to come.

Opening

Sue Nelson referred to 3 handouts, one listing Zone Representatives and Directors who are voting members of the Board, the reverse side contained a list of people having special assignments who report to the Board as well as a list of current working committees.

Sue mentioned 4 new Zone Representatives, Mary Ann Huntington for Zone 61, Gail Beaver for Zone 81, Ron Kelemen for Zone 31 and Jan Huntley for a new Zone 12. Ron is replacing Otto Busard who asked to be relieved of Zone responsibilities. Otto served as a Zone Representative for 20 years and has been named Zone Representative Emeritus and the first of three Legends who have served with distinction on the Douglas Lake Executive Board for 20 years. Sue thanked Barb Petersmark and Neil Leighton for serving as Zone Representatives for several years. She asked the members and volunteers to stand and be recognized.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held August 21, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Walt Naumer distributed the Treasurer's Report setting forth the Association's cash position as of August 1, 2012 and a summary of its income and expenses for the fiscal year ending August 1.

On August 1, the Association had a cash and near cash position of \$37,861. This figures does not include merchandise inventory held for sale on August 1. This amounts to several thousand dollars. The money market account was earning at an annual rate of 0.25%. While historically low, it was still over double the national average rate of 0.11%. The Association's Certificate of Deposit with Citizens National Bank was earning an average of 0.81% over its three year term. The CD will enter its second year in October. This CD rate also exceeds the national average.

The major sources of the Association's income were DLIA Directory advertisement sales, merchandise sales, and membership dues. Major expenses were merchandise purchases, donations, and the membership picnic at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. There being no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

President's Report

Sue Nelson stated that as her term of office ends, the DLIA has faced many challenges but also has made progress in several areas. Going paperless accounts for a great deal of savings when you consider paper, printing and postage. Expanded communication has been made possible through eBlasts.

A couple of years ago, the planting of walleye in the lake was considered. However, it was determined that Douglas Lake is not a natural habitat for walleye. Fishermen report that fishing has been good this year.

Over the past 4 years Zebra Mussels, Swimmers Itch, and Purple Loosestrife have been problematic. After conducting a shoreline survey for Purple Loosestrife, we know that we do not have a problem with it at this time. The biggest problem that many lakes in our area are facing is Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). In order to be proactive, our Executive Board has authorized a Plant Survey to determine whether or not we have EWM at this time.

The Merchandise Program has grown this year and the Online Store will open in September.

Tip of the Mitt

John Kafer, on the Board of Tip of the Mitt (TOM), reported that TOM membership and donations are up. He stated that fracking and invasive species are very hot topics.

Water Monitoring

Dick Segrist reported that water test depth was 11-1/2' to 12' last year and 12-1/2' to 13' this year. Five years ago the test depth was 16'. Another measurement of water quality is to take a sample of water at 26'. The water is then put through a filter and TOM determines the water quality. The water quality of Douglas Lake is very good.

Pike Marsh Report

Sue Nelson reported for Bill Hutto. She stated that the DNR has technicians working on plans that will be forwarded to the DEQ and then to the County. Although progress is being made, it is very slow.

Internet Update

Phil Nelson reported for Joan Hartwig. He stated that Joan Hartwig and Rick Anderson have been working to get internet service on the south side of Douglas Lake. Capital Communications and RACC are interested in providing the service. RACC has requested permission to install equipment on the UMBS tower.

Merchandise

Sue Nelson presented the Merchandise report in Marilyn Kelemen's absence. Marilyn's committee includes Irene Crum, coordinating volunteers, Kay Springer, inventory manager, and Kathy Buchweitz, her assistant. Sue reported that just over \$11,000 worth of merchandise remains of the \$23,300 purchased this year with two sales to go.

The Merchandise Committee will open an Online Store on our website beginning in early September until mid-May. PayPal is possible for online purchases as well as credit cards and checks.

Environmental-Stewards' Presentation

Mark Paddock presented a video prepared by Holly Gedert telling the story of the UMBS Stewards, a volunteer working group founded by Mark Paddock. The video recognized people who have volunteered with the group.

Mark has decided to lessen some of his participation in activities and has recommended John Kafer as his replacement for Environmental Issues. Sue welcomed John in that new role. Sue Nelson thanked Mark for his contributions over the years and named him Environmental Specialist Emeritus and the second Legend of Douglas Lake.

Douglas Lake Plant Survey-EWM

Pete Klaas stated that last June the Task Force recommended to the DLIA Board that a survey of the lake be conducted to determine whether or not EWM is a problem at this time. The Board approved going ahead with the survey and DLIA and UMBS agreed to work collaboratively on the project. An agreement has been made with Kevin Cronk at TOM to complete the survey and then to compile and analyze data gathered. Zone Representatives will distribute EWM material to the members. Samples of Northern Native Milfoil and EWM were displayed on the table in the the meeting room.

In the event that EWM is found in Douglas Lake, a Finance Committee has been appointed to investigate means to pay for the treatment that might be recommended by the Task Force. This committee will be chaired by Dan Francis, our former Treasurer and will include other past officers of DLIA.

Professor Paul Moore introduced 7 students from his Limnology Class at UMBS who participated in an aquatic plant survey in several areas of the lake. No invasives were found in the areas sampled. Kevin Cronk will complete the survey by sampling the entire lake. The students offered to answer questions at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Directories

Sue Nelson reported that new directories will be published in the spring. She stated that changes in information should be forwarded to your Zone Representative. Sue recognized John Kurkjian, Ad Manager for the directories, and thanked him for his efforts. John raised record amounts in sales revenue which more than pay for the directories. This year he has raised \$5,900 and has an additional \$1,700 committed. Sue asked that people support these businesses who have supported the DLIA. John was also recognized as the third Legend of Douglas Lake.

Volunteer Coordinator

Sue Nelson reported that one of the Board members suggested at a recent Board Meeting that we put together a list of ways that people can be involved in lake activities. Gail Beaver has consented to serve as Volunteer Coordinator and will lead a committee with Susan Klaas and Mary Ellen Sheridan. They will compile a list of volunteer opportunities in order to have a plan to present next summer.

Election of Officers

Linda Alexander, a nominating committee member, presented the following slate for officers: President-Nat Wilkinson, Vice President-Holly Gedert, Secretary-Evelyn Schulte. The officers were elected by acclamation.

Closing Remarks

Sue Nelson passed the gavel to Nat Wilkinson and thanked the membership for the privilege of serving as President. She will now serve as past President. Sue thanked Betsey Naumer and the people who provided cookies. There was a drawing for door prizes.

Otto Busard made a motion that we recognize Sue Nelson for her four years as President of the DLIA and thank her for her outstanding service to this organization. Motion seconded by Pat Busard and carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Schulte