

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
45TH ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2013**

President, Nat Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Nat Wilkinson introduced Knute Nadelhoffer, Director of UMBS. Professor Nadelhoffer welcomed the group and thanked the DLIA members for their interest in improving the lake and their scholarship support. He mentioned that all are welcome to attend talks and public events at the Bio Station. He mentioned a buoy on the lake funded by the UMBS gathers temperature data and a new instrument tower measures carbon dioxide.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held August 15, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Walt Naumer referred to the Treasurer's Report showing a cash position as of August 1, 2013 of \$35,457 which includes \$20,456 in the Checking Account, \$1,685 in a Money Market Account, and \$13,316 in a Certificate of Deposit. The money market account was earning at an annual rate of 0.0489%. The CD was earning an average of 0.81%. There is one year remaining on the three-year CD.

The major sources of the Association's income were DLIA Directory ad sales which totaled \$5,800 in 2012 and in total this year topped \$10,000. John Kurkjian was given a round of applause in appreciation for this outstanding achievement.. Membership dues amounted to \$3,660. Major expenses were \$4,674 for the Milfoil Project. The Bio Station paid one-third of the cost. There being no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

President's Report

Nat Wilkinson read a thank you note to the DLIA from Juliana Ley for the UMBS scholarship. He also thanked directors, board members, zone representatives, committee chairs and members, officers and volunteers for their help and support. He stated that newsletters will be issued in March/April, June, July, and October/November.

Volunteers

Gail Beaver heads a committee to reach people who would like to help out. A volunteer sheet will be distributed with the directories.

Boat Ramp

Holly Gedert gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the history of the boat ramp dating back to 1984. Holly reported that the DNR will no longer maintain the boat ramp due to a lack of parking. The road end is owned by the Cheboygan County Road Commission up to the water's edge. The Road Commission has obtained a 5-year dredging permit from the DEQ. The County offered to improve the position of the cement slabs, however, Munro Township is asking the DLIA to pay for or share in the maintenance costs for the ramp in the future. Holly chairs a committee that met with the Township and County Road Commission regarding this matter. The membership thanked Holly and her committee for their efforts.

Loon Report

Dave Thompson reported that he placed loon rafts in the lake in late April and loons were nesting in early May. One nest produced two baby loons and the other produced one.

Environmental News

John Kafer, Treasurer of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council(TOTMWC), reported that the Lake Survey confirmed there is no Eurasian Water Milfoil(EWM) in Douglas Lake at present. He stated that Carp Lake was extremely congested with EWM, but their actions have improved the condition. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of the Odawa received a federal grant to construct the pilot boat wash station at the DNR access. It should help prevent the spread of invasive species. John Kafer thanked TOM members for their support and those who have increased their giving recently. He mentioned volunteers will be appreciated for an Annual River Cleanup to be held this Saturday on the Bear River.

Guest Speaker

Kevin Cronk of TOM gave an overhead presentation showing an aquatic plant survey of Douglas Lake. There was a study done in 1974, one was done last year, and he recommended they be done every 5 to 10 years. Thirty different aquatic plants were identified. Two hundred acres or 53% of the lake had little or no vegetation. He stated that weed growth is a low percentage compared to other lakes. Kevin stated that invasive species to watch for are Curly-Leaved Pondweed, Eurasian Water Milfoil, and European Frog-bit (resembles miniature water lilies). If you notice anything suspicious you are asked to advise Kevin Cronk or the Bio Station.

Pete Klaus reported an information sign and pamphlets were placed at the boat ramp in May. A boat inspection was conducted on May 25 and another boat inspection will be done Labor Day weekend to ensure that boats and trailers do not transport aquatic material.

New Business

A question came up as to whether or not the dam at the Damsite Inn would be removed. Mark Paddock responded that the owner would like to give the property to the Little Traverse Conservancy, however, they don't want the dam. He stated there is a big movement across the country to remove dams. He doesn't see this happening in the near future, but if it does happen it will be necessary to protect the lake from potential invasives coming up the river.

Election of Treasurer

Evelyn Schulte stated the Nominating Committee nominates Walter Naumer for Treasurer. Walter Naumer was appointed Treasurer by affirmation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Schulte, Secretary