

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2014**

Members Present: Linda Alexander, Gail Beaver, Betty Cassidy, Diane Ellman, Holly Gedert, Joan Hartwig, Chick Hershberger, Jan Huntley, Marilyn Kelemen, John Kurkjian, Jane Morse, Betsy Naumer, Walt Naumer, Sue Nelson, Joyce Oldham, Mark Paddock, John Perkins, Evelyn Schulte, Barbara Wilkinson, Nat Wilkinson, Stewart Wilkinson

The President, Nat Wilkinson, called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Stewart Wilkinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 9, 2013. Motion seconded by Betsy Naumer and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Walt Naumer referred to a handout showing a cash position of \$37,984.31 as of 6-21-13 and \$23,908.49 as of 6-21-14 for a difference of \$14,075. He mentioned extraordinary expenses were \$3,018 for printing, \$5,608 for the water study, \$5,698 to fund the UMBS scholarship, \$350 contribution to the Little Traverse Conservatory and \$250 to Tip of the Mitt. Merchandise sales income from August, 2013 to date is \$10,498. Income from dues to date is \$4,385. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Invasive Species Report

Nat Wilkinson presented Pete Klaas' report. The sign at the boat ramp survived the winter with no damage, however, the brochure box did not and it has been replaced and restocked. Pete Klaas talked to the Great Northwest Bass Anglers when they had their tournament on Douglas Lake on May 25 about our project to keep invasives out of the lake. They were aware of the issue. He gave them some of our brochures from Michigan Sea Grant "Clean Boats Clean Waters" for their next meeting. Pete received some information from Dr. Lattimore about the portable wash station that is available. He will follow up on it. Plans for a local clean boat inspection at the DLB ramp this summer have not been made as yet.

Merchandise Report

Marilyn Kelemen reported that the first merchandise sale was held on 6-14-14. Sales totaled \$2,319.45 for an increase of \$501.45 from the first sale in 2013. Calendars with artwork and photos from DLIA members and families were unavailable for the first sale but will be at the July 4th sale. The barcode inventory system was used successfully for recording the inventory sold. Cost of unsold merchandise as of 12/31/13 was \$17,582.11, merchandise added in 2014 is \$11,737.02 for a total cost of unsold merchandise of \$29,319.13. Merchandise expenses for 2014 totaled \$13,877.02. Merchandise gross profit for 2013 was \$4,597.67.

Tip of the Mitt

Nat Wilkinson presented John Kafer's report in his absence. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) continues its work on invasive species, pharmaceutical collection, remediation, and serving as the go to source for water related issues in Northern Michigan. TOMWC will be looking to further its role in youth education on water quality issues and develop very focused programming to meet the needs of teachers. It is hoped an Americorp staff can be obtained to begin implementation in 2015. The newest hot button issue at TOMWC is pipeline awareness and education. There is concern for the aging pipelines. Enbridge's #5 pipeline crosses the Straits and goes past the East end of Douglas Lake within 1/4 mile. The big issue is what is the pipeline pumping and what happens in the event of a leak or rupture. Mark Paddock added that two big issues for TOMWC are the pipelines and fracking.

Boat Ramp

Concerning the current boat ramp by the DLB, Holly Gedert reported that Ed Ginop was unable to regrade the current ramp last October due to rain and now he has retired. She contacted Fred Wilkinson who will do the regrading when the water level is down. A pier has been donated by Maple Bay Marine. Pat Keiser offered to store the pier for the winter. A DEQ permit is needed for the seasonal pier. It will be a 5 year permit and will include dredging. It is important to know that the county road commission and the township maintain the ramp. The DLIA committed to donate 50% to the township for the cost of maintenance.

Concerning the proposed DNR ramp at Reinhardt Road, there were two stakeholder meetings this past winter. One in December 2013 and the other in March 2014. The MDNR is concentrating on putting a boat ramp at the end of Reinhardt Road. They are currently getting a State appraisal of the land that is not on the market. Jan Huntley said that this could be an eminent domain situation. The DNR wants to know the stance of the DLIA. An opinion poll of the DLIA membership is being taken. As of this morning those in favor of the DNR purchasing property on Douglas Lake and constructing a new boat launch facility were as follows: 70.10% - no, 8.25% - yes, and 21.65% - maybe. Those in favor of a DNR boat launch similar to the one at Lancaster Lake next to your property were as follows: 91.75% - no, 2.06% - yes, and 6.19% - maybe. A DNR Boat Ramp Committee was formed composed of the following members: Holly Gedert, Mark Paddock, Jan Huntley, Karie Slavik, Dan Francis and Nat Wilkinson. Holly Gedert will contact the DEQ regarding dredging the lake at the end of Reinhardt Road. Holly attended the Michigan Inland Lakes Convention at the beginning of May. From that convention, she has a better understanding of the DNR's approach to this project and how they include stakeholders in the process.

Volunteer Report

Gail Beaver distributed a list of volunteers including their interests and availability. She stated another e-mail will be sent to zone representatives asking for volunteers to serve. There will be a sign-up table for volunteering at future meetings.

Dues

Nat Wilkinson reported that dues levels range from \$25 to \$75 at other lake associations. He stated that people who have paid several years in advance should be advised that payment of the \$15 increase would be appreciated but is optional. He said that a member is dropped from the directory after 2 years of non-payment, but be lenient in the case of illness or family issues. If they haven't paid in a while, it is up to the member to make up the difference or not. Holly will send a consolidated list of dues from area lakes to the board.

Gwen Kuehn updated the parallel database and Holly Gedert produced Dues Reports from that database. The reports were distributed to the Zone Representatives. Barbara Wilkinson said that the parallel database is now the primary database.

Finance Report

Linda Alexander stated that the DLIA should be able to operate on income taken in by dues. Merchandise and Directory ads should operate separately and if all goes well, both of those will be profitable. A budget was published in the November 2013 newsletter. She recommended that the Finance Committee meet at the end of each season and review the finances.

New Business

Nat Wilkinson reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on 8/27/14 at 7 pm.

John Kurkjian stated that he will sell directory advertising this year.

Holly Gedert created a new Member Directory Information form. She will add "Internal Use" instructions at the bottom of the form. Dues and new member information go to Walt Naumer. All updates go to Holly Gedert. Sue Nelson moved approval of the new Member Directory Information form. Motion seconded by Barbara Wilkinson and carried.

Motion Summary

Approval of a new Member Information Form. Carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm

Respectively submitted,

Evelyn Schulte, Secretary