

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

AGENDA AND NOTES

Members Present: Officers - Holly Gedert, Frank Beaver, Joan Hartwig; Directors – Martha Beechler, Sue Nelson, Mark Paddock; Zone Reps – Linda Alexander, Gail Beaver, Betty Cassidy, Mary Ann Huntington, Jan Huntley, John Kurkjian, Jayne Morse, Betsy Naumer, Joyce Oldham, Linda Orlow, John Perkins, Mary Ellen Sheridan; Standing Committee Chairs – Sam Gaither, Bill Hartwig, John Kafer, Marilyn Kelemen, David Thompson

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2015

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Location: Pellston Regional Airport
2nd floor Conference Room

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions/Findings	Next Steps
<p>Call to Order/Opening – Holly Gedert</p> <p>Announcements – H. Gedert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Loon signs and brochures provided to zone representatives who have rentals in their zone. 2015 TOMWC Shoreline Survey has taken place. DLIA purpose was (page 4, 2015 DLIA Directory) read. 	<p>One third of Executive Board constitutes a quorum; quorum noted.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Attendance – Joan Hartwig</p>	<p>Minutes distributed via email; no corrections.</p>	<p>Minutes of 06/06/15 meeting approved.</p>	
<p>Treasurer’s Report – In lieu of Walt Naumer’s absence, H. Gedert presented the report.</p> <p>(see attached)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current CD matures 10/17/15; W. Naumer investigating other investment options. Donations: \$245 boat parade, \$275 memorials placed in general fund. Laminated plant management chart distributed, 1/household; additional charts can be prepared @ \$6 – \$8 each. ½ of purchased Purple Loosestrife beetles used for 2015 project. TOMWC bought back the other half. 2015 DLIA Directory mailing - \$2.74 first class postage for 1 directory. Holly’s reimbursable expenses – 5 cents/black & white copies; charged 5.88 per chart for print and laminate. 	<p>08/07/15 Cash position - \$50,646.24 08/07/15 Merch. Inv. - \$18,750.00* 08/07/15 Total Assets - \$69,396.24 * Does not include cash receipts from last sale.</p>	

<p>Appointments/committee changes – Holly Gedert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee selected Susan Klaas as the candidate for Treasurer for the election that will take place at the Annual Meeting election. • Thank you to: Martha Beechler (served 2 terms as a Director); Chick Hershberger (served 1 term as a Director). • Welcome back to Mark Paddock (will serve 2nd term as a Director). • Stuart Case is the new Twp. Liaison/DL Ramp chair. • Sam Gaither is the new Water Quality Monitoring chair. • Chick Hershberger will assist Holly with website updates. • New committee members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget/Finance – Dan Francis ○ Loon Nesting/Pike Marsh – Anne Covy ○ Merchandise – Joyce Oldham, Marnie Sheridan ○ 2017 Committee – Irene Crum 		
<p>Review of Next Steps from 06/06/15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLIA watershed map in DLIA Newsletter • H. Gedert has 2 copies of “Natural Shoreline Landscapes” for borrow/purchase (\$10) 		
<p>Merchandise – Marilyn Kelemen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sales already held; 2 more sales scheduled (08/15 and 09/05). • Generation t-shirts sold well; ordered and paid for in advance. DLIA cost \$737; sales \$1,577. • Received comments from customers re: excellent quality of items. 		<p>Future of online store still being investigated.</p>
<p>Budget/Finance – Linda Alexander</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee will meet 09/11/15, 10 a.m., to prepare 2016 budget. • Committee recommends 2016 merchandise budget of \$17,000 to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made (S. Nelson), seconded (M. Sheridan) and 	<p>2016 budget will be presented at the Spring DLIA Board meeting.</p>

	<p>cover the cost of merchandise and all expenses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee recommends \$2,500 UMBS Scholarship for a local student, summer of 2016. Reminder: Individual UMBS contributions can be directed to Karie Slavik at the Biol. Station. • 2016 donations to LTC (\$350), TOMWC (\$350), Earth Week Plus (\$50) will remain the same as 2015 donations. 	<p>approved the 2016 Merchandise budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made (M. Beechler), seconded (J. Kurkjian) and approved \$2,500 for UMBS Scholarship, summer 2016. • LTC, TOMWC, & Earth Week Plus donations approved for 2015. 	
Membership Administration – H. Gedert reported for Gwen Kuehn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind Zone Reps to always use remittance form for dues. • Dues and member updates should be sent to DLIA P.O. Box, or delivered to Gwen’s home. • Gwen maintains DLIA member database. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send letters to all members indicating dues owed, January 2016. • Zone reps to be provided with updated membership lists in March/April 2016.
Loon Report/Pike Marsh – Dave Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy 2015 loon population • 3 artificial nests place in the lake • Exploring the possibility of joining a loon watch organization. • Committee to discuss appropriate DNR telephone # to publish, to report violations of loons by water craft. Rich Gedert is the Loon Ranger. • Pike Marsh – Waiting for DNR survey results. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at permanent sign near DLB re: reporting loon disturbances. • DO NOT DISTURB signs may be placed further out in lake.
DL Road Boat Ramp – Chick Hershberger provided H. Gedert with written report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dock recently moved into the lake to accommodate lower lake level. • Recommended that power loading sign not be posted. • \$1,025 remaining in 2015 budget. • C. Hershberger has resigned his position of committee chair. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash pump (for blowing sand off ramp) question re: buy or rent, to be addressed by new committee chair, Stuart Case.
Lake Access Oversight/DNR Search for Boat Launch – Holly Gedert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR bid for Reinhardt Road property was rejected. • UMBS had discussions with the DNR; UMBS does not want to see 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor possible DNR boat launch plans.

	<p>increased traffic; also stated a boat wash station should be available at any site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNR will continue to look for a DL boat launch site. 		
Water Quality Monitoring – Sam Gaither	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam has monitored the lake’s water quality this year. • Suggested relevant TOMWC articles and UMBS buoy information be made available/linked to DLIA e-News. • Recognizing invasive species in the lake is extremely important. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMBS buoy information included in e-News.
Environmental – John Kafer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bessey Creek monitoring – Data collected (twice/year) used by TOMWC stream monitoring program to evaluate the health of the stream and water flowing into DL. John is still looking for 2 adult participants for 4 hours collection 09/19/15. Training available 09/12/15 at NCMC. Nine Pellston High School students have also volunteered. • Shoreline management – Volunteers needed to become knowledgeable about methods to improve DL shorelines. • Northern Michigan Pipeline Symposium – 08/27/15, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., NCMC • Invasive quagga mussels found in Crooked Lake. Concern for DL, as they are more detrimental to lake quality than zebra mussels. • Microbeads in cosmetics, personal products, pharmaceuticals, etc. causing problems in lakes; no known methods to remove from the environment. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-News article will go in 08/12/15. • e-News article • Note TOMWC article; e-News notice was in 07/29/15. • Note TOMWC article; e-News notice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/24/15 –Net Pen Aquaculture Seminar, St. Ignace. Proponents want to commercially raise Rainbow Trout in the Great Lakes. 		
Invasive Species – Pete Klaas provided H. Gedert with report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete keeps invasive species brochures stocked at DL Road boat ramp. • Thanks to Pete for getting laminated aquatic plant charts; we distributed 273 – 1/household. 		
Purple Loosestrife – Mark Paddock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This plant is an invasive wetland plant, which takes over other vegetation. • Van Road project - Galerucella beetles will help keep Purple Loosestrife in check. 		
News Team – Linda Orlow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Newsletter deadline – 10/01/15. • Obits should be brief and DL oriented. • They plan to ask members for book recommendations that are northern Michigan related. • Directory addendums 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLIA watershed map to be included in next edition. • Book suggestions published in Spring newsletter. • Mailed to members without email addresses; PDF provided in e-News.
Directory – John Kurkjian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Directory – John and his entire team, thanked for their efforts. Excellent directory • Larger sales team needed for next directory. 		
Community Relations – Bill Hartwig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly attends Munro Township meetings once/month; Cheboygan County Road Commissions meetings twice/month. Feels consistent involvement beneficial to DLIA. • DLIA materials sent to these organizations have been positively received. 		
Bylaws – Bill Hartwig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current DLIA Bylaws being revised. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft prepared and distributed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft will be forwarded to Board for review, and meeting scheduled for additional input. • May not be available for Annual Meeting consideration/vote. 		
Internet – Joan Hartwig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLIA internet survey results published in 07/29/15 e-News. • Dave Thompson stated that he has submitted a request to CenturyLink for Internet service. 		
Volunteer – Gail Beaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail suggested “areas of interest (TOMWC Shoreline survey results; natural shoreline education events, etc.)” be added to the DLIA membership form, and possibly be included in the Spring Newsletter. • Small group to discuss further volunteer options. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise DLIA membership form. • Volunteer sign-up sheet available at 2015 Annual Meeting.
Picnic – Martha Beechler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic to follow 2015 Annual Meeting at UMBS. • Audie’s Restaurant will cater; need number of attendees by 08/14/15. • Notify Margaret Gilbertson, or Betsy Naumer if planning to attend. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly to ask zone representatives to email their zone of sign-up deadline.
50 Year Committee – Frank Beaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank is looking for photos of past presidents; stories of lake events, etc. that help tell the 50 year DLIA history. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting.
Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Assist Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Parade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed boat rescue squad. Ron Kelemen has rescued several boats in distress this summer. • Ron to work with Gail Beaver to establish cadre of boat rescue volunteers. • C. Hershberger proposed DLIA form a committee to plan, organize and host an annual boat parade. He also indicated he would serve on the committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No motion was presented in support of the proposal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone representatives to help identify squad members.

<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name Change – Mark Paddock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to rename the DLIA to DL Preservation or Protection Association. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended further discussion with the possibility of announcement in 2017, in conjunction with 50th Anniversary celebration. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:22 p.m. 		
<p>Minutes Submitted by: Joan Hartwig, Secretary</p>			